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GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

Notification by Japan

The following communication concerning certain modifications to the Scheme of Generalized Tariff Preferences of Japan effective as of 1 April 1972 is circulated at the request of the Permanent Delegation of Japan.

1. The following ten countries and eighteen territories will be added to the present list of ninety-six countries which are beneficiaries of Japan's Scheme of Generalized Tariff Preferences effective as of 1 April 1972. However, a special exceptions list of ninety-six products reckoned according to the BTN four-digit positions will apply in the case of Hong Kong.

(1) Countries:

Bahrain	Qatar
Botswana	Romania
Bulgaria	Swaziland
Jamaica	Tonga
Portugal	United Arab Emirates

(2) Territories:

Bahamas	Seychelles
Bermuda	Brunei
British Honduras	Grenada
British Solomon Islands	St. Lucia
Cayman Islands	Papua New Guinea
Falkland Islands and Dependencies	Netherlands Antilles
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	Surinam
Hong Kong	Cook Islands
	Tokelau Islands
	Niue

Those countries and territories which discriminate against Japan, for example, by invoking Article XXXV of GATT against Japan, will, in principle, lose their beneficiary status after three years from the entry into force of the Scheme if they have not discarded the discriminatory measures during the intervening period.

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2. The main amendments to the classification of the product groups and the control method in Japan's Scheme of Generalized Tariff Preferences are as follows:

The number of product groups will be reduced from 214 to 211. Some product groups at present subject to daily control of ceiling quotas will be subject to monthly control (the number of product groups subject to daily control will be reduced from ninety-five to seventy-three, and the number of product groups subject to monthly control increased from 103 to 127). A half-yearly ceiling will be set for eight product groups (the revised annex with the new classification of product groups including the control method to be used for each group will be sent as soon as the English version is completed).

3. Besides the above-mentioned, there are some minor modifications in line with the present revision of BTN.