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Basic Data for GATT Article XXIV:5 AND XXIV:6 Discussion and Negotiation

The following communication, dated 27 January 1995, together with trade data, has been received from the European Commission.¹

Concordance Tables

The previous Schedule XXXII of Austria, Schedule XXIV of Finland and Schedule XXX of Sweden attached to the Marrakesh Protocol contain in each case a consolidated list of bound duties of the countries concerned prior to their accession to the EU.

The consolidated list of the bound duties of the former EU (12) comprises previous Schedule LXXX attached to the Marrakesh Protocol with the addition of the tariff quotas (separately listed in the documentation provided) which had already been bound at lower rates.

The concordance tables show the tariff lines in the previous schedules of the three new Member States along with that of the EU (12). The tables compare duty rates of the acceding countries and the EU (12) and also show in each case the amount of trade allocated to the tariff line in the previous EU (12) Schedule.

Trade Data

Data relating to the value and quantity of total trade with other GATT contracting parties for each tariff line in the schedules mentioned above for the period 1991, 1992 and 1993 (average) together with a breakdown by country of origin is available on diskette. Duty rates are also indicated, and where specific duties are involved, an ad valorem equivalent (AVE) has been provided based on total trade with other GATT contracting parties.

Using the trade allocations, the general imports of the three new Member States have been recasted according to the tariff lines in the previous EU (12) Schedule to produce a listing showing total imports from GATT members by the three new Member States and the former EU (12) with a total for the EU (15).

¹Interested delegations may collect copies of the documentation involved from office no. 3006. Import statistics of the three acceding countries and of the EU (12) for the period 1991-93, together with the concordance tables are available on diskettes.