RECTIFICATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE LXIII – EGYPT

The following communication, dated 18 April 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Egypt.

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Pursuant to the procedures for modification and rectification of schedules of tariff concessions contained in the Decision of 26 March 1980 (BISD 27S/25), Egypt hereby notifies draft technical rectifications to Schedule LXIII set out in the attachments[[1]](#footnote-1).

After the transposition of Schedule LXIII - Egypt into HS2007 had been certified in document WT/Let/1038, Egypt noted a number of errors and inconsistencies that had resulted from the introduction of ITA commitments.

In order to correct these errors, and with the assistance of the WTO Secretariat, Egypt prepared this rectification which aims at:

(i) Correcting the binding status to unbound for tariff line 84219100 in accordance with Egypt's ITA schedule, certified in WT/Let/459;

(ii) Introducing breakouts for tariff line 85299090 to reflect the unbound part in accordance with Egypt's ITA schedule, certified in WT/Let/459;

(iii) Introducing breakouts for tariff line 90319000 to reflect the ITA parts under 90319010 and 90319020 and the unbound part under 90319090 in accordance with Egypt's ITA schedule, certified in WT/Let/459;

Detailed explanatory notes are contained in Attachment 1. The draft proposing the rectifications are contained in Attachment 2. The proposed change does not alter the scope of the concessions undertaken by Egypt pursuant to its participation in the ITA and certified in WT/Let/459.

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If no objection is notified to the Secretariat within three months from the date of this document, the rectifications and modifications to Schedule LXIII - Egypt will be deemed to be approved and will be formally certified.

ATTACHMENT 1 – EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the course of verifying the Harmonized System 2012 (HS2012) transposition file that was prepared by the Secretariat, Egypt noted some errors and inconsistencies that resulted from the introduction of ITA commitments in its schedule and which were certified in the HS2007 transposition in document WT/Let/1038. Egypt proposes to rectify the relevant discrepancies as follows:

**(i) Correcting the binding status to unbound for tariff line 84219100 in accordance with Egypt's ITA schedule WT/Let/459**

Egypt's ITA concession for tariff line 84219110 in HS2002 was not correctly reflected in Egypt's HS07 transposition, which was certified in WT/Let/1038. The duty-free concession was erroneously assigned to the entire HS07 subheading 8421.91, while some of the products covered by that subheading are not covered by the ITA. In the HS2007 transposition, this commitment is assigned to new HS07 code 84869000 for Parts and accessories and not to 842191. Therefore, the following correction is required to reflect the original commitment as listed in Egypt's ITA schedule.

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| **WT/Let/1038** | | |  | **Proposed Rectification** | | |
| **Existing HS96 code** | **Existing Product Description** | **Existing Final Bound Rate** |  | **Proposed HS96 code** | **Proposed Product Description** | **Proposed Final**  **Bound Rate** |
| 84219100 | - Parts and accessories | 0 |  | 84219100 | - Parts and accessories | **Unbound** |

**(ii) Introducing breakouts for tariff line 85299090 to reflect the unbound part in accordance with Egypt's ITA schedule WT/Let/459**

Egypt's ITA concessions for tariff line 85299030 in HS2002 was not correctly reflected in Egypt's HS07 transposition, which was certified in WT/Let/1038. In the HS2007 transposition, this concession was partly assigned to a new HS07 code 85177000 and 85299090, and the latter should have included an ex-out to provide for this unbound tariff line. The following correction is required to reflect the original commitment as listed in Egypt's ITA schedule.

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| **WT/Let/1038** | | |  | **Proposed Rectification** | | |
| **Existing HS96 code** | **Existing Product Description** | **Existing Final Bound Rate** |  | **Proposed HS96 code** | **Proposed Product Description** | **Proposed Final**  **Bound Rate** |
| 85299090 | - - Other | 0 |  | 85299090 | - - Other |  |
|  |  |  |  | **85299090 ex01** | **--- Parts of:**  **transmission apparatus other than apparatus for radio-broadcasting or television;**  **transmission apparatus incorporating reception apparatus;**  **digital still image video cameras;**  **portable receivers for calling , alerting or paging.** | **0** |
|  |  |  |  | **85299090 ex02** | **- - - Other** | **Unbound** |

**(iii) Introducing breakouts for tariff line 90319000 to reflect the ITA parts under 90319010 and 90319020 and the unbound part under 90319090 in accordance with Egypt's ITA schedule WT/Let/459**

Egypt's ITA concessions for 90319010 and 90319020 in HS2002 were not correctly reflected in Egypt's HS07 transposition, which was certified in WT/Let/1038. The duty-free concessions were erroneously assigned to the entire subheading 9031.90, which was not affected by any transpositions. The HS07 tariff line 90319000 should therefore be broken down into three tariff lines as follows: 90319010 and 90319020 bound at 0%, 90319090 unbound. The following correction is required to reflect the original commitments as listed in Egypt's ITA schedule.

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| **WT/Let/1038** | | |  | **Proposed Rectification** | | |
| **Existing HS96 code** | **Existing Product Description** | **Existing Final Bound Rate** |  | **Proposed HS96 code** | **Proposed Product Description** | **Proposed Final**  **Bound Rate** |
| 90319000 | - Parts and accessories | 0 |  | 903190 | - Parts and accessories |  |
|  |  |  |  | **90319010** | **- - - - - Parts and accessories of optical instruments and appliances for inspecting semiconductor wafers or devices or for inspecting masks, photomasks or reticles used in manufacturing semiconductor devices** | **0** |
|  |  |  |  | **90319020** | **- - - - - Parts and accessories of optical instruments and appliances for measuring surface particulate contamination on semiconductor wafers** | **0** |
|  |  |  |  | **90319090** | **- - Other** | **Unbound** |

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**ATTACHMENT 2 – DRAFT RECTIFICATION**

**SCHEDULE LXIII - EGYPT**

**PART I - MOST-FAVOURED NATION TARIFF**

**SECTION II – Other Products**

| **Tariff item (HS2007)** | **Description of Products** | **Base rate  of duty** | **Bound rate  of duty** | **Implementation period from/to (\*)** | **Initial Negotiating Right** | **Other duties and charges** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 8421 | Centrifuges, including centrifugal dryers; filtering or purifying machinery and apparatus, for liquids or gases. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 84219 | - Parts: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 84219100 | - Parts and accessories |  | **Unbound** |  |  |  |
| 8529 | Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the apparatus of headings 85.25 to 85.28. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 852990 | - Other |  |  |  |  |  |
| 85299090 | - - Other |  |  |  |  |  |
| **85299090 ex** | **--- Parts of:**  **transmission apparatus other than apparatus for radio-broadcasting or television;**  **transmission apparatus incorporating reception apparatus;**  **digital still image video cameras;**  **portable receivers for calling , alerting or paging.** |  | **0** |  |  | 0 |
| **85299090 ex** | **- - - Other** |  | **Unbound** |  |  |  |
| 9031 | Measuring or checking instruments, appliances and machines, not specified or included elsewhere in this Chapter; profile projectors. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 903190 | - Parts and accessories |  |  |  |  |  |
| **90319010** | **- - Parts and accessories of optical instruments and appliances for inspecting semiconductor wafers or devices or for inspecting masks, photomasks or reticles used in manufacturing semiconductor devices** |  | **0** |  |  | 0 |
| **90319020** | **- - Parts and accessories of optical instruments and appliances for measuring surface particulate contamination on semiconductor wafers** |  | **0** |  |  | 0 |
| **90319090** | **- - Other** |  | **Unbound** |  |  |  |

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1. In English only. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)