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GUATEMALA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXXXVIII

Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 22 November 1995, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Guatemala.

I have the honour to refer to the procedure for the transposition into the Harmonized System of Guatemala's Schedule of Concessions (Schedule LXXXVIII-Guatemala), established in the NAUCA II Nomenclature, which was based on the Central American Uniform Tariff Nomenclature.

Guatemala's new Customs Tariff based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System entered into force on 1 March 1993, and replaces the Central American Uniform Tariff Nomenclature.

In order to implement the procedures established by the Council Decision of 12 July 1983 for the rectification and renegotiation of the schedules of concessions negotiated in GATT, in the context of the Harmonized System (BISD 30S/17), and to hold consultations under Article XXVIII, the Government of Guatemala requests a temporary waiver of its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 30 June 1996.

To this end, the Government of Guatemala has submitted to the WTO Secretariat the necessary documentation so that Members wishing to hold such consultations may proceed to do so.