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JAMAICA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXVI

The following communication, dated 8 July 1993, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Jamaica.

In accordance with the decision of the Customs Co-operation Council that, as of 1 January 1988, the CCCN be replaced by the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System), the Government of Jamaica implemented the Harmonized System on 15 February 1991. This action was taken in the context of the introduction by the Government of Jamaica of the Common External Tariff adopted by the Caribbean Common Market (CARICOM) Member States.

The relevant documentation required in accordance with document L/5470/Rev.1 is being prepared and will be submitted to the GATT Secretariat for circulation to the contracting parties.

The Government of Jamaica will endeavour, in the conversion process, to maintain to the extent possible, the level of the concessions bound in its Schedule.

The Government of Jamaica, nevertheless, is prepared to enter into consultations and negotiations under the provisions of Article XXVIII of the GATT, if necessary, with any interested contracting party in respect of any changes in the Schedule of Concessions resulting from the conversion to the Harmonized System.

For the above-mentioned reasons, the Government of Jamaica hereby requests a temporary exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for a period of one year until 31 July 1994.