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RECTIFICATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE LX - REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Revision

The following communication, dated 2 March 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Republic of Korea.

Draft technical rectifications to Schedule LX were circulated on 16 August 2021 in document G/MA/TAR/RS/658. Following technical discussion with one Member, and having conducted further internal review of the Schedule, the Republic of Korea hereby notifies revised draft technical rectifications to Schedule LX as set out in the annexes.¹

The Republic of Korea has prepared this revision which mainly aims at:

- (i) Correcting an error on the bound rate of duty for tariff lines of 8529909630, 8529909640 and 8529909650 to properly reflect the commitments under the Ministerial Declaration on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Agreement (ITA Expansion and modifying product description for these lines for clarification;
- (ii) Modifying product description for tariff lines 8531801000, 8531809000, 8536909090, 9013901000, 9013909000 and 9030339000 for clarification; and
- (iii) Reflecting the correct classification of "Microwave amplifiers" at the 10-digit in the Korean classification system level in the Schedule and maintaining its duty-free concession.

The proposed deletion of tariff line 8486409000, which was included in the draft technical rectifications in G/MA/TAR/RS/658, is hereby withdrawn. The deletion of this tariff line had been considered on the ground that the tariff line is virtually empty and had been erroneously introduced in Schedule LX during the HS2007 transposition. However, considering that Schedule LX is based on the Korean classification system of 2007 in which tariff line 8486409000 existed, this revised draft rectification maintains the tariff line in the Schedule.

Detailed explanatory notes and tables with the revised draft rectifications are contained in the annexes, which replace the annexes in document G/MA/TAR/RS/658. These proposed rectifications are of a purely technical nature and do not alter the scope of the concessions undertaken by the Republic of Korea under the ITA Expansion.

If no objection is notified to the Secretariat within three months from the date of this document, the rectifications and modifications to Schedule LX – Republic of Korea will be deemed to be approved and will be formally certified.

¹ In English only.

ANNEX 1 – EXPLANATORY NOTE

While preparing its Harmonized System 2012 (HS2012) transposition file, the Republic of Korea has identified some errors and inconsistencies in its Schedule that resulted from the introduction of tariff concessions undertaken pursuant to the ITA Expansion, which were certified in document WT/Let/1195. Korea, therefore, proposes to rectify the relevant discrepancies as follows:

(i) Correcting the bound duty for tariff lines 5911900000 and 6307909000, which are partially covered under the ITA Expansion

Korea's concession for tariff lines 5911900000 and 6307909000 was not correctly reflected in its ITA Expansion Schedule, which was certified in WT/Let/1195. The duty-free concession was erroneously assigned to the entire subheadings 5911.90 and 6307.90, which are partially covered under the ITA Expansion. The products that are not covered by the ITA Expansion should maintain their final bound rate of duty. Therefore, the following correction is required to reflect the original commitments regarding the products not covered by the ITA Expansion.

WT/Let/1195		
Existing HS07 code	Existing Product Description	Existing Final Bound Rate
5911900000	Other	0.0
5911900000 ex	Self-adhesive circular polishing pads of a kind used for the manufacture of semiconductor wafers	0.0
6307909000	Other	0.0
6307909000 ex	Self-adhesive circular polishing pads of a kind used for the manufacture of semiconductor wafers	0.0

Proposed Rectification		
Proposed HS07 code	Proposed Product Description	Proposed Final Bound Rate
5911900000	Other	13.0
5911900000 ex	Self-adhesive circular polishing pads of a kind used for the manufacture of semiconductor wafers	0.0
6307909000	Other	30.0
6307909000 ex	Self-adhesive circular polishing pads of a kind used for the manufacture of semiconductor wafers	0.0

(ii) **Correcting product description for tariff lines 8529909630, 8529909640 and 8529909650, which are partially covered under the ITA Expansion**

Under HS07 subheading 8529.90, only items other than OLED are required to be duty-free pursuant to the ITA-Expansion while OLED products can retain their final bound rates. The bound rates in the products covered by the ITA Expansion and those not covered by this agreement were erroneously inverted in Korea's existing ITA Expansion Schedule which was certified in WT/Let/1195. Therefore, the following correction for tariff lines 8529909630, 8529909640 and 8529909650 is required to reflect its original commitments:

