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RECTIFICATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF SCHEDULES

Schedule XXIV - Finland

Addendum

The following communication has been received from the Permanent Mission of Finland.

The Permanent Mission of Finland presents its compliments to the secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and has the honour to notify a rectification to Schedule XXIV - Finland.

The Customs Cooperation Council has during its forty-fourth session decided that shopping bags of thin plastic sheeting shall be classified under Chapter 42.02 CCCN Nomenclature.

In Finland (and in the other Nordic countries) shopping bags of thin plastic sheeting - plastic film, have since 1960 been classified under tariff number 39.07.E, under which they fall under sub-heading 39.07.370 - bags, (including shopping bags) and sacks. In Finland this sub-heading has since 1978 been divided into two sub-headings:

39.07.371	-	Bags and sacks
39.07.379	-	Shopping bags

Position 39.07.E. has been bound in the GATT (Part I) at the level of 15⁺ per cent ad valorem, minimum duty 1 kg. 2.94. The binding is a so-called ASP-binding, the unreduced level of which under Part II is 24 per cent ad valorem, minimum duty 1 kg. 4.71.^{1/}

Items falling under position 42.02.B. are bound at the level of 15 per cent ad valorem.

^{1/} See document L/5004.

In the light of the decision of the CCC, and to maintain the present level of the bound rate of duty for shopping bags of thin plastic sheeting the following rectification should be made to Schedule XXIV - Finland:

Part I

42.02.	- - - - -	
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	- of artificial plastic sheeting, of textile fabrics covered with artificial plastic materials; of vulcanized fibre:	
	- - shopping bags of plastic film minimum duty 1 kg.	15 ⁺ % 2.94
	- - other	15%

GENERAL NOTE

The following item should be added:

ex 42.02.	- shopping bags of plastic film minimum duty 1 kg.	24% 4.71
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If no objection is notified to the secretariat within three months from the date of this document, the rectifications will be deemed to be approved and their incorporation into Schedule XXIV - Finland will be formally certified in connexion with the publication of the Finnish schedule in loose-leaf form.