

**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXVII**

**Extension of Time-Limit**

**Decision of 31 August 1995<sup>1</sup>**

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES to GATT 1947, by their Decision of 20 August 1993<sup>2</sup>, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of GATT 1947 to the extent necessary to enable the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to renegotiate its Schedule and to transpose it into the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System);

Considering that the footnote to Annex IA, Section on GATT 1994, sub-paragraph 1(b)(iii) of the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization requires the Ministerial Conference to establish at its first session a revised list of waivers granted under Article XXV of GATT 1947 and still in force on the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement;

Considering that by a Decision of 31 January 1995<sup>3</sup> the General Council established a list of waivers existing at the entry into force of the WTO Agreement, which included the waiver granted to Trinidad and Tobago for the establishment of a new Schedule LXVII;

Considering that paragraph 2 of the Understanding in Respect of Waivers of Obligations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 provides that any waiver in effect on the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement shall terminate unless extended in accordance with the procedures set out in paragraph 1 of the aforementioned Understanding and those of Article IX of the WTO Agreement on the date of its expiry or two years from the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement, whichever is earlier;

Noting that the relevant documents have not yet been circulated to other Members due to technical reasons, but that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has given the assurance that it will submit the documentation before 15 August 1995, and will attempt to conclude the process as soon as possible thereafter;

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<sup>1</sup>The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 85 votes in favour and none against.

<sup>2</sup>L/7290.

<sup>3</sup>WT/L/3 and Corr.1.

Taking into account that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, having fulfilled the requirements of paragraph 1 of the Understanding in Respect of Waivers of Obligations under the GATT 1994, has requested an extension of its waiver until 31 December 1995<sup>4</sup>;

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 Trinidad and Tobago by the Decision of 20 August 1993, until 31 December 1995.

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<sup>4</sup>G/L/13.