WT/Let/1195		
Existing HS07 code	Existing Product Description	Existing Final Bound Rate
8529909630	Screen for video projector	0.0
8529909630 ex	--Other, excluding organic light emitting diode modules and organic light emitting diode panels for the apparatus of subheadings 8528.72 or 8528.73	13.0
8529909640	Other parts for colour	0.0
8529909640 ex	--Other, excluding organic light emitting diode modules and organic light emitting diode panels for the apparatus of subheadings 8528.72 or 8528.73	13.0
8529909640 ex	-- MCOs	0.0
8529909650	Other parts for black and white or monochrome	0.0
8529909650 ex	--Other, excluding organic light emitting diode modules and organic light emitting diode panels for the apparatus of subheadings 8528.72 or 8528.73	13.0

Proposed Rectification		
Proposed HS07 code	Proposed Product Description	Proposed Final Bound Rate
8529909630	Screen for video projector	0.0
8529909630 ex	-- Other, excluding Organic light emitting diode modules and organic light emitting diode panels for the apparatus of subheadings 8528.72 or 8528.73	13.0
8529909640	Other parts for colour	0.0
8529909640 ex	-- Other, excluding Organic light emitting diode modules and organic light emitting diode panels for the apparatus of subheadings 8528.72 or 8528.73	13.0
8529909640 ex	-- MCOs	0.0
8529909650	Other parts for black and white or monochrome	0.0
8529909650 ex	-- Other, excluding Organic light emitting diode modules and organic light emitting diode panels for the apparatus of subheadings 8528.72 or 8528.73	13.0

(iii) **Clarifying the product description for tariff lines 8531801000, 8531809000, 8536909090, 9013901000, 9013909000 and 9030339000, which are partially covered under the ITA Expansion**

With regard to tariff lines 8531801000, 8531809000, 8536909090, 9013901000, 9013909000 and 9030339000, which are partially covered by the ITA Expansion, there is a concern that the existing product descriptions for these tariff lines may generate confusion in understanding the scope of the concessions in Korea's Schedule. The following rectification aims to clarify the coverage by the ITA expansion. The proposed change does not affect the scope of the duty-free concessions required by the ITA Expansion.

WT/Let/1195		
Existing HS07 code	Existing Product Description	Existing Final Bound Rate
8531801000	Indicator panels incorporating organic light emitting diodes (OLED)	13.0
8531801000 ex	Other apparatus excluding doorbells, chimes, buzzers and similar	0.0
8531809000	Other	13.0
8531809000 ex	Other apparatus excluding doorbells, chimes, buzzers and similar	0.0
8536909090	Other	13.0
8536909090 ex	Other apparatus, excluding battery clamp of a kind used for motor vehicles of heading 8702, 8703, 8704 or 8711	0.0
9013901000	Of subheading 9013.80.1020	0.0
9013901000 ex	Parts and accessories, other than for telescopic sights for fitting to arms or for periscopes	0.0
9013909000	Other	13.0

Proposed Rectification		
Proposed HS07 code	Proposed Product Description	Proposed Final Bound Rate
8531801000	Indicator panels incorporating organic light emitting diodes (OLED)	0.0
8531801000 ex	Other apparatus excluding Doorbells, chimes, buzzers and similar	13.0
8531809000	Other	0.0
8531809000 ex	Other apparatus excluding Doorbells, chimes, buzzers and similar	13.0
8536909090	Other	0.0
8536909090 ex	Other apparatus, excluding Battery clamp of a kind used for motor vehicles of heading 8702, 8703, 8704 or 8711	13.0
9013901000	Of subheading 9013.80.1020	0.0
9013901000 ex	Parts and accessories, other than For telescopic sights for fitting to arms or for periscopes	0.0
9013909000	Other	0.0

WT/Let/1195		
Existing HS07 code	Existing Product Description	Existing Final Bound Rate
9013909000 ex	Parts and accessories, other than for telescopic sights for fitting to arms or for periscopes	0.0
9030339000	Other	13.0
9030339000 ex	Other, without a recording device, excluding resistance measuring instruments	0.0

Proposed Rectification		
Proposed HS07 code	Proposed Product Description	Proposed Final Bound Rate
9013909000 ex	Parts and accessories, other than For telescopic sights for fitting to arms or for periscopes	13.0
9030339000	Other	0.0
9030339000 ex	Other, without a recording device, excluding Resistance measuring instruments	13.0

(iv) Correcting the classification for tariff lines 8543709010 and 8543709090.

