

ZAMBIA - RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE LXXVIII

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 24 April 1998¹

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES to GATT 1947, by their Decision of 26 November 1993², suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of GATT 1947 to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Zambia to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 January 1988 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Taking into account that by successive Decisions, the time-limit of the waiver has been extended until 30 April 1998³;

Considering that by a Decision of 31 January 1995⁴ the General Council established a list of waivers existing at the time of entry into force of the WTO Agreement, which included the waiver granted to Zambia for the renegotiation of its Schedule LXXVIII;

Taking into account that the relevant documentation necessary for renegotiations under Article XXVIII was circulated in document G/SECRET/HS/8 on 12 March 1996;

Considering that the Government of Zambia has initiated negotiations with three trading partners and has concluded negotiations with one of them;

Considering that the Government of Zambia, having fulfilled the requirements of paragraph 1 of the Understanding in Respect of Waivers of Obligations under the GATT 1994, has requested a further extension of the exemption of its obligations under Article II of GATT 1994⁵;

The General Council, acting pursuant to the provisions of Article IX of the WTO Agreement,

Decides, in view of the exceptional circumstances outlined above, to extend the waiver granted to Zambia by the Decision of 26 November 1993, until 31 October 1998.

¹Adopted in accordance with the Decision-Making Procedures under Articles IX and XII of the WTO Agreement agreed by the General Council (WT/L/93).

²BISD, 40S/102.

³WT/L/242.

⁴WT/L/3 + Corr. 1.

⁵G/L/228.