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

Argentina – Schedule LXIV

Request for a Waiver

The following communication, dated 6 March 2009, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Argentina.

With regard to the transposition of Argentina's Schedule LXIV into 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: 16 October 1996 and 16 May 2000
- Number of extensions and dates granted: 18
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; and 31 July 2008.
- Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been initiated: Four
- Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been concluded: Three
- Description of relevant problems:
 - Current situation: Information is still being exchanged with the European Union with regard to a series of tariff headings.
 - An extension until 30 April 2010 is requested in order to complete the ongoing process with the European Union.