HARMONIZED SYSTEM - ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS

Submission of Documentation

Schedule XXXVIII - Japan

The Permanent Mission of Japan has submitted the documentation listed below, with a view to introducing the nomenclature of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System), and in accordance with the Procedures for Negotiations under Article XXVIII (BISD 27S/26) and the Decision of the Council of 12 July 1983 (BISD 30S/17) outlining the procedures for the transposition of GATT concessions into the Harmonized System nomenclature:

- Existing Tariff Schedule of Japan (Annex 1)
- Proposed Tariff Schedule of Japan (Annex 2)
- Cross Reference from the Existing to the Proposed Schedule (Annex 3)
- Cross Reference from the Proposed to the Existing Schedule (Annex 4)
- Import Statistics by Country
- Explanatory Notes
- Corrigendum

The existing tariff item numbers for which bound rates are changed in the proposed Harmonized System Schedule, are marked with a symbol "#" in the cross reference from the existing to the proposed Schedule (Annex 3).

Japan is ready to enter into negotiations or consultations under the relevant provisions of Article XXVIII. Any contracting party that considers that it has an interest in a concession should communicate its claim in writing to the delegation of Japan, with a copy of the communication to be sent to the secretariat. In order to expedite the negotiations or consultations, the communication should contain an indication of the products (and tariff item numbers) on which negotiations or consultations are requested.

Contracting parties are reminded that claims of interest should be made within ninety days from the date of this document (see paragraph 4 of the Procedures for Negotiations under Article XXVIII).