HARMONIZED SYSTEM - ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS

Schedule XX - United States

Extension of Time-Limit Foreseen under Article XXVIII:3

The following joint communication, dated 29 June 1989, has been received from the Delegations of the Commission of the European Communities and the United States.

The Government of the United States and the Commission of the European Communities wish to notify the Director-General, for the information of other CONTRACTING PARTIES, that they have agreed that the period of six months mentioned in Article XXVIII, paragraph 3(a) should be considered as extended until 30 September 1989 to allow further bilateral discussions to take place with regard to the transposition of Schedule XX (United States) to the Harmonized System nomenclature.

The EC has reserved its rights under Article XXVIII in respect of impairment of certain concessions as a consequence of the new US tariff. In document SECRET/HS/7/Add.2 the EC has given notice of its intention to withdraw equivalent concessions unless in the meantime a satisfactory agreement can be reached.

The United States agrees to the extension of the Article XXVIII:3(a) deadline without prejudice to its position that the outcome of Article XXVIII negotiations with the European Communities regarding the transposition of Schedule XX did not result in impairment of concessions.

Signature for the Delegation of the United States

Signature for the Delegation of the European Communities

Geneva, 29 June 1989