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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

CHANGES IN THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM

Submission of Documentation

Schedule I - Australia

The following communication, dated 8 October 1991, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Australia.

The Permanent Mission of Australia presents its compliments to the GATT secretariat and has the honour to transmit for certification by the contracting parties rectifications to Schedule I - Australia contained in document L/6222/Add.5 of 26 November 1987.

The amendments reflect revisions to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System adopted by the Customs Co-operation Council which enter into effect on 1 January 1992.

Enclosed are pages of Schedule I - Australia containing the proposed changes. In accordance with paragraph 2(a) of document TAR/W/83 the proposed changes have been indicated by underlining modifications made to the descriptions for the items concerned. The Harmonized System Headings in which changes have been made to descriptions are as follows: 0305, 0306, 0307, 0406, 0812, 0902, 0909, 1513, 3502, 7318, 8426, 8470, 8702, 9011, 9029, 9506 and 9603.

Concordance tables are also enclosed in accordance with paragraph 2(b) of TAR/W/83. In Australia's view the rights of contracting parties are not adversely affected by the proposed changes which result only in an expansion in the coverage of concessions. Accordingly import statistics are not provided.

Australia is prepared to enter into consultations or negotiations in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVIII with any contracting party which considers that its rights are affected.

On 13 February 1991 Australia circulated for certification in document TAR/215 a modified version of Schedule I - Australia which would, when certified, replace the Schedule contained in document L/6222/Add.5. Australia intends in due course to submit similar amendments to the Schedule attached to TAR/215 to reflect the 1 January 1992 changes to the Harmonized System.

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

1 In English only.