

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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### MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

#### Status of Acceptances of Protocols, Agreements and Arrangements

##### Addendum

Further to the acceptances stated in document L/5808 and Add.1-13, the following legal instruments have been accepted by Mexico on 24 July 1987:

#### C. Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade

The acceptance was accompanied by the following communication:

"The Government of Mexico considers that national legislation relating to technical regulations, standards and certification systems, specifically the General Law Concerning Standards and Weights and Measures, the Law Concerning Animal and Plant Health and the General Law Concerning Health, published in the Diario Oficial de la Federación (Official Journal) on 7 April 1961, 13 December 1974 and 7 January 1986, respectively, are in keeping with the provisions of the Standards Code.

The Government of Mexico considers that Mexico is a developing country within the meaning of Article 12 of the Standards Code, and that consequently the provisions of that Article are fully applicable to Mexico.

I reiterate the Mexican Government's firm intention to observe scrupulously the undertakings stemming from the Agreement which we have accepted; nevertheless, in the event that difficulties should arise in the future, my country's Government trusts that we may turn to the governments of the contracting parties and to the GATT secretariat itself to receive not only due understanding but also the technical and other support, co-operation and assistance to enable Mexico fully to observe the undertakings into which we have entered today."

H. Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

The acceptance was accompanied by the following communication:

"The Government of Mexico makes the following reservations:

1. The Government of the United Mexican States reserves the right to provide that the relevant provision of Article 4 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade shall apply only when the customs authorities agree to the request to reverse the order of Articles 5 and 6.

2. The Government of the United Mexican States reserves the right to provide that Article 5.2 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of the relevant note thereto whether or not the importers so request.

I also wish to make the following statements:

- In accordance with the provisions of Article 21 of the Agreement on the Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the Government of the United Mexican States will delay the application of all provisions of that Agreement and of its Protocol of Application for a period of five years from the date of entry into force of those instruments for Mexico. The Government of Mexico will also delay the application of the valuation method described in Articles 1.2(b)(iii) and 6 of the Agreement on the Implementation of Article VII on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for a period of three years from the date when all the other provisions of that Agreement are applied by the United Mexican States.
- The Government of Mexico declares its status as a developing country as recognized in the Protocol for the Accession of Mexico to the General Agreement, and it therefore considers that the provisions of the Agreement which it accepts today and any other provision relating to developing countries fully apply to Mexico.

I reiterate the Mexican Government's firm intention to observe scrupulously the undertakings stemming from the Agreement which we have accepted; nevertheless, in the event that difficulties should arise in the future, my country's Government trusts that we may turn to the governments of the contracting parties and to the GATT secretariat itself to receive not only due understanding but also the technical and other support, co-operation and assistance to enable Mexico fully to observe the undertakings into which we have entered today."

1. Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures

The acceptance was accompanied by the following communication:

"The Government of Mexico considers that national legislation relating to import licensing procedures, specifically the Foreign Trade Law and the Regulation Governing Import or Export Permits for Goods Subject to Restrictions, published in the Diario Oficial de la Federación (Official Journal) on 13 January 1986 and 14 September 1977, respectively, are in keeping with the provisions of the Licensing Code, as it appears from the replies to the Questionnaire on Import Licensing attached hereto.\*

I reiterate the Mexican Government's firm intention to observe scrupulously the undertakings stemming from the Agreement which we have accepted; nevertheless, in the event that difficulties should arise in the future, my country's Government trusts that we may turn to the governments of the contracting parties and to the GATT secretariat itself to receive not only due understanding but also the technical and other support, co-operation and assistance to enable Mexico fully to observe the undertakings into which we have entered today."

K. Agreement on Application of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

The acceptance was accompanied by the following communication:

"The Government of Mexico considers that national legislation relating to the application of anti-dumping measures, specifically the Foreign Trade Law and the Regulation Against Unfair Practices in International Trade, published in the Diario Oficial de la Federación (Official Journal) on 13 January and 25 November 1986, respectively, are in keeping with the provisions of the Anti-Dumping Code.

The Government of Mexico considers that Mexico is a developing country within the meaning of Article 13 of the Anti-Dumping Code and that consequently the provisions of that Article are fully applicable to Mexico.

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\* The replies to the Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures are not attached to this Notification of Acceptance; they are reproduced in document L/5640/Add.41.

I reiterate the Mexican Government's firm intention to observe scrupulously the undertakings stemming from the Agreement which we have accepted; nevertheless, in the event that difficulties should arise in the future, my country's Government trusts that we may turn to the governments of the contracting parties and to the GATT secretariat itself to receive not only due understanding but also the technical and other support, co-operation and assistance to enable Mexico fully to observe the undertakings into which we have entered today."