

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

EL SALVADOR – SCHEDULE LXXXVII

Request For Waiver

The following communication, dated 4 September 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of El Salvador.

The Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the World Trade Organization Market Access Division and wishes to inform it that El Salvador has decided to request a further waiver extension, for a period of six months, for implementing Harmonized System 1996 changes pursuant to GATT Article II.

The purpose of this extension is to complete the consultations with one WTO Member which still maintains reservations. The necessary factual information is attached hereto.

Date of original waiver: 18 July 1996 (WT/L/173)

Date of submission of documents relevant to the HS implementation:

1 May 2000 (G/SECRET/HS96/44) and 12 February 2002 (G/SECRET/HS96/44/Corr.1)

Number of extensions and dates when granted

Decision of 24 April 1997 (WT/L/216)
Decision of 22 October 1997 (WT/L/243)
Decision of 24 April 1998 (WT/L/268)
Decision of 14 October 1998 (WT/L/281)
Decision of 15 June 1999 (WT/L/303)
Decision of 4 November 1999 (WT/L/338)
Decision of 3 May 2000 (WT/L/351)
Decision of 8 December 2000 (WT/L/379)
Decision of 8 May 2001 (WT/L/400)
Decision of 1 March 2002

Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been initiated

Three – Australia, Canada, United States

Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been concluded

Two – Australia (25 June 2001) and Canada (18 February 2002)

Status of outstanding Article XXVIII negotiations

The United States has to reply with respect to the information submitted.

Outlook for concluding the process

The consultations should be completed before the extension period expires.
