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RECTIFICATION AND MODIFICATION OF SCHEDULES

Schedule CXL - European Communities

The following communication, dated 4 February 1998, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission.

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I attach herewith a notice concerning rectifications and modifications to our Schedule CXL related to ITA products (5 pages).

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RECTIFICATION AND MODIFICATIONS OF SCHEDULES  
SCHEDULE CXL - EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT (G/MA/TAR/RS16)<sup>1</sup>  
CORRIGENDUM

Following a review of the documents submitted under G/MA/TAR/RS/16 of 2 April to incorporate in Schedule CXL the commitments under the Information Technology Agreement, the attached corrections should be made.

Attachment

The correct 1997 base rates for the following headings are:

	<b>Base rate</b>	<b>Final rate</b>	<b>Implementation</b>
8517.90.11	4.6%	0%	2000
8517.90.19	4.6%	0%	2000
8517.90.82	7.5%	0%	2000
8517.90.88	7.5%	0%	2000
8531.90.30	3.1%	0%	2000
8542.30.99	7.0%	0%	1999
8543.30.20	5.0%	0%	2000

The consequential changes for phasing are:

HS	Base rate	July 1997	1998	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
8517.90.11	4.6	3.4	2.3	1.1	0.0
8517.90.19	4.46	3.4	2.3	1.1	0.0
8517.90.82	7.5	5.6	3.8	1.9	0.0
8517.90.88	7.5	5.6	3.8	1.9	0.0
8531.90.30	3.1	2.3	1.6	0.8	0.0
8542.30.99 (insert)	7.0	3.5	1.8	0.0	0.0
8543.30.20	5.0	3.8	2.5	1.3	0.0

2. The correct staging for the reductions from a base rate of 3.2% to 0% by the year 2000 for the following headings are:

8536.69.10	3.2	2.4	1.6	0.8	0.0
8536.69.30	3.2	2.4	1.6	0.8	0.0

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<sup>1</sup> Certified in document WT/LET/156.

3. The following tariff numbers should be changed to match those which appear in our CN Tariff. There is no change to product descriptions.

<b>Revised</b>	<b>Previous</b>
842489.95	842489.80
846229.98	846229.99
847759.80	847759.90
847989.98	847989.95
847990.97	847990.98
851410.80	851410.90
851420.80	851420.90
851490.20	851490.10
851490.80	851490.90
852990.72	852990.70
852990.88	852990.89
853650.80	853650.90
854330.30	854330.20
854330.80	854330.90
854389.95	854389.90
854390.80	854390.90

Note: these changes should be carried through to the Annex dealing with phasing of reductions.

4. The World Customs Organisation has debated the classification of multimedia personal computers and the general view, which prevailed, was that such products no matter what their principal function are to be classified within 8471. The EC has implemented this classification opinion by transferring the products concerned, together with their accompanying rates of duty, from 8528 and 8543 to 8471.

The consequential changes for the ITA Schedule means that the all references 8471.30.00, 8471.41.90, 8471.49.90, 8471.50, 8528.12.10, 8528.13.10 and 8543.89.17 should be deleted and replaced by the following:

		<b>Base rate</b>	<b>Final rate</b>	<b>Implementation</b>
8471.30	- Portable digital automatic data-processing machines, weighing not more than 10 kg, consisting of at least a central processing unit, a keyboard and a display:	3.5	0.0	2000
8471 30 10	- - Capable of receiving and processing television, telecommunication, audio and video signals	5.0	0.0	2000
	- - Other			
8471 30 91	- - - Capable of receiving and processing television signals but having no other specific subsidiary function	14.0	0.0	2000
8471 30 99	- - - Other	3.5	0.0	2000

		<b>Base rate</b>	<b>Final rate</b>	<b>Implementation</b>
8471 41	Other digital automatic data-processing machines - - Comprising in the same housing at least a central processing unit and an input and output unit, whether or not combined			
8471 41 10	- - - (Unchanged) - - - - Other			
8471 41 30	- - - - Capable of receiving and processing television, telecommunication, audio and video signals - - - - Other	5.0	0.0	2000
8471 41 91	- - - - - Capable of receiving and processing television signals but having no other specific subsidiary function	14.0	0.0	2000
8471 41 99	Other	3.5	0.0	2000
8471 49	- - - Other, presented in the form of systems			
8471 49 10	- - - - (Unchanged)			
8471 49 30	- - - - - Capable of receiving and processing television, telecommunication, audio and video signals	5.0	0.0	2000
8471 49 91	- - - - - Other - - - - - - Capable of receiving and processing television signals but having no other specific subsidiary function	14.0	0.0	2000
8471 41 99	- - - - - Other	3.5	0.0	2000
8471 50	- Digital processing units other than those of subheadings No 8471 41 and 8471 49, whether or not containing in the same housing one or two of the following types of unit: storage units, input units, output units			
8471 50 10	- - (Unchanged)			
8471 50 30	- - - Capable of receiving and processing television, telecommunications, audio and video signals - - Other	5.0	0.0	2000
8471 50 91	- - - - Capable of receiving and processing television signals but having on other specific subsidiary functions	14.0	0.0	2000
8471 50 99	- - - - Other	3.5	0.0	2000

The result of these changes are:

<u>Previous</u>	<u>Now</u>
8528.12.10 8528.13.10	8471.30.91 41.91 49.91 50.91
8543.89.17	8471.30.10 41.30 49.30 50.30
8471.30.00	8471.30.99
8471 41.90	8471.41.99
8471.49.90	8471.49.99
8471.50.90	8471.50.99

The consequential changes for the Annex dealing with phasing require the insertion of the following:

HS	Base rate	July 1997	1998	1999	2000
8471 30 10	5.0	3.8	2.5	1.3	0.0
8471 30 91	14.0	10.5	7.0	3.5	0.0
8471 30 99	3.5	2.6	1.8	0.9	0.0
8471 41 30	5.0	3.8	2.5	1.3	0.0
8471 41 91	14.0	10.5	7.0	3.5	0.0
8471 41 99	3.5	2.6	1.8	0.9	0.0
8471 49 30	5.0	3.8	2.5	1.3	0.0
8471 49 91	14.0	10.5	7.0	3.5	0.0
8471 49 99	3.5	2.6	1.8	0.9	0.0
8471 50 30	5.0	3.8	2.5	1.3	0.0
8471 50 91	14.0	10.5	7.0	3.5	0.0
8471 50 99	3.5	2.6	1.8	0.9	0.0

5. As a result of the above the following changes should be made to the tariff references against product descriptions in Attachment B:

Computers etc. Replace by following reference: 8471.10.90 (unchanged), 8471 30 10, 8471.30.91, 8471.30.99, 8471.41.30, 8471.41.91, 8471.41.99, 8471.49.30, 8471.49.91, 8471.49.99, 8471.50.30, 8471.50.91, 8471.50.99

Network equipment replace 8471.50.90 by 8471.50.99

6. Other changes:

8543.89.79 Delete existing text and replace by the following:

- Apparatus enabling automatic data processing machines and units thereof to process audio signals (sound cards); upgrade kits, for automatic data processing machines and units thereof, put up for retail sale, consisting of, at least, speakers and/or microphone, and an electronic assembly that enables the automatic data processing machine and units thereof to process audio signals (sound cards).

The purpose of this change is to remove any doubt that sound cards, whether considered as finished products or considered as parts (included in 8543.90.20) have been covered.

8548.90.10 Delete existing text and replace by the following:

- Memories in multicombinational forms such as stack D-RAMs and modules

The heading has been enlarged to provide coverage for other multicombinational memories.

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