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

ICELAND - SCHEDULE LXII

Request for a Waiver

The following communication, dated 21 February 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Iceland.

Reference is made to your telefax of 5 February 2002, regarding the matter above. Iceland was granted a waiver from obligations under Article II of the GATT 1994 on a collective basis (WT/L/400), which will expire on 30 April 2002.

The Permanent Mission of Iceland hereby requests a new waiver from obligations under Article II of the GATT 1994, until 31 October 2002. A new waiver is deemed necessary to conclude consultations and possible negotiations with the European Communities (EC), which is the only remaining Member which still has reservations regarding the HS96 Schedule of Iceland. Iceland is convinced that this will be concluded within the next weeks.