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DISSEMINATION OF THE INTEGRATED DATA BASE (IDB) AND THE CONSOLIDATED TARIFF SCHEDULES (CTS) DATABASE

Communication from the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) on Dissemination
of the Integrated Database (IDB) and the Consolidated Tariff Schedules (CTS) Database

The following communication, dated 14 June 2007, is being circulated at the request of the Southern African Customs Union (SACU).

The Southern African Customs Union (SACU) presents its compliments to the Committee on Market Access and has the honour of requesting access to the Integrated Database (IDB) and the Consolidated Tariff Schedules Database (CTS). SACU undertakes to use the information contained in both databases in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in document G/MA/115.

SACU is a Customs Union whose Member States are Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland. It was established through the 1910 Customs Union Agreement and will be a hundred years old in 2010. The 1910 Agreement was re-negotiated leading to the 1969 Agreement, and further re-negotiated in 1994 leading to the current 2002 SACU Agreement that came into force on 15 July 2004.

The SACU Secretariat, with its headquarters in Windhoek, Namibia, supports the Member States of SACU in implementation of the 2002 SACU Agreement. SACU is also in the process of being notified to the WTO under Article XXIV of the GATT.

In accordance with Section D, paragraph 9 of G/MA/115, the SACU Secretariat designates Mr. John Anthony Faul, Director: Policy Development & Research, in the SACU Secretariat, as the focal point for the distribution of the IDB and CTS user-identification code and passwords.
