HARMONIZED SYSTEM - ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS

Submission of Documentation

Schedule LIV - Zimbabwe

The Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe 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:

Annex I Existing Schedule LIV

Although Zimbabwe currently uses a customs tariff based on the CCCN, the existing Schedule LIV was not renegotiated when this was introduced on 1 January 1983, therefore the existing schedule reflected in this Annex is based on the previous tariff.

Annex II Proposed Schedule LIV

The proposed schedule has been compiled to reflect all the existing bindings expressed in the nomenclature of the Harmonized System, and no bound rate has been exceeded.

Only those classes of goods that have bound rates applicable to them have been included in the schedule, except where it has been necessary to introduce national sub-divisions, and the residual heading is bound, "for example tariff heading 8432.8000 is sub-divided into two sub-headings 8432.8010 and 8432.8090; the former is unbound, whilst the latter, which is a residual sub-heading, is bound.

Where it has been found necessary to show a binding as 'Ex' a heading or HS Code, the binding will be provided for by legislatively suspending the duty in respect of the goods covered by that binding, should the MFN rate for the heading or HS Code exceed that of the binding.

In column 8 a cross reference to the tariff item number in the existing schedule has been provided for ease of reference.

*This date was omitted on the document previously distributed.*
Annex III Concordance table from the existing to the proposed schedule

The concordance table provides a cross reference only in respect of those tariff items which are subject to bindings.

Annex IV Concordance table from the proposed to the existing schedule

The concordance table provides a cross reference only in respect of those tariff headings which are subject to bindings.

Statistics

Trade statistics have not been provided, as all INRs have been preserved and no bound rate of duty has been increased.

Zimbabwe is ready to enter into consultations or negotiations under the relevant provisions of Article XXVIII. Any contracting party which considers that it has an interest in a concession should transmit a communication in writing to that effect within ninety days to the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe, a copy of which to be sent to the GATT secretariat. To expedite the consultations or negotiations, such a communication should preferably include the products and item numbers in question.