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1996 CHANGES IN THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM

Submission of Documentation

Schedule XXI - India

The following communication, dated 19 December 1995, has been received from the Permanent Mission of India.

I am pleased to inform you that India has recast its tariff schedule in loose-leaf format incorporating HS 1996 changes. A copy of the same in printed form as well as in diskette form has been sent to the Secretariat. The schedule would replace Part I - Section I-A Tariffs and Part I - Section II Other Products. The other parts and sections of the Schedule remain the same as already filed with the WTO Secretariat i.e. Part I - Section I-B Tariff Quotas and Part II, Part III and Part IV. One copy of the Concordance Table between the existing and the proposed schedule and between the proposed and the existing schedule is also enclosed for ease of reference and understanding of the changes in the new schedule.

It may be noted that the exercise of transposing India's commitments from the 1992 Version to the 1996 Version of the HSN is based on the correlation tables of the WCO. The concordance tables are thus only excerpts from the correlation tables for the bound sub-headings.

Our effort has been to maintain the existing bindings and for this purpose we have created expositions wherever necessary. However, where it has not been possible to create an exposition, we have bound the new sub-headings at the lowest level of the bindings and thus we have not increased bindings of any of the existing items.

If no objection is notified to the Secretariat within 90 days from the date of this document, the changes to Schedule XXI - India will be deemed to be approved and will be formally certified.

Copies of the documentation (in English only) are available for collection in the Market Access Division (office No. 3142).