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GUATEMALA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXXXVIII

Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 10 June 1996, 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, 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 31 December 1996.

To this end, the Government of Guatemala has submitted to the WTO Secretariat the necessary documentation¹, and three countries have reserved their right to conduct negotiations.

¹G/SECRET/HS/6.