MEXICO - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXXVII

Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 13 November 1991, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Mexico with the request that it be circulated to the contracting parties and considered by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their forty-seventh session.

With reference to the Decision of 1 July 1991 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/6876) suspending the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement for Mexico in connection with the implementation of the Harmonized System until 31 December 1991, I should be obliged if you would transmit to the CONTRACTING PARTIES Mexico's request for the extension of the time-limit in that Decision until 30 June 1992.

As you are aware, the documentation concerning Schedule LXXVII - Mexico was submitted on 16 October 1989, and the consultations and/or negotiations in that connection are being conducted with the contracting parties which expressed their interest, in accordance with the corresponding procedures.

Nevertheless, owing to difficulties of a technical nature and the Uruguay Round activities, it will not be possible to complete these consultations and/or negotiations within the period of exemption granted until 31 December 1991, whence the need for the extension mentioned in the first paragraph of this communication.

To facilitate consideration of this matter, the text of a draft Decision is annexed.
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Draft Decision on Extension of Time-Limit

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 18 July 1988 and successive Decisions, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to enable the Government of Mexico to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 July 1988 and subsequently carry out negotiations;

Considering further that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 1 July 1991, extended until 31 December 1991 the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Mexico;

Taking into account that the documentation concerning the Harmonized System required for the negotiations under Article XXVIII was submitted by Mexico and circulated to contracting parties in document SECRET/HS/20 on 16 October 1989;

Considering that the Government of Mexico is conducting negotiations or consultations with interested contracting parties; but that nevertheless, owing to difficulties of a technical nature and the Uruguay Round activities, it will not be possible to complete these consultations and/or negotiations within the period of exemption granted until 31 December 1991;

Considering that the Government of Mexico has requested a further extension of the waiver until 30 June 1992;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of Article XXV:5 of the General Agreement,


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