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RECTIFICATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF SCHEDULES
ANNEXED TO THE MARRAKESH PROTOCOL

Schedule XXXVIII - Japan

The following communication, dated 2 August 1994, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan.

With reference to Schedule XXXVIII - Japan annexed to the Marrakesh Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, and the procedure for rectification to schedules attached to the WTO Agreement, which was agreed upon at the July 22 meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the World Trade Organization, I wish to inform you, upon the instruction of my Government, of points to correct in Schedule XXXVIII - Japan annexed to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994. These points do not change the substance of the results of the negotiations. The revised pages of the Schedule which incorporate the necessary rectification as well as the explanation to clarify the changes are provided in the attachment to this letter. I wish to request that the rectification process for these points, following the procedure agreed upon at the July 22 meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the World Trade Organization, should start without delay.

Explanation of Correction

1. Notes to Schedule XXXVIII - Japan, page 2

The current first sentence of paragraph 5 of 'Notes to Schedule XXXVIII - Japan' reads: "Where a rate reduction of an ad valorem duty implemented in accordance with the provisions in paragraphs 2 and 3 above and the Notes to Sections I-A and II of Part I of this Schedule gives a rate with a decimal fraction of less than 0.1 per cent, such fraction shall be rounded to 0.1 per cent (in the case of 0.05 per cent, the fraction is rounded to 0.1 per cent)". Since it is not the intention of my Government to have this sentence construed as rounding-up of a decimal fraction less than 0.1 per cent, it is necessary to correct the sentence as follows:

"Where a rate reduction of an ad valorem duty implemented in accordance with the provisions in paragraphs 2 and 3 above and the Notes to Sections I-A and II of Part I of this Schedule gives a rate with a decimal fraction of less than 0.1 per cent, such fraction shall be rounded to one decimal place (in the case of 0.05 per cent, the fraction is rounded to 0.1 per cent)". (Emphasis added to indicate the part to be corrected.)

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2. Part I, Section II

1) Page 15, tariff item number 1521

To keep the consistency with the Harmonized System, the description of products shall be corrected as follows:

"Vegetable waxes (other than triglycerides), beeswax, other insect waxes and spermaceti, whether or not refined or coloured."

2) Page 355, tariff item number 7801.91

To keep the consistency with the Harmonized System, the following description of products shall be inserted for the HS subheading 7801.91 (there is no change in the national subheadings which fall under this HS subheading):

"-- Containing by weight antimony as the principal other element"

3) Page 406, tariff item number 8483.60

An asterisk ("*") shall be put in column 1 to indicate that the product includes the item listed in the Attachment to Section II of Part I.

3. Attachment to Section II of Part I, page 1, tariff item number 7304.31

In the description of products, "cold-drawn or cold-rolled fittings, suitable for conducting (cold-reduced), with attached gases or liquids" shall be corrected as "cold-drawn or cold-rolled (cold-reduced), with attached fittings, suitable for conducting gases or liquids".

If no objection is notified to the Secretariat within thirty days from the date of this document, the rectifications to Schedule XXXVIII - Japan will be deemed to be approved and will be formally issued as a Procès-Verbal.