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NOTIFICATION OF INITIATING THE NEGOTIATIONS SET OUT IN SECTION B OF ANNEX 5 OF THE AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE

Communication from Korea

The following communication, dated 20 January 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Republic of Korea.

1. In accordance with paragraph 8 of Annex 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the Government of Korea hereby notifies that it wishes to enter into negotiations on the question of whether there can be a continuation of the special treatment as set out in paragraph 7 of Annex 5.

2. For conducting the negotiations, the Government of Korea requests that a WTO Member, which considers that it has a substantial interest in the products which are the subject of the negotiations, should communicate its intention of participating in the negotiations in writing to Korea and at the same time inform the WTO Secretariat. The WTO Members are advised to make such communications within ninety days following this notification. The Annex contains a list of the products subject to the special treatment and import statistics for the most recent three year period (2001-2003).

List of the Annex 5 Products

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|----|--------------|---|
| HS | 1006-10-0000 | Rice in the husk (paddy or rough) |
| | 1006-20-1000 | Rice (Hulled/Nonglutinous) |
| | 1006-20-2000 | Rice (Hulled/Glutinous) |
| | 1006-30-1000 | Rice (Milled or semi-milled/Nonglutinous) |
| | 1006-30-2000 | Rice (Milled or semi-milled/Glutinous) |
| | 1006-40-0000 | Rice (Broken) |
| | 1102-30-0000 | Rice flour |
| | 1103-19-3000 | Rice (Groats and meal) ¹ |
| | 1103-20-2000 | Rice (Pellets) ² |
| | 1104-19-1000 | Rice (Rolled or flaked grains) |
| | 1806-90-2290 | Other food preparations (Other) ³ |
| | 1806-90-2999 | Other food preparations (Other) ⁴ |
| | 1901-20-1000 | Mixes and doughs for the preparation of baker's wares (Of rice flour) |
| | 1901-20-9000 | Mixes and doughs for the preparation of baker's wares (Other) |
| | 1901-90-9091 | Other food preparations (Of rice flour) |
| | 1901-90-9099 | Other food preparations (Other) |

Note:

1. According to the Harmonized System 2002 changes, HS2002 1103-19-3000 has changed from HS96 1103-14-0000. (G/SECRET/HS2002/KOR/1, 29 May 2002).
2. According to the Harmonized System 2002 changes, HS2002 1103-20-2000 has changed from HS96 1103-29-1000. (G/SECRET/HS2002/KOR/1, 29 May 2002).
3. According to the Harmonized System 1996 changes, HS96 1806-90-2290 has been separated from Pre-HS96 1901-20-1000. (G/SECRET/HS96/4, 20 November 1995).
4. According to the Harmonized System 1996 changes, HS96 1806-90-2999 has been separated from Pre-HS96 1901-20-9000. (G/SECRET/HS96/4, 20 November 1995).

Import Statistics of the Annex 5 Products

| Year | Minimum Access Commitments | Exporting Countries | Import Quantity |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 2001 | 128,268 | China | 63,000 |
| | | United States | 27,000 |
| | | Australia | 20,268 |
| | | Thailand | 18,000 |
| 2002 | 153,921 | China | 95,421 |
| | | United States | 36,000 |
| | | Thailand | 22,500 |
| 2003 | 179,575 | China | 103,075 |
| | | United States | 49,500 |
| | | Thailand | 27,000 |

Note: All figures are in metric-tons (M/T). Import quantities are based on the purchase contracts entered into in the year. All the imports during 2001-2003 correspond to the tariff line 1006-20-1000.
