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ADMISSION OF LIECHTENSTEIN AS A CONTRACTING PARTY CERTIFICATION BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

The following communication from the Government of the Swiss Confederation was received on 29 March 1994.

"Under the terms of paragraph 3 of the Protocol for the accession of the Swiss Confederation to the General Agreement, the customs territory of Switzerland is considered to include the customs territory of the Principality of Liechtenstein by virtue of the customs union treaty between the two countries. By accepting the General Agreement, Switzerland therefore also accepted it for the territory of the Principality of Liechtenstein, which it represents.

The Principality of Liechtenstein is not bound by any undertaking that might compromise its autonomy in the conduct of its external economic relations and in other matters covered by the General Agreement. In accordance with the provisions of Article XXVI:5(c) of the General Agreement and at its own wish, the Principality of Liechtenstein will be deemed a contracting party to the General Agreement as from the date of this communication.

This communication has no effect upon the customs union treaty concluded between the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein."

The following communication from the Principality of Liechtenstein was also received on 29 March 1994.

"With reference to the communication dated 29 March 1994 from the Swiss Confederation, the Principality of Liechtenstein has the honour to confirm that it enjoys full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and to inform you that it wishes to be deemed a contracting party to the General Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Article XXVI:5(c) thereof.

This communication has no effect upon the customs union treaty concluded between the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein."

In view of the above communications and since the conditions required by Article XXVI:5(c) have been met, Liechtenstein has become a contracting party on 29 March 1994; its rights and obligations date from 29 March 1994.

A schedule LIX - Customs Union Switzerland - Liechtenstein will be annexed to the Marrakesh (1994) Protocol.