

1996 CHANGES TO THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM

Schedule CXLI - Panama

Submission of Documents

Revision

The following communication, dated 19 April 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Panama.

As a follow-up to our communication MPP-OMC-02-057 of 21 February 2002 concerning the submission by the Government of Panama to the Committee on Market Access of the supporting documentation¹ for Harmonized System 1996 changes required to request a waiver, I have the pleasure to transmit herewith the documentation in 12 electronic files, thereby completing the correlation of the tariff headings submitted by Panama in its Schedule of Concessions between the 1992 Harmonized System and the 1996 Harmonized System and vice versa. As regards the import tariff headings which do not appear in the Schedule, Panama maintains its commitment to reduce the bound rates from 40 per cent to 30 per cent over five years.

I should be grateful if the Chair would submit this documentation to the Committee on Market Access at its next meeting and reiterate the Government of Panama's request for a waiver with respect to the introduction of Harmonized System 1996 changes to its Schedule of Concessions.

If no objection is notified to the Secretariat within 90 days of the date of this document, the modifications to Schedule CXLI - Panama will be deemed to be approved and will be formally certified.

Copies of the above-mentioned documentation are available in electronic form (Excel) or hard copy in the Market Access Division (Ms. D. Wood, Office 3142).

¹ In Spanish only.