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Schedule LXXVII - Mexico

The following communication, dated 28 March 1990, has been received from the delegation of Mexico.

I have the honour to refer to document TAR/167, dated 20 January 1988, by which the CONTRACTING PARTIES were notified that, pursuant to the provisions of Article XXVIII:5 of the General Agreement, Mexico reserved its rights to modify Schedule LXXVII - Mexico during the three-year period commencing 1 January 1988.

In this respect, in compliance with the instructions of the Government of Mexico, the CONTRACTING PARTIES are hereby notified that Mexico intends to modify the concessions included in Schedule LXXVII - Mexico which are listed in Annex I of the present document.

In accordance with the established procedure, Annex I contains the list of concessions to be modified, the numbers of the corresponding tariff lines and the contracting parties with which each was originally negotiated. Annex II supplies import statistics for the products in question, by country of origin, for the last three years for which data is available.

Mexico is interested in reaching a satisfactory solution as soon as possible and is therefore fully prepared to enter into consultations with any contracting party which so requests. The consultations will be held with the object of immediately initiating consultations/negotiations under Article XXVIII, without prejudice to any right or obligation of the parties under the General Agreement, in particular with respect to negotiating rights.

Finally, it is understood that this notification marks the commencement of the period of time established for the formulation of declarations of interest (ninety days).

ANNEX I
List of Modifications

H.S. Code	Description of product	Binding		Initial Negotiating Rights (INR) for the concession
		Tariff	Permit	
1	2	3	4	5
	Newsprint			
48.01.A.001	White, containing more than 75% mechanical wood paste, of a weight of more than 45 g. but not more than 60 g./m. ² , of a width of 35 cm. or more, in rolls.	Free	Import permit and global quota ¹	SE ²
48.01.A.002	White, containing more than 75% mechanical wood paste, weighing more than 45 g. but not more than 60 g./m. ² , in sheets.	Free	Import permit and global quota (minimum annual global quota to be specified)	-
48.01.A.003	White, containing more than 40% mechanical wood paste, weighing more than 45 g. but not more than 75 g./m. ² .	Free	Import permit and global quota ¹	FI, SE ³
48.01.A.999	Other (including newsprint not contained in 48.01.A.001 and 48.01.A.003, excluding white newsprint containing more than 75% mechanical wood paste weighing more than 45 g. but not more than 60 g./m. ² , in sheets, and newsprint dyed in the mass, weighing more than 45 g. but not more than 60 g./m. ²).	Free	Import permit and global quota (minimum annual global quota of 7,000 metric tons)	FI

¹The sum total of the minimum annual global quota for the two tariff items indicated is 40,000 metric tons.

²CA: 10%

³CA: 10%

ANNEX II
Mexican Imports

Tariff Item No.: 48.01.A.001 Newsprint, white, containing more than 75% mechanical wood paste, with a weight of more than 45 g. but not more than 60 g./m.², of a width of 35 cm. or more, in rolls.

Country of origin	Volume (1,000 kg.)					Value (US\$ '000)				
	1986	1987	1988	Three-year average	Share	1986	1987	1988	Three-year average	Share
Canada	4,972	-	-	1,657	37.9%	1,610	-	-	537	26.5%
United States	3,326	552	4,220	2,699	61.8%	1,350	331	2,755	1,478	73.1%
Panama	-	20	18	12	0.3%	-	12	12	8	0.4%
TOTAL	8,298	572	4,238	4,368	100%	2,960	343	2,767	2,023	100%

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Tariff Item No.: 48.01.A.002 Newsprint, white, containing more than 75% mechanical wood paste, weighing more than 45 g. but not more than 60 g./m.², in sheets.

Country of origin	Volume (1,000 kg.)					Value (US\$ '000)				
	1986	1987	1988	Three-year average	Share	1986	1987	1988	Three-year average	Share
United States	5	98	7	36	100%	6	93	27	42	100%
TOTAL	5	98	7	36	100%	6	93	27	42	100%

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Tariff Item No.: 48.01.A.003 Newsprint, white, containing more than 40% mechanical wood paste, weighing more than 45 g. but not more than 75 g./m.².

Country of origin	Volume (1,000 kg.)					Value (US\$ '000)				
	1986	1987	1988	Three-year average	Share	1986	1987	1988	Three-year average	Share
Canada	4,962	4,430	4,371	4,587	53.7%	2,422	2,330	2,578	2,443	53.7%
United States	769	1,268	513	850	9.9%	396	654	355	468	10.3%
Finland	6,153	1,184	1,999	3,112	36.4%	3,136	625	1,154	1,638	36.0%
TOTAL	11,884	6,882	6,883	8,549	100%	5,954	3,609	4,087	4,550	100%

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Tariff Item No.: 48.01.A.999 Newsprint. Other (including newsprint not contained in 48.01.A.001 and 48.01.A.003, excluding white newsprint containing more than 75% mechanical wood paste weighing more than 45 g. but not more than 60 g./m.², in sheets, and newsprint dyed in the mass, weighing more than 45 g. but not more than 60 g./m.²).

Country of origin	Volume (1,000 kg.)					Value (US\$ '000)				
	1986	1987	1988	Three-year average	Share	1986	1987	1988	Three-year average	Share
Canada	-	1,801	-	600	14.3%	-	1,202	-	400	3.9%
United States	5,364	4,815	354	3,511	83.4%	25,294	2,666	209	9,390	90.6%
Finland	-	270	-	90	2.1%	-	1,688	-	563	5.4%
Netherlands	20	-	-	7	0.2%	31	-	-	10	0.1%
TOTAL	5,384	6,886	354	4,208	100%	25,325	5,556	209	10,363	100%