"Microwave amplifiers" should be moved from tariff line 8543709090 to 8543709010 to rectify a classification error at 10-digit national tariff classification level. This change does not affect the duty-free concession pursuant to the commitments by the ITA Expansion. In addition, tariff line "8543709090" for "Others" is inserted to clarify the final bound rate for the products not covered by the ITA Expansion, which partially covers items under tariff line 8543709090.

WT/Let/1195		
Existing HS07 code	Existing Product Description	Existing Final Bound Rate
8543709010	High frequency amplifiers	13.0
8543709010 ex	MCOs	0.0
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8543709090 ex	Portable interactive electronic education devices primarily designed for children	0.0
8543709090 ex	Articles specifically designed for connection to telegraphic or telephonic apparatus or instruments or to telegraphic or telephonic networks	0.0
8543709090 ex	Microwave amplifiers	0.0
8543709090 ex	Cordless infrared remote control devices for video game consoles	0.0
8543709090 ex	Digital flight-data recorders	0.0
8543709090 ex	Portable battery operated electronic reader for recording and reproducing text, still image or audio file	0.0
8543709090 ex	Digital signal processing apparatus capable of connecting to a wired or wireless network for the mixing of sound	0.0
8543709090 ex	MCOs	0.0

Proposed Rectification		
Proposed HS07 code	Proposed Product Description	Proposed Final Bound Rate
8543709010	High frequency amplifiers	13.0
8543709010 ex	MCOs	0.0
8543709010 ex	Microwave amplifiers	0.0
8543709090	Other	13.0
8543709090 ex	Portable interactive electronic education devices primarily designed for children	0.0
8543709090 ex	Articles specifically designed for connection to telegraphic or telephonic apparatus or instruments or to telegraphic or telephonic networks	0.0
8543709090 ex	Microwave amplifiers	0.0
8543709090 ex	Cordless infrared remote control devices for video game consoles	0.0
8543709090 ex	Digital flight-data recorders	0.0
8543709090 ex	Portable battery operated electronic reader for recording and reproducing text, still image or audio file	0.0
8543709090 ex	Digital signal processing apparatus capable of connecting to a wired or wireless network for the mixing of sound	0.0
8543709090 ex	MCOs	0.0

***Bold represents the proposed change**

ANNEX 2

Schedule LX - REPUBLIC OF KOREA
This Schedule is authentic only in the English language

PART I - MOST-FAVOURLED NATION TARIFF
SECTION II – Other Products

Tariff item (HS2007)	Description of Products	Base rate of duty	Final bound rate of duty	Implementation period from/to	Initial Negotiating Right	Other duties and charges	ITA Expansion	
							Attach. A	Attach. B
5911	Textile products and articles, for technical uses, specified in Note 7 of this Chapter.							
5911900000	- Other	13.0	13.0			0.0		
5911900000 ex	-- Self-adhesive circular polishing pads of a kind used for the manufacture of semiconductor wafers	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0		197
6307	Other made up articles, including dress patterns.							
630790	- Other							
6307909000	-- Other	30.0	30.0			0.0		
6307909000 ex	--- Self-adhesive circular polishing pads of a kind used for the manufacture of semiconductor wafers	30.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0		197
8529	Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the apparatus of headings 85.25 to 85.28.							
852990	- Other							
8529909	-- Other							
85299096	--- Of television receivers							
8529909630	---- Screen for video projector	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0	095	
8529909630 ex	----- Organic light emitting diode modules and organic light emitting diode panels for the apparatus of subheadings 8528.72 or 8528.73	13.0	13.0			0.0		
8529909640	---- Other parts for colour	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0	095	
8529909640 ex	----- Organic light emitting diode modules and organic light emitting diode panels for the apparatus of subheadings 8528.72 or 8528.73	13.0	13.0			0.0		
8529909640 ex	----- MCOs	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0		192
8529909650	---- Other parts for black and white or monochrome	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0	095	
8529909650 ex	----- Organic light emitting diode modules and organic light emitting diode panels for the apparatus of subheadings 8528.72 or 8528.73	13.0	13.0			0.0		

