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MARKET ACCESS - RECENTLY ACCEDED MEMBERS (RAMs)

1. Saudi Arabia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Vietnam and Tonga, as very recently-acceded Members shall not be obliged to undertake any new tariff reduction commitments.
2. For all other RAMs, to the extent that, in implementing commitments undertaken in acceding to the WTO, there would be actual overlap with commitments to be otherwise undertaken in association with these Modalities, the start of implementation of commitments undertaken in association with these Modalities for such tariff lines shall begin 1 year after the end of implementation of accession commitment.
3. The implementation period for recently-acceded Members may be prolonged by up to [2] years after the end of the developing country Members' implementation period.
4. Recently-acceded Members shall be entitled to moderate the cuts they would otherwise have been required to make under the tiered formula by up to 5 *ad valorem* percentage points in each band. In addition, final bound duties at or below 10 per cent shall be exempt from reduction.
5. Small low-income, recently-acceded Members with economies in transition¹ shall not be required to undertake reductions in final bound tariffs.
6. More specific provisions can be found in the relevant sections of this document.

¹ This is applicable to Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyz Republic and Moldova.