



NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII:4 AND ARTICLE XXIV:6

COMMUNICATION FROM GABON

Addendum

The following communication, dated 15 December 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Gabon.

The Permanent Mission of Gabon to the United Nations Office at Geneva and at Vienna, to the WTO and to other international organizations in Switzerland has the honour to submit the report on the conclusion of the negotiations under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994 for the modification of tariff concessions provided for in Schedule of Concessions XLVII.

On 3 October 2013, Gabon informed the WTO of its intention to enter into negotiations under Article XXVIII:4 of the GATT 1994 with a view to the modification of concessions contained in its Schedule of Concessions XLVII as a result of the application of the CEMAC Common External Tariff (CET) (document G/SECRET/36). At the meeting of the Council for Trade in Goods of 18 October 2013, the Council agreed that Gabon should be allowed to begin this process.

Gabon provided additional information on the modification of its tariff concessions under Article XXVIII of the GATT to a number of Members and entered into negotiations and consultations with Members that expressed an interest in this regard. As a result of the negotiations, Gabon concluded and secured an agreement with Thailand and China. Consultations were held with Argentina, Japan, the United States and the European Union.

Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Guidelines on Procedures for Negotiations under Article XXVIII (documents C/113 and Corr.1 of 10 November 1980), Gabon has the honour to submit herewith the following documents:

- (i) Joint letters on the conclusion of the bilateral negotiations with Thailand and China, which include a report setting out the results of those negotiations on the lines of the model in Annex B referred to in paragraph 5 of the Guidelines; and
- (ii) A final report, drafted along the lines of the model in Annex C referred to in paragraph 6 of the Guidelines, as required upon completion of all the negotiations under Article XXVIII:4.

NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO SCHEDULE XLVII - GABON

The delegations of Gabon and Thailand have concluded their negotiations under Article XXVIII for the modification of concessions provided for in Schedule XLVII as set out in the report attached.

Signed for the delegation of Gabon

Signed for the delegation of Thailand

**RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII FOR THE MODIFICATION
OR WITHDRAWAL OF CONCESSIONS IN THE SCHEDULE OF GABON
NEGOTIATED WITH THAILAND**

CHANGES IN SCHEDULE XLVII - GABON

1 CONCESSIONS TO BE WITHDRAWN

Tariff item number	Description of products	Rates of duty bound in existing schedule
Nil		

2 BOUND RATES TO BE INCREASED*

Tariff item number	Description of products	Rates of duty bound in existing schedule	Rates of duty to be bound

* A list of tariff lines on which bound rates will be increased is contained in Annex 1 to G/SECRET/36. The tariff item number, the product description, existing bindings and new increased bindings for these tariff lines are also provided in that Annex.

3 REDUCTION OF RATES BOUND IN EXISTING SCHEDULES⁺

Tariff item number	Description of products	Rates of duty bound in existing schedule	Rates of duty to be bound
1006.00.00	Rice	60%	40%

⁺ In addition to the item listed in table 3 which was initially negotiated with Thailand, a list of tariff lines on which bound rates will be reduced is contained in Annex 1 to G/SECRET/36. The tariff item number, the product description, existing bindings and new reduced bindings for these tariff lines are also provided in that Annex.

4 NEW CONCESSIONS ON ITEMS NOT IN EXISTING SCHEDULES

Tariff item number	Description of products	Rates of duty bound in existing schedule	Rates of duty to be bound
Nil			

NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO SCHEDULE XLVII - GABON

The delegations of Gabon and China have concluded their negotiations under Article XXVIII for the modification of concessions provided for in Schedule XLVII as set out in the report attached.

Signed for the delegation of Gabon

Signed for the delegation of China

**RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII FOR THE MODIFICATION
OR WITHDRAWAL OF CONCESSIONS IN THE SCHEDULE OF GABON
NEGOTIATED WITH CHINA**

CHANGES IN SCHEDULE XLVII - GABON

1 CONCESSIONS TO BE WITHDRAWN

Tariff item number	Description of products	Rates of duty bound in existing schedule
Nil		

2 BOUND RATES TO BE INCREASED*

Tariff item number	Description of products	Rates of duty bound in existing schedule	Rates of duty to be bound

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3 REDUCTION OF RATES BOUND IN EXISTING SCHEDULES⁺

Tariff item number	Description of products	Rates of duty bound in existing schedule	Rates of duty to be bound
070310	Onions, fresh or chilled	60%	40%
070320	Garlic, fresh or chilled	60%	40%
071080	Garlic, frozen	60%	40%
071231	Mushrooms, dried	60%	40%
071290	Sweet corn, dried	60%	40%
080810	Apple, fresh	60%	40%
081110	Strawberry, frozen	60%	40%
090210	Green tea in immediate packings of a content not exceeding 3 kg	60%	40%
090421	Fruits of the genus <i>Capsicum</i> or of the genus <i>Pimenta</i> , dried	60%	40%
120241	Ground-nuts, in shell	60%	40%
120242	Ground-nuts, shelled	60%	40%
120600	Sunflower seeds	60%	40%
121291	Sugar beet, fresh, chilled, frozen or dried	60%	40%
121293	Sugar cane, fresh, chilled, frozen or dried	60%	40%
170112	Beet sugar	60%	40%
170113	Cane sugar	60%	40%
180631	Filled cocoa blocks or bars	60%	40%
180632	Not filled cocoa blocks or bars	60%	40%

Tariff item number	Description of products	Rates of duty bound in existing schedule	Rates of duty to be bound
190120	Mixes and doughs for the preparation of bakers' wares of heading No. 1905	60%	40%
190590	Other bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and bakers' wares	60%	40%
200210	Tomatoes, whole or in pieces	60%	40%
200290	Other tomatoes prepared or preserved	60%	40%
200310	Mushrooms, in airtight containers	60%	40%
200540	Peas, prepared or preserved	60%	40%
200599	Other vegetables and mixtures of vegetables, prepared or preserved	60%	40%
200870	Peaches, in airtight containers	60%	40%
200971	Apple juice, of a Brix value not exceeding 20	60%	40%
200979	Apple juice, other	60%	40%
210210	Active yeasts	60%	40%
210230	Prepared baking powders	60%	40%
210390	Other sauces and preparations therefor	60%	45%
220290	Non-alcoholic beverages	60%	45%
220300	Beer made from malt	60%	45%

+ In addition to the items listed in table 3 which were initially negotiated with China, a list of tariff lines on which bound rates will be reduced is contained in Annex 1 to G/SECRET/36. The tariff item number, the product description, existing bindings and new reduced bindings for these tariff lines are also provided in that Annex.

4 NEW CONCESSIONS ON ITEMS NOT IN EXISTING SCHEDULES

Tariff item number	Description of products	Rates of duty bound in existing schedule	Rates of duty to be bound
Nil			

NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII

Report by the delegation of Gabon relating to negotiations under Article XXVIII with respect to Schedule XLVII.

1. Negotiations resulted in agreement with:

Thailand

China

2. Agreement was not reached with:

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3. Consultations have been held with:

Argentina

Japan

United States

European Union
