

**ENLARGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Schedule CXL - European Communities**

The following communication, dated 28 February 1996, has been received by the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission in Geneva.

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The European Communities wish to recall their transmission of 14 December 1993 of a list showing the reference prices as referred to in Article 5(1)(b) of the Agreement on Agriculture. This list is to be considered as an integral part of the European Communities' Schedule.

1. In its communication of 15 December 1994 (L/7614) the European Communities announced their intention to withdraw all the tariff commitments previously made by Austria in Schedule XXXII, Finland in Schedule XXIV, Sweden in Schedule XXX and the European Communities of 12 in Schedule LXXX. Upon enlargement to the European Communities of 15, this withdrawal, which covers all tariff commitments made in whatsoever time frame or nomenclature, became effective from 1 January 1995.
2. It was also made clear that pending the submission of a Schedule of the European Communities of 15, the tariff commitments in the previous Schedule LXXX of the European Communities of 12 would be respected.
3. In the light of the Article XXIX:6 negotiations which have now been concluded with most of the EC partners, the attached Schedule CXL, containing the tariff and other commitments which the European Communities of 15 are prepared to bind in the WTO is being submitted. This Schedule is based on the HS 1996 Nomenclature.
4. The base rates of duty in column 3 are the departure rates which have been used to arrive at intervening rate reductions until the final rates in column 4 are implemented.
5. As all current negotiations under Article XXIV:6 are not yet completed, the European Communities reserve the right to modify these concessions as necessary, as a result of further negotiations or consultations.

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Copies of the Schedule CXL - European Communities can be obtained from the Market Access Division (Mrs. J. Hudry, office N 3142).

WTO Members wishing to hold consultations concerning the concessions included in the attached Schedule should transmit a written communication to that effect to the Permanent Delegation of the Commission of the European Union with a copy to the Secretariat, within a period of ninety days from the date of this document. If no objection is received during this period, the new Schedule CXL - European Communities will be deemed to be approved and would be formally certified.