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

NORWAY –SCHEDULE XIV

Request for a Waiver

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

I have the honour to refer to the Decisions¹ made by the General Council on 13 December 1995, 18 July 1996, 24 April 1997, 24 April 1998, 14 October 1998, 15 June 1999, 4 November 1999, 3 May 2000, 8 December 2000 and 8 May 2001 respectively, by which the time limits for Norway, and other Members, were extended for the introduction of harmonized system changes into WTO Schedules of Concession on 1 January 1996.

Norwegian documentation concerning HS96 changes to its Schedule XIV has been submitted on 27 December 1995 and 31 January 2001².

Upon instruction from my authorities, I hereby submit a request for a waiver until 31 October 2002, due to ongoing consultations with one Member.

Without precluding any future requests for further extensions, it is the view of Norway that the consultations are likely to be concluded within the next six months.

¹ WT/L/124+Corr.1, WT/L/173, WT/L/216, WT/L/243, WT/L/268, WT/L/281, WT/L/303, WT/L/338, WT/L/351, WT/L/379 and WT/L/400.

² G/SECRET/HS96/11+Corr.1.