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## INTRODUCTION OF HARMONIZED SYSTEM 1996 CHANGES INTO WTO SCHEDULES OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS

### Argentina - Schedule LXIV

#### *Request for a Waiver*

The following communication, dated 14 September 2004, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Argentina.

With regard to the transposition of Argentina's Schedule LXIV into the Harmonized System 1996, I have the honour to inform you that Argentina wishes to request a waiver in order to suspend application of the provisions of Article II of the GATT 1994.

To that end it submits the following information:

- Date of original waiver: 13 December
- Date of submission of documents relevant to the HS implementation: 30 May 1995
- Number of extensions and dates when granted: 13
  - 18 July 1996; 24 April 1997; 22 October 1997; 24 April 1998; 14 October 1998; 15 June 1999; 4 November 1999; 3 May 2000; 8 December 2000; 8 May 2001; 13 May 2002; 15 October 2002; and 24 July 2003.
- Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been initiated: Four
- Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been concluded: Two
- Description of relevant problems:
  - Current situation: Information is still being exchanged with the European Union and the United States with regard to a series of tariff headings.
  - An extension until 30 April 2005 is requested in order to complete the ongoing process with the United States and the European Union.