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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE 1994

**CERTIFICATION OF MODIFICATIONS AND RECTIFICATIONS TO
SCHEDULE LXXXII - HONG KONG, CHINA**

TRANSMISSION OF CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

I have the honour to furnish herewith a certified true copy of the modifications and rectifications to Schedule **LXXXII - Hong Kong, China**, effective **8 March 2015**.

Roberto Azevêdo
Director-General

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WT/Let/1035

**SCHEDULES OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS TO THE
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE 1994**

CERTIFICATION OF MODIFICATIONS AND RECTIFICATIONS

SCHEDULE LXXXII - HONG KONG, CHINA

WHEREAS the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1947 adopted, on 26 March 1980, a Decision on Procedures for Modification and Rectification of Schedules of Tariff Concessions (BISD 27S/25);

WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Decision, a draft containing modifications and rectifications to Schedule **LXXXII - Hong Kong, China** was communicated to all Members of the World Trade Organization in document G/MA/TAR/RS/399 on 8 December 2014, and no objections to the proposed modifications and rectifications were received within three months from the date of issue of the aforementioned document;

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the modifications and rectifications to Schedule **LXXXII - Hong Kong, China** are established in conformity with the above-mentioned Decision.

The annexed Schedule is effective as of **8 March 2015**.

I hereby furnish a certified true copy of the above-mentioned modifications and rectifications to each Member of the World Trade Organization. This certification shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

DONE at Geneva this twenty-fifth day of March, two thousand and fifteen.

Roberto Azevêdo
Director-General

Certified true copy:

Director-General

SCHEDULE LXXXII – HONG KONG, CHINA

8 March 2015

ATTACHMENT – EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the course of verifying the HS2007 transposition files prepared by the Secretariat, some inconsistencies between the HS2002 certified schedule of Hong Kong, China; Hong Kong, China's domestic Tariff Schedules; and HS2007 transposition files are found. Pursuant to the Secretariat's recommendation, Hong Kong, China proposes to rectify the relevant discrepancies as follows:

(i) WT/Let/171

- Arising from annual changes in tariff classification, Hong Kong, China merged an unbound tariff line (HS 2922.4210) and part of a bound tariff line (HS 2922.4290) to form a new HS 2922.4210 "sodium glutamate" since 2005 and bound this new tariff line at 0%. As a result, the whole HS 2922.4200 (comprising HS 2922.4210 and HS 2922.4290) instead of only HS 2922.4290 is bound. The binding status of this tariff line should therefore be modified as follows:

WT/Let/171		
Existing HS96 code	Existing Product Description	Final Bound Rate
2922.4290	-- Glutamic acid and its salts: --- Other	Free

Proposed Rectification		
Proposed HS96 code	Proposed Product Description	Final Bound Rate
2922.4200	-- Glutamic acid and its salts:	Free

* Bold represents the revision.

As a result, documents WT/Let/584 and WT/Let/1010 including the HS2002 and HS2007 changes should be rectified accordingly.

- Arising from annual changes in tariff classification, Hong Kong, China split a partially-bound line (HS 8506.1000) into two bound lines, i.e. HS 8506.1010 and 8506.1090 since 2006. As a result, the binding status of HS 8506.1000 should be modified from partially-bound to fully bound as follows:

WT/Let/171		
Existing HS96 code	Existing Product Description	Final Bound Rate
ex8506	Primary cells and primary batteries	
ex8506.1000	- Manganese dioxide, of an external volume not exceeding 300 cm only	Free

Proposed Rectification		
Proposed HS96 code	Proposed Product Description	Final Bound Rate
ex8506	Primary cells and primary batteries	
8506.1000	- Manganese dioxide	Free

* Bold represents the revision.

(ii) WT/Let/384

3. Hong Kong, China has re-classified "Joss Paper" from HS 3307.4120 in HS2002 to HS 4823.9010 in HS2007. As such, the bound tariff line HS 3307.4120 should be removed from WT/Let/384. On the other hand, since HS 4823.9000, which covers HS 4823.9010 "joss paper and the like", is already fully bound in WT/Let/76, no modification to HS 4823.9000 in WT/Let/76 would be required.

WT/Let/384		
Existing HS96 code	Existing Product Description	Final Bound Rate
ex3307	Pre-shave, shaving or after shave preparations, personal deodorants, bath preparations, depilatories and other perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations, not elsewhere specified or included; prepared room deodorisers, whether or not perfumed or having disinfectant properties - Preparations for perfuming or deodorizing rooms, including odoriferous preparations used during religious rites: -- 'Agarbatti' and other odoriferous preparations which operate by burning: --- Joss paper	
3307.4120		Free

Proposed Rectification of WT/Let/384		
Proposed HS96 code	Proposed Product Description	Final Bound Rate
ex3307	Pre-shave, shaving or after shave preparations, personal deodorants, bath preparations, depilatories and other perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations, not elsewhere specified or included; prepared room deodorisers, whether or not perfumed or having disinfectant properties - Preparations for perfuming or deodorizing rooms, including odoriferous preparations used during religious rites: -- 'Agarbatti' and other odoriferous preparations which operate by burning: --- Joss paper	
3307.4120		Free

WT/Let/76		
Existing HS96 code	Existing Product Description	Final Bound Rate
4823	Other paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibres, cut to size or shape; other articles of paper pulp, paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres	
4823.9000	- Other	Free

WT/Let/76 [Note: No change required]		
Existing HS96 code	Existing Product Description	Final Bound Rate
4823	Other paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibres, cut to size or shape; other articles of paper pulp, paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres	
4823.9000	- Other	Free

* Strike-out represents the revision.

(iii) WT/Let/584

4. To implement our commitment under Attachment A, Section 2 to the Annex to the Ministerial Declaration on Trade in Information Technology Products (WT/MIN(96)/16) (in short, "ITA"), Hong Kong, China has bound "parts of spraying appliances for etching, stripping or cleaning semiconductor wafers" classified under HS 8424.9000 and such commitment is correctly certified in WT/Let/160. Subsequently, the certified schedule WT/Let/584, which contains HS2002 changes introduced to Hong Kong, China's schedule of concessions, has mistakenly bound the whole tariff line HS 8424.9000 which also covers "parts of fire extinguishers" and "parts of household mechanical appliances for projecting or spraying". To correctly reflect Hong Kong, China's ITA commitments, WT/Let/584 should be rectified as follows:

WT/Let/584		
Existing HS02 code	Existing Product Description	Final Bound Rate
8424.9000	- Parts	Free

Proposed rectification		
Proposed HS02 code	Proposed Product Description	Final Bound Rate
8424.9 ex8424.9000	- Parts -- Parts of spraying appliances for etching, stripping or cleaning semiconductor wafers	Free

* Bold represents the revision.

As a result, document WT/Let/1010 including the HS2007 changes should be rectified accordingly.