

**2002 CHANGES IN THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM**

Submission of Documentation

*Schedule XXIX – Nicaragua*

The following communication, dated 17 September 2004, is being distributed at the request of the delegation of Nicaragua.

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The Permanent Mission of Nicaragua takes this opportunity to formally submit, for notification to Members of the World Trade Organization, a revised version of the documentation<sup>1</sup> required for the transposition of Schedule XXIX – Nicaragua from the Central American Tariff System (SAC) 1996 to SAC 2002.

It should be noted that with the exception of certain agricultural and other products, Schedule XXIX establishes a general tariff ceiling of 40 per cent for all products, so that it should not be necessary to transpose all of the tariff codes that change with the implementation of the new nomenclature. Consequently, the annex to this communication reflects only those exceptions to the tariff ceiling whose codes change with the application of HS2002. The other tariff lines affected by the new nomenclature and which were not included in the annex maintain their current commitment levels in conformity either with the tariff ceiling or with the exceptions appearing in Schedule XXIX, as appropriate.

Nicaragua, taking account of indent (i) of the draft decision to grant a general waiver in accordance with Articles IV.6 and IX.3 of the WTO Agreement, asks to be included in the list of Members which, following the application of HS2002 at the domestic level, require a waiver from Article II of the GATT 1994 so that they can duly incorporate the said changes into their Schedule of Concessions. The Harmonized System 2002 has been applied domestically in Nicaragua since 1 October 2002.

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Copies of the above-mentioned documentation are available in **electronic form** on the WTO Members' site (<http://members.wto.org>, by clicking on WTO Resources, then on Market Access Schedules on Goods (login) and then on Harmonized System (HS02)), and in **paper form** from the Market Access Division (Ms D. Wood, office 3142).

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<sup>1</sup> In Spanish only.