

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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19 January 1994
Limited Distribution

(94-0098)

PAKISTAN - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XV

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 17 January 1994¹

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 29 November 1977², suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Pakistan to maintain in force the rates of duty provided in its revised Customs Tariff, subject to certain specified conditions;

Noting also that the Government of Pakistan has implemented the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) in 1988 and that it has entered into Article XXVIII negotiations in connection with the introduction of the Harmonized System;

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by successive Decisions, extended the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Pakistan until 31 December 1993³;

Noting that Pakistan is in the process of consulting on its draft schedule in the Harmonized System and that understandings have been reached with some of its trading partners, while consultations are under progress with other trading partners;

Taking into account that the process was temporarily hampered due to the ongoing Uruguay Round and, consequently, it will now take some time before the Schedule is finalized, the Government of Pakistan has therefore requested a further extension of the waiver until 30 June 1994⁴;

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

Decide that the time-limit provided for in paragraph 3 of the Decision of 29 November 1977 shall be extended until 30 June 1994.

¹The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 71 votes in favour and none against.

²BISD 24S/15.

³L/7278.

⁴L/7343.