

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

Argentina - Schedule LXIV

Request for a Waiver

The following communication, dated 19 April 2011, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Argentina.

With regard to the transposition of Argentina's Schedule LXIV to the Harmonized System 1996, I have the honour to inform you that Argentina wishes to request an extension of the 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 1995.
- Date of submission of documents relevant to the HS implementation: 30 May 1995.
- Number of extensions and dates granted: 20.

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; 24 July 2003; 20 October 2004; 27 July 2005;
28 July 2006; 27 July 2007; 31 July 2008; 27 May 2009 and 29 July 2010.
- Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been initiated: Four.
- Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been concluded: Four.
- Description of relevant problems:
 - Current situation: Following the withdrawal of the final pending comments concerning the transposition of Argentina's Schedule to the HS96, document G/SECRET/HS96/30/Add.1, containing a proposed addendum to Schedule LXIV, was circulated on 28 February 2011. An extension of the waiver until 30 April 2012 is requested to ensure that there is sufficient time to complete the official certification of the Schedule.