

**STATEMENT BY GABON REQUESTING A
DEROGATION ON MINIMUM VALUES**

The following communication has been received from the Permanent Mission of Gabon.

The above-mentioned Agreement will enter into force for Gabon on 1 January 2000, following the delay provided for in Article 20, paragraph 1.

Nevertheless, pursuant to Article 20, paragraph 2, of the Agreement, Gabon chooses to delay application of the provisions of Article 6.

Furthermore, Order No. 000161/MFEB/PART/CAB/SG of 17 May 1996, of which a copy is attached hereto, establishes a minimum value for products falling under tariff headings 02-07-21-01 to 02-07-42-00, with a view to protecting the domestic industry. Gabon therefore makes a reservation under Annex III, paragraph 3, of the Agreement in order to retain this minimum value.

ORDER

Establishing a Minimum Value for Products Falling Under
Tariff Headings 02-07-21-01 to 02-07-42-00

THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS,
BUDGET AND HOLDINGS,

- Having regard to the Final Act Embodying the Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations of 15 April 1994,
- Having regard to the Treaty establishing the Central African Economic Customs Union of 8 December 1964 as revised at Yaounde on 7 December 1974,
- Having regard to the Gabonese Constitution,
- Having regard to Decrees Nos. 001043 and 001116/PR of 12 and 30 October 1994 establishing the composition of the Government together with subsequent amendments thereto,
- Having regard to the exigencies of the service,
- Having regard to urgency,

ORDERS THAT:

- Article 1: Goods falling under tariff headings 02-07-21-01 to 02-07-42-00 are subject to a minimum value of 1,000 CFA francs per net kilogramme.
- Article 2: The value of any good falling under the above tariff headings for which the declared value is lower than this minimum value shall be increased thereto.
- Article 3: This article takes effect as of midnight 1 May 1996 and shall be recorded, published and transmitted in accordance with the emergency procedure.

Done at Libreville, on 17 May 1996

(Signed) Marcel Doupamby Matoka
Minister for Finance, the Economy,
Budget and Holdings
