HARMONIZED SYSTEM - NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII

Submission of Documentation
Schedule LXXVII - Mexico

The Government of Mexico wishes to submit 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

Schedule LXXVII of Mexico was supplied in loose-leaf form in document L/6010/Add.3 and Corr.1.

Annex II: Proposed schedule LXXVII

The proposed schedule has been compiled to reflect all the existing bindings expressed in the nomenclature of the Harmonized System, and no bound rate of duty has been changed. This schedule is authentic only in the Spanish language.

Annex III: Concordance table from the existing to the proposed schedule

The concordance table provides a cross-reference only in respect of the 373 tariff items that are subject to specific bindings.

Annex IV: Concordance table from the proposed to the existing schedule

The concordance table provides a cross-reference only in respect of the tariff headings corresponding to the 373 items that are subject to specific bindings.

It should be noted that, in accordance with the schedule annexed to the Protocol of Accession of Mexico (L/6010/Add.1), the general or ad valorem rate of duty on the tariff lines contained in the General Import Tariff is bound at the uniform rate of 50 per cent. As this general binding is maintained at the same level, it is not considered necessary to submit a comparison between the existing and the proposed schedule, as in the case of the specific bindings referred to in Annexes III and IV above.

1Spanish only
Trade statistics have not been provided, since all the initial negotiating rights have been preserved and no bound rate of duty has been changed.

The Government of Mexico informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the Harmonized System had been introduced as from 1 July 1988, and emphasized that in the process of conversion nothing had been changed either in the duty rates applied to bound items or in the initial negotiating rights.

Mexico is prepared to enter into negotiations or consultations 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 a period of ninety days to the Representative of Mexico to GATT, with a copy to the GATT secretariat. To expedite negotiations or consultations, the communication should indicate, if possible, the products and tariff heading numbers in question.