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1996 CHANGES IN THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM

Submission of Documentation

Consolidated Loose-Leaf Schedule - Switzerland-Liechtenstein

The following communication, dated 22 December 1995, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland.

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We have the honour to transmit herewith the Consolidated Loose-Leaf Schedule - Switzerland-Liechtenstein. This Schedule replaces all previous schedules for all purposes relating to Switzerland's rights and obligations under the WTO. This Schedule reflects the exact situation of each concession as stipulated in document G/MA/TAR/W/4/Rev.2 as adopted by the Committee on Market Access on 22 November 1995.

The amendments stemming from the second revision of the Harmonized System, which will enter into force for Switzerland on 1 January 1996, have been included in this Schedule in accordance with the decision taken by the WTO General Council on 13 December 1995 (document G/MA/W/4/Rev.1).

We wish to draw your attention to the fact that Switzerland has systematically transposed to the lowest rate, and therefore the transposition has not led to any increase in a concession previously granted under the GATT. Consequently, there is no need to submit concordance tables or trade statistics. Nevertheless, we remain at the disposal of Members for any further information.

At the domestic level, the Loose-Leaf Schedule has still to be approved in accordance with the procedures provided for by national legislation. This also applies to the rectifications and amendments to Schedule LIX contained in document G/MA/TAR/RS/3 of 7 August 1995. We will keep you informed concerning the outcome of this internal procedure.

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

Copies of the documentation (in French only) are available for collection in the Market Access Division (Office No. 3142, Mrs. Hudry).