

ARTICLE XXVIII:3 NEGOTIATIONS

Notification by Costa Rica under Article XXVIII:3

Addendum

The following communication, dated 28 June 2006, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Costa Rica.

The European Communities, in document G/SECRET/20 (of 19 January 2004), notified the World Trade Organization and its Members of its intention to modify the tariff concessions in Schedule XCII of the Czech Republic, Schedule CXLIV of the Republic of Estonia, Schedule CVII of the Republic of Cyprus, Schedule CXLIII of the Republic of Latvia, Schedule CL of the Republic of Lithuania, Schedule LXXI of the Republic of Hungary, Schedule CXVII of the Republic of Malta, Schedule LXV of the Republic of Poland, Schedule XCVI of the Republic of Slovenia, Schedule XCIII of the Slovak Republic and Schedule CXL of the European Communities of 15. It also announced that, pending completion of the procedures under Article XXIV and Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994 and the establishment of a new schedule valid for the European Communities of the 25, the commitments in the European Communities' Schedule CXL would be fully respected.

In view of the foregoing, and as a party with a principal supplying interest or a substantial interest in various products of those countries, Costa Rica entered into bilateral negotiations with the European Communities under Articles XXIV and XXVIII of the GATT 1994 in order to obtain compensatory adjustments for the proposed modification of tariff concessions. To date, these negotiations have not resulted in an agreement on compensatory adjustments.

Unless an agreement can be reached regarding compensation, in accordance with the rights and obligations set out in Article XXVIII:3 of the GATT 1994, Costa Rica will withdraw substantially equivalent tariff concessions on products of interest to the European Communities.

Consequently, Costa Rica hereby notifies Members that it is withdrawing the concessions in Schedule LXXXV on the tariff items listed in the attachment to this notification. Unless Costa Rica provides further notice to Members, the withdrawal of these concessions will take effect 30 days after the present notification to WTO Members.

Harmonized System (HS) Code	Product
1509.10.00	Virgin olive oil
1509.90.00	Other olive oils
2005.70.00	Olives
2201.10.00	Mineral waters and aerated waters
2204.10.00	Sparkling wine
2208.30	Whiskies
2208.70.00	Liqueurs and cordials
6908.90.00	Other ceramic flags

Note: The product descriptions supplied above are for the convenience of the reader and are not intended to delimit the scope of the products that would be subject to increased duties.
