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

Argentina - Schedule LXIV

Request for a Waiver Extension

The following communication, dated 20 February 2003, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Argentina.

I have the honour to refer to your communication of 13 February 2003, concerning the waiver extension for Argentina in respect of the Harmonized System 1996.

In this connection, I would like to inform you that Argentina requests a waiver extension. The following information is provided, in accordance with the questionnaire received:

- Date of original waiver: 13 December
- Date of submission of documents relevant to the HS implementation: 30 May 1995;
- Number of extensions and dates when granted: 12
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.
- Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been initiated:
Four
- Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been concluded:
Two
- Description of relevant problems:
 - Current situation: Information is still being exchanged with the European Union and the United States with regard to a series of tariff headings.
 - Waiver extension: A further extension of one year is requested in order to complete the ongoing process with the European Union.