

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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COSTA RICA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXXXV

Decision of 26 January 1994

Considering that, in a communication dated 3 December 1993¹, the Government of Costa Rica notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES that it had completed the transposition of its Customs Tariff from the NAUCA Nomenclature (Central American Uniform Tariff Nomenclature) into the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System);

Considering that the Harmonized System documentation required under the procedures of Article XXVIII will be submitted shortly to the GATT Secretariat for circulation to the contracting parties as rapidly as possible;

Noting that in order to implement the procedures established by the Council Decision of 12 July 1983 for the rectification and renegotiation of the schedules of concessions in the context of the Harmonized System (BISD, 30S/17) and to hold consultations under Article XXVIII, the Government of Costa Rica requests a temporary exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement for a period of one year until 31 December 1994;

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

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to suspend the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to enable the Government of Costa Rica to implement the Harmonized System, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Government of Costa Rica will promptly enter into negotiations and consultations with interested contracting parties pursuant to paragraphs 1-3 of Article XXVIII.
2. The negotiations and consultations mentioned above shall be completed not later than 31 December 1994.
3. Pending the entry into force of the results of the negotiations or consultations mentioned above, the other contracting parties will be free to suspend concessions initially negotiated with Costa Rica to the extent that they consider that adequate compensation is not offered by the Government of Costa Rica.

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