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YUGOSLAVIA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LVII

Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication dated 19 December 1988 has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the GATT Secretariat and has the honour to inform that in conformity with the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 3 December 1987 (BISD 34S/32) which was extended to 31 December 1988, the Government of Yugoslavia has completed negotiations and consultations with interested contracting parties pursuant to Article XXVIII, in order to establish a new HS Schedule LVII. In line with the above negotiations, the Government of Yugoslavia proposed to the Federal Assembly the relevant amendments to the Customs Tariff Law. These amendments should have been approved on 30 October 1988, when they were on the agenda of the competent Assembly body. No substantive problems appeared during the procedure, but errors in the translation of product description into some of the Yugoslav languages caused the amendments to be returned for corrections. It was supposed that it could be done quickly, namely in time to be published in the Official Gazette of the SFRY before the end of December 1988. It should have enabled the Yugoslav Government to annex the new schedule to the Geneva (1988) Protocol to the General Agreement.

However, as numerous major laws are in the procedures of the Federal Assembly and at present there are indications that the volume of pending business would not allow adoption of all the documents before the end of the year, the Yugoslav Government is now requesting an extension of the waiver until 31 March 1989, as a precautionary measure.