Tariff item (HS2007)	Description of Products	Base rate of duty	Final bound rate of duty	Implementation period from/to	Initial Negotiating Right	Other duties and charges	ITA Expansion	
							Attach. A	Attach. B
8531	Electric sound or visual signalling apparatus (for example, bells, sirens, indicator panels, burglar or fire alarms), other than those of heading 85.12 or 85.30.							
853180	- Other apparatus							
8531801000	-- Indicator panels incorporating organic light emitting diodes (OLED)	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0	096	
8531801000 ex	--- Doorbells, chimes, buzzers and similar	13.0	13.0			0.0		
8531809000	-- Other	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0	096	
8531809000 ex	--- Doorbells, chimes, buzzers and similar	13.0	13.0			0.0		
8536	Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits, or for making connections to or in electrical circuits (for example, switches, relays, fuses, surge suppressors, plugs, sockets, lamp-holders and other connectors, junction boxes), for a voltage not exceeding 1,000 volts; connectors for optical fibres, optical fibre bundles or cables.							
853690	- Other apparatus							
85369090	-- Other							
8536909090	--- Other	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0	100	
8536909090 ex	---- Battery clamp of a kind used for motor vehicles of heading 8702, 8703, 8704 or 8711	13.0	13.0			0.0		
8543	Electrical machines and apparatus, having individual functions, not specified or included elsewhere in this Chapter.							
854370	- Other machines and apparatus							
85437090	-- Other							
8543709010	--- High frequency amplifiers	13.0	13.0					
8543709010 ex	---- MCOs	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0		192
8543709010 ex	---- Microwave amplifiers	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0	111	
8543709090	--- Other	13.0	13.0					
8543709090 ex	---- Portable interactive electronic education devices primarily designed for children	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0		201
8543709090 ex	---- Articles specifically designed for connection to telegraphic or telephonic apparatus or instruments or to telegraphic or telephonic networks	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0	110	

Tariff item (HS2007)	Description of Products	Base rate of duty	Final bound rate of duty	Implementation period from/to	Initial Negotiating Right	Other duties and charges	ITA Expansion	
							Attach. A	Attach. B
8543709090 ex	---- Cordless infrared remote control devices for video game consoles	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0	112	
8543709090 ex	---- Digital flight-data recorders	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0	113	
8543709090 ex	---- Portable battery operated electronic reader for recording and reproducing text, still image or audio file	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0	114	
8543709090 ex	---- Digital signal processing apparatus capable of connecting to a wired or wireless network for the mixing of sound	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0	115	
8543709090 ex	---- MCOs	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0		192
9013	Liquid crystal devices not constituting articles provided for more specifically in other headings; lasers, other than laser diodes; other optical appliances and instruments, not specified or included elsewhere in this Chapter.							
901390	- Parts and accessories							
9013901000	-- Of subheading 9013.80.1020	0.0	0.0	2016/2016		0.0	136	
9013901000 ex	--- For telescopic sights for fitting to arms or for periscopes	0.0	0.0			0.0		
9013909000	-- Other	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0	136	
9013909000 ex	--- For telescopic sights for fitting to arms or for periscopes	13.0	13.0			0.0		
9030	Oscilloscopes, spectrum analysers and other instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking electrical quantities, excluding meters of heading 90.28; instruments and apparatus for measuring or detecting alpha, beta, gamma, X-ray, cosmic or other ionising radiations.							
90303	- Other instruments and apparatus, for measuring or checking voltage, current, resistance or power:							
903033	-- Other, without a recording device							
9030339000	--- Other	13.0	0.0	2016/2019		0.0	178	
9030339000 ex	---- Resistance measuring instruments	13.0	13.0			0.0		