CHANGES IN THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM

Submission of Documentation

Schedule XXX - Sweden

The following communication, dated 10 September 1991, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Sweden.

With reference to the procedures to implement changes in the Harmonized System adopted by the Committee on Tariff Concessions 31 July 1991, Sweden hereby submits a notification of the proposed changes of Schedule XXX - Sweden as a result of the changes to the Harmonized System which are planned to come into force on 1 January 1992.

Annex 1 includes the pages of Sweden's loose-leaf schedule of the items to which the proposed changes do not alter the scope of concessions (para 2(a) of the procedures). Correlation tables are included (Annex 2). Four products from the correlation tables (modified whey, fermented but unmatured cheese, flavoured tea and granules and pellets of potatoes) are unbound in the Swedish schedule.

The new note 8 to chapter 61 and 62 will imply that certain "left over right closure" uni-sex garments which today in Sweden are regarded as women's or girls' will be regarded as men's or boys'. This will however not alter the scope of concessions (e.g. through an increase in the bound rate of duty or a change in product description of the item).

Annex 3 includes the pages of the items to which the proposed changes alter the scope of concessions (e.g. through an increase in the bound rate of duty or a change in product description of the item). A concordance table is included for these items (Annex 4). No import statistics are available for any of these items as they all are "ex-out" -items. However, in Sweden's opinion, these items are hardly - or at all - traded. No INR exists on these items.

Of the items in Annex 2 those from heading 39.23.100 and 39.26.900 are presently bound at a rate of 12 percent, those from 44.20.909 are bound at 3.8 per cent and those from 73.26.909 are bound at 4.4 per cent. The items in question are transferred to 42.02.390 or 42.02.990, which are bound at a rate of 6.2 per cent.

The Annexes are in English only.
In Sweden's view the creation of four subheadings under HS 4202.39 and 4202.99 will result in an undue complexity in Sweden's national tariff.

If no objection is notified to the secretariat within ninety days from the date of this document, the changes to Schedule XXX - Sweden will be deemed to be approved and will be formally certified.