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Communication from Tunisia

The following communication, dated 16 May 2001, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Tunisia.

The Tunisian Mission presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (Balance-of-Payments Committee) and have the honour to append hereto a copy of Decree No. 2001-842 of 10 April 2001, amending Decree No. 94-1742 of 29 August 1994 establishing the lists of products excluded from the free trade regime, as amended by subsequent texts, in particular Decree No. 2000-1803 of 31 July 2000.

It should be pointed out that, pursuant to the above-mentioned text, the quantitative restrictions imposed on Tunisian imports of motor vehicles has been dismantled through the liberalization of the fourth and last list of such products, in accordance with the relevant programme adopted by the Balance-of-Payments Committee of the World Trade Organization.

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Decree No. 2001-842 of 10 April 2001, amending Decree No. 94-1742 of 29 August 1994 establishing the lists of products excluded from the free trade regime, as amended by subsequent texts, in particular Decree No. 2000-1803 of 31 July 2000.

The President of the Republic,

On the proposal of the Minister of Trade,

Having regard to Law No. 94-41 of 7 March 1994 on foreign trade, in particular Article 39 thereof,

Having regard to Decree No. 94-1742 of 29 August 1994 establishing the lists of products excluded from the free trade regime, as amended by Decree No. 95-2277 of 13 November 1995, Decree No. 96-1118 of 10 June 1996, Decree No. 97-2515 of 29 December 1997, Decree No. 98-1984 of 12 October 1998 and Decree No. 2000-1803 of 31 July 2000, in particular Article 2 thereof,

Having regard to the opinions of the Ministers of Finance, Agriculture and Industry,

Having regard to the opinion of the Governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia,

Having regard to the opinion of the Administrative Court,

Hereby decrees:

Article 1. Table "B" concerning products temporarily subject to import authorization under Article 39 of Law No. 94-41 of 7 March 1994, contained in annex to Decree No. 94-1742 of 29 August 1994, as amended by subsequent texts, in particular Decree No. 2000-1803 of 31 July 2000, is hereby revoked.

Article 2. This Decree shall enter into force as of 1 July 2000.

Article 3. The Ministers of Finance, Trade, Agriculture and Industry and the Governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia shall be responsible, within their respective spheres of competence, for the execution of this Decree which shall be published in the Official Journal of the Republic of Tunisia.

Tunis, 10 April 2001.

Zine El Abidine Ben Ali