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JAMAICA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXVI

Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication, dated 16 November 1995, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Jamaica.

The Permanent Mission of Jamaica refers to your telefax dated 13 November 1995, concerning the provision of factual information on the status of Jamaica's waiver.

The Permanent Mission of Jamaica submits hereunder the factual information requested:

- Date of original waiver: 20 August 1993¹.
- Date of submission of documents relevant to the HS implementation: 29 September 1995.
- Number of extensions and dates when granted: three extensions, granted on 21/07/94; 09/12/94 and 31/08/95.
- Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been initiated: none, since the documents were circulated by the WTO Secretariat, Jamaica has not yet received any requests for consultations.
- Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been concluded: not applicable.
- Status of outstanding Article XXVIII negotiations as well as a general outline of relevant problems: not applicable.
- Outlook for concluding the process: the 90 days allowed for consultations following circulation of the documents (G/SECRET/HS/5 dated 6/10/95) will expire on 3 January 1996. Therefore, there is still time for Jamaica to receive requests for consultations. This means that the process cannot be concluded before expiration of the waiver on 31 December 1995.

In light of the above information, it will again be necessary for the Government of Jamaica to apply for an extension of its waiver for a further six months to 30 June 1996, during which we hope to conclude this process.

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