

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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11 November 1988
Limited Distribution

TARIFFS AND TRADE

TURKEY

Establishment of a new Schedule XXXVII

Decision of 8 November 1988

Considering that the Government of Turkey has notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES that it was in the final stage of completing the documentation for the transposition of the Customs Tariff from the CCCN to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) and that the Government of Turkey has decided to implement the Harmonized System on 1 January 1989;

Noting that the relevant Harmonized System documentation required for the negotiations and consultations under Article XXVIII will be submitted to the secretariat for distribution to contracting parties as soon as possible;

Recognizing that in view of the time constraint, it will not be possible for the Government of Turkey to complete the negotiations and consultations under the procedures of Article XXVIII of the General Agreement before the scheduled date of implementation;

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 Turkey to implement on 1 January 1989, the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Government of Turkey 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 1989;
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 Turkey to the extent that they consider that adequate compensation is not offered by the Government of Turkey.