

SECOND GENEVA (1987) PROTOCOL TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the European Economic Community (hereinafter referred to as "participants"),

HAVING carried out negotiations with a view to introducing the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (hereinafter referred to as "the Harmonized System"), pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the General Agreement") and the special procedures relating to the transposition of the current GATT concessions into the Harmonized System, adopted by the GATT Council on 12 July 1983.

HAVE, through their representatives, agreed as follows:

1. The schedule of tariff concessions annexed to this Protocol relating to a participant shall become a Schedule to the General Agreement on 1 January 1988 and shall replace on that date the schedules of the participant which were annexed to the General Agreement before that date.
2. (a) For the purpose of the reference in paragraph 1(b) and (c) of Article II of the General Agreement to the date of that Agreement, the applicable date in respect of each product which is the subject of a concession provided for in a schedule of tariff concessions annexed to this Protocol shall be the date of annexation of the schedule to the Protocol, but without prejudice to any obligations in effect on that date.
(b) For the purpose of the reference in paragraph 6(a) of Article II of the General Agreement to the date of that Agreement, the applicable date in respect of a schedule of tariff concessions annexed to this Protocol shall be the date of annexation of the schedule to the Protocol.
3. (a) Participants may annex their schedules of tariff concessions to this Protocol until 20 November 1987.
(b) This Protocol shall be open for acceptance by participants, by signature or otherwise, until 31 December 1987.
(c) This Protocol shall enter into force on 1 January 1988.
4. This Protocol shall be deposited with the Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES who shall promptly furnish a certified copy thereof and a notification of each acceptance thereof pursuant to paragraph 3 to each