

**INTRODUCTION OF HARMONIZED SYSTEM 1996 CHANGES  
INTO WTO SCHEDULES OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS**

Norway – Schedule XIV

*Decision of 13 May 2002<sup>1</sup>*

The General Council,

*Considering* that the Members of the WTO, by their Decisions of 13 December 1995, 18 July 1996, 24 April 1997, 22 October 1997, 24 April 1998, 14 October 1998, 15 June 1999, 4 November 1999, 3 May 2000, 8 December 2000 and 8 May 2001<sup>2</sup>, acting pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article IX of the WTO Agreement, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of GATT 1994 until 30 April 2002, for the purpose of enabling Norway, as one of the Members listed in the Annex to the Decisions mentioned above, to implement the recommended amendments to the Harmonized System nomenclature;

*Recalling* that in its Decision of 8 May 2001, it was agreed that although no further extension of a waiver on a collective basis would be granted, it would however not preclude Members from requesting waivers on an individual basis;

*Noting* that Norway has requested a waiver for reasons explained in its request<sup>3</sup>;

*Considering* that Norway would need more time to proceed with consultations, in particular also in light of specific concerns raised by another Member;

*Acting* pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article IX of the WTO Agreement,

*Decides*, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to suspend the application of the provisions of Article II of GATT 1994, until 31 October 2002, for the purpose of enabling Norway to implement the recommended amendments to the Harmonized System nomenclature, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Norway shall, if necessary, promptly enter into negotiations and consultations with interested Members pursuant to paragraphs 1 – 3 of Article XXVIII of GATT 1994;
- (ii) the negotiations and consultations mentioned above shall be completed no later than 31 October 2002;

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted in accordance with the Decision-Making Procedures under Articles IX and XII of the WTO Agreement agreed by the General Council in November 1995 (WT/L/93).

<sup>2</sup> WT/L/124 + Corr.1, WT/L/173, WT/L/216, WT/L/243, WT/L/268, WT/L/281, WT/L303, WT/L/338, WT/L/351, WT/L/379 and WT/L/400.

<sup>3</sup> G/L/519.

- (iii) pending the entry into force of the results of the negotiations or consultations mentioned above, the other Members will be free to suspend concessions initially negotiated with Norway to the extent that they consider that adequate compensation is not offered by Norway;
  - (iv) This would not preclude Norway from requesting a new waiver.
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