

ARTICLE XXVIII:3 NEGOTIATIONS

Notification by Panama under Article XXVIII:3

Addendum

The following communication, dated 30 June 2006, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Panama.

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 commitments made 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, in accordance with the procedures laid down in Articles XXIV.6 and XXVIII of the GATT and its respective Understandings of 1994.

In view of the foregoing, and as a recognized principal supplier, Panama initiated negotiations with the European Communities under Articles XXIV and XXVIII of the GATT 1994 in order to obtain compensatory adjustments for the enlargement of the European Communities and the consequent proposed modification of the previously scheduled tariff concessions. To date, these negotiations have not resulted in an agreement on compensatory adjustments covering the adverse effects resulting from the new bound tariff conditions for the new Member States.

Accordingly and in view of the fact that, to date, the European Communities has not specified the manner in which such compensation would be provided so that a satisfactory compensation agreement can be reached in accordance with the rights and obligations set out in Article XXVIII:3 of the GATT 1994, Panama hereby announces that it will withdraw substantially equivalent tariff concessions on products of interest to the European Communities.

This notification serves as an announcement to Members that Panama will withdraw the concessions in its schedule of commitments, particularly those on the tariff items listed in the annex to this notice.

Unless Panama provides further notice to Members, the withdrawal of these concessions will take effect 30 days after the present notification to WTO Members.

ANNEX

Harmonized System Code (HS)	Product
1509.10.00	VIRGIN OLIVE OIL.
1509.90.00	OTHER, OLIVE OIL AND ITS FRACTIONS, WHETHER OR NOT REFINED, BUT NOT CHEMICALLY MODIFIED.
2001.90.10	OLIVES, WHETHER OR NOT STUFFED, PRESERVED BY VINEGAR OR ACETIC ACID.
2001.90.20	CAPERS.
2005.70.00	OLIVES PREPARED OR PRESERVED OTHERWISE THAN BY VINEGAR OR ACETIC ACID.
2206.00.20	CIDER.
6908.90.29	OTHER. FLAGS AND PAVING, HEARTH OR WALL TILES.
6908.90.99	OTHER. OTHER FLAGS AND PAVING, HEARTH OR WALL TILES.
7308.90.50	FLOORING AND GRATING, WHETHER OR NOT PLASTIC COATED, FOR PIG PENS.
8703.23.99	OTHER.
9404.10.90	OTHER, MATTRESS SUPPORTS.

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.
