

**ALBANIA – IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIFIC CONCESSIONS**

Report of Albania under the Decision of 26 May 2005<sup>1</sup>

The following communication, dated 9 August 2007, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Albania.

Albania is fully committed to apply all the obligations and accomplishments of its membership to the World Trade Organization.

In compliance with document WT/L/610, with regard to the implementation of specific concessions, Albania has taken all the necessary measures for the implementation of its obligations for the years 2005 and 2006.

For the year 2007, with the adoption of Law No. 9683, dated 2 February 2007, proposed by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy, Albania aims to comply with its commitments in regard to customs tariffs for the year 2007.

The Law provides for the following:

- I. Elimination of customs tariffs for the following products: beer, some alcoholic drinks, wood products, leather products, furniture and different toys, with customs tariffs bound at zero per cent (216 8-digit tariff lines).
- II. Reduction of customs tariffs as follows:
  - 1. 6 per cent for some cosmetic products, soap, washing detergents, plastic products, with customs tariffs bound at 6.5 per cent (165 8-digit tariff lines);
  - 2. 5 per cent for some steel and plastic products, with customs tariffs bound at 5 per cent (332 8-digit tariff lines).

In total 713 8-digit tariff lines.

Meanwhile, the Government of Albania has started legal procedures for the reduction of customs tariffs for the year 2008, aiming to start their implementation as from 1 January 2008.

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<sup>1</sup> WT/L/610.

All actions taken during the period 2005 and 2006 have been notified to the WTO, and recently the Government has been preparing to notify Law No. 9683, dated 2 February 2007.<sup>2</sup> At the appropriate time, Albania will notify all the subsequent steps for 2008 and 2009.

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<sup>2</sup> Circulated as an Addendum to the present document.