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PROCEDURES FOR FIXING AND MODIFYING TARIFF RATES

Addendum

NORWAY

The secretariat has received the following supplementary information on procedures for fixing and modifying tariff rates in Norway to be added to what is contained for that country in MTN/TAR/W/27 and Corr.1.

1. GATT bound rates - page 4

Rates bound in GATT negotiations apply also to non-GATT countries.

2. Authorities empowered to fix and modify the rates - page 6

The Parliament (Stortinget).

3. The procedures for modifying the rates and the frequency of modification - page 6

The Parliament decides on modifications proposed by the Customs Department in consultation with interested parties, inter alia the industry. Applications for such modifications are dealt with once a year.

4. The authorities empowered to conclude tariff negotiations for modifying the consolidated rates - page 7

The Parliament.

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5. The procedures required for modifying the rates - page 7

Proposals or applications for modifying customs duties are dealt with by the Directorate for Customs and Excise and the Customs Department and then presented by the latter to Parliament.

6. Any conditions attached to the rate - page 9

Conditions for granting suspensions for machines and apparatus are in principle that there is no national production of the same or like products. Raw materials are imported free of duty or at reduced rates if they are intended for further processing in Norway. Other products may enjoy the same treatment, depending on whether there is national production and/or on the intended use of the products.

7. Period of validity of the rates and conditions governing their repeat or renewal - page 9

The permission to grant imports free of duty or at reduced rates are given for one year at a time. If changes do not occur in the conditions for such grants, the period of validity is extended automatically for one year at a time.