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Basic Data for Article XXIV:5 and Article XXIV:6 Discussions and Negotiations¹

The following communication, dated 8 July 1996, has been received from the European Commission.

Basic Data

1. The attached data files contain for each item in the Turkish Tariff as of 31 December 1995, the bound rates of duty contained in Turkish Schedule XXXVII as well as the applied duty rates and other charges in force on that date. The rates applied by Turkey on 1 January 1996 following the Customs Union with European Community are also indicated.

Where specific duties are involved, an ad Valorem equivalent (AVE) has been provided based on total trade with other WTO members.

2. A similar list based on the schedule of the European Community incorporating the results of the Article XXIV:6 negotiations following the Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden has already been communicated to the WTO Secretariat.²

3. Where differences in the applied rates in force for 1996 are indicated, this means that the Customs Union for the products in question have yet to be achieved.

4. The attached concordance tables express the tariff lines in the Turkish Tariff as of 31 December 1995 in terms of those in the EU (15) Schedule mentioned above. The tables compare the situation on duty rates and other charges in force on 31 December 1995 and also show the final rates which will be reached following full implementation of the UR reduction. Where there are differences in product coverage, the tables also show the amount (%) of trade allocated to the tariff line in question.

Trade Data

5. Data (value and quantity) on Turkey and EU trade with other WTO members relating to each tariff line in the schedules mentioned above for the period 1992-1993 and 1994 (average) together with a breakdown by country of origin is contained in the enclosed diskettes.

¹Interested delegations may collect copies of the documentation involved from office no.3006. Trade data has only been submitted on diskettes.

²See document G/L/65/Rev.1 (English only).