Committee on Tariff Concessions

The Harmonized System and GATT Concessions

Preliminary Considerations

Second Revision

Addendum

As foreseen in the second paragraph of the introductory part of document TAR/W/25/Rev.2 consultations have taken place concerning the elimination of the square brackets in paragraph 2.3. These consultations have led to the following slightly modified text which should replace the text contained in TAR/W/25/Rev.2:

2.3 In light of paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 contracting parties should be ready to explain and discuss the reason for their proposed changes where requested. Interested contracting parties will be free to raise specific cases, which the party which has notified the change will examine, taking into account all relevant factors with a view to finding a mutually acceptable solution. If such agreement cannot be reached, the contracting party which has notified the change shall proceed under Article XXVIII and subject to the rights under that Article of contracting parties with initial negotiating rights or principal or substantial supplying interests.

Moreover, it has been agreed in these consultations that, in paragraphs 4.1.3 and 4.1.4, the second alternative text in square brackets in item (6) should be removed and the item should read as follows:

4.1.3 (6) the value of trade allocated to each of the proposed new items for the most recent three years for which import statistics are available.

4.1.4 (6) for the most recent three years, the value of trade of the existing item(s) allocated to the new item and the percent of trade in the proposed item accounted for by each component existing item.

(The text of footnote 1 remains unchanged and is not repeated.)