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

THAILAND – SCHEDULE LXXIX

Request for a Waiver

The following communication, dated 9 September 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Thailand.

Reference is made to your fax dated 20 August 2002 stating that, as the extension of waivers concerning the introduction of HS96 changes into the WTO schedule will expire on 31 October 2002, Members wishing to seek an extension of the waiver granted to them should submit a request along with factual information to the Secretariat by 9 September 2002.

In this connection, my authority is now considering all questions and concerns, submitted by the EC and Australia, to Thailand's HS96 schedule. However, it is likely that we may not be able to formally reply to those questions in time of the deadline as set out in the current waiver process, which will expire on 31 October 2002. Thus, upon the instruction from my authority, I would like to seek the extension for a period of 6 months from 1 November 2002.

In this regard, the status of Thailand's waiver is as follows: WT/L/124; 173, 216, 243, 268, 281, 303, 338, 351, 379, 400 and 463.