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**Committee on Market Access****FACTUAL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF RENEGOTIATIONS  
UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII OF THE GATT 1994**REPORT BY THE SECRETARIAT<sup>1</sup>*Revision***1 INTRODUCTION**

1.1. WTO Members are allowed to modify or withdraw concessions from their schedules through negotiation and agreement with other Members. Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994, entitled "Modification of Schedules", is the main provision dealing with the renegotiation of a tariff concession, which may be initiated under Article XXVIII itself or as a result of Article XXIV:6 procedures.<sup>2</sup> As of the date of this report, Members have initiated or concluded 57 renegotiations since the WTO Agreement entered into force, some of which have been ongoing for a number of years.

1.2. The procedural steps and requirements for undertaking Article XXVIII renegotiations are contained, *inter alia*, in the Interpretative Notes to Article XXVIII, the Guidelines on "Procedures for Negotiations under Article XXVIII"<sup>3</sup>, and the "Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994". Once Article XXVIII procedures are concluded, and in order to introduce the changes to the authentic text of the Schedule, the renegotiating Member must submit, within three months after the action has been completed, a draft with the results of the renegotiation under the 1980 Procedures for Modification and Rectification of Schedules (1980 Procedures).<sup>4</sup>

1.3. At the informal session of the Committee on Market Access that took place on 17 March 2016, the Chairperson drew Members' attention to the status of such renegotiations. She noted that, although some information was being provided by the WTO Secretariat in the annual report entitled "Current Situation of Schedules"<sup>5</sup>, no information was provided on other relevant aspects. This made it difficult for Members to have a comprehensive overview of the status of these renegotiations and may have contributed to the lack of completion of some of these procedures.

1.4. With a view to enhancing transparency and Members' ability to monitor the status of Article XXVIII renegotiations, it was agreed at the informal session of 17 March 2016 that the Secretariat would produce a draft report compiling the relevant information.<sup>6</sup> Members were invited to provide inputs and comments. At its formal meeting of 19 April 2016, the Committee took note of comments made on the draft and agreed that additional comments should be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 3 May 2016. This revised version takes account of all comments received, as well as of subsequent developments up to 11 March 2024.

<sup>1</sup> This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of Members or to their rights and obligations under the WTO.

<sup>2</sup> Article XXIV:6 of the GATT 1994 provides that in case a Member forming a customs union proposes to increase a rate of duty inconsistently with the provisions of Article II (e.g. to align the bound duty with the common external tariff of that customs union), "the procedure set forth in Article XXVIII shall apply".

<sup>3</sup> Guidelines adopted on 10 November 1980 (GATT BISD 27S/26).

<sup>4</sup> Paragraph 1 of the Decision of 26 March 1980 (BISD 27S/25).

<sup>5</sup> G/MA/W/23/Rev series.

<sup>6</sup> The draft report was circulated in document [JOB/MA/122](#).

## 2 CURRENT STATUS OF RENEGOTIATIONS

2.1. The Annex seeks to provide a comprehensive overview of the status of renegotiations under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994. It consists of a table with the following columns:

- Column 1:** Indicates the item number in the table.
- Column 2:** Lists the WTO Members which have requested to initiate procedures under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994 since the WTO Agreement entered into force on 1 January 1995, as well as procedures that were initiated prior to that date, under the GATT 1947, and concluded under the WTO.<sup>7</sup> The table is sorted in alphabetical order, in accordance with document [WT/INF/43/Rev.22](#).
- Column 3:** Lists the specific paragraph of Article XXVIII that was invoked by the Member initiating the procedures (i.e. paragraphs 1 or 5) or requesting authorization to initiate (paragraph. 4), as well as those cases where Article XXIV:6 or other procedures have been invoked by the Member concerned.
- Column 4:** Provides an indication of the types of products covered by the request, as well as the approximate number of national tariff lines. As the calculation is based on the information provided in the notifications, which is typically at the national tariff line level, the data is not standardized. This means that the figures are not comparable across notifications.
- Column 5:** Indicates the number of Members that have submitted a claim of interest in the concessions subject to renegotiation and is based on the Secretariat's records. Paragraph 4 of the Guidelines on "Procedures for Negotiations under Article XXVIII" provides that Members considering themselves to have "principal" or a "substantial supplying" interest in a concession that is the subject of negotiation and consultation should communicate their claim in writing to the initiating Member and, at the same time, inform the Secretariat. Although Members holding "initial negotiating rights" are not required to submit a claim, in practice, they have occasionally done so. The column reflects the total number of communications in the Secretariat's record.
- Column 6:** Provides information on the conclusion of bilateral negotiations and consultations under Article XXVIII, including the submission of joint letters and final reports to the Secretariat. The "Procedures for Negotiations under Article XXVIII" provide that the Member following the procedures should submit to the Secretariat: (i) a report and a joint letter upon completion of each bilateral negotiation and (ii) a final report upon completion of all its bilateral negotiations.
- Column 7:** Provides information on the draft changes that have been submitted pursuant to the 1980 Procedures. Paragraph 1 provides *inter alia* that changes in the authentic texts of Schedules resulting from action under Article XXVIII shall be certified by means of Certifications. To initiate this final step of the procedures, a draft of such changes shall be communicated to the Director-General within three months after the action has been completed. The column provides information on the draft modifications submitted pursuant to these procedures<sup>8</sup>, as well as the relevant certification by the Director-General<sup>9</sup>, if any.
- Column 8:** Indicates the latest status known to the WTO Secretariat.

<sup>7</sup> A number of renegotiations were initiated under the GATT 1947 which have an unclear status. See report by the Secretariat entitled "Situation of Schedules of WTO Members" for more information ([G/MA/W/23/Rev.](#) document series).

<sup>8</sup> These documents are circulated under the [G/MA/TAR/RS](#) document series.

<sup>9</sup> These documents are circulated under the [WT/Let/](#) document series.

## ANNEX

No.	Member initiating renegotiation procedures	Provision(s) invoked, document symbol, and year	Products (No. of national tariff lines)	No. of claims of interest on record	Submission of joint letters and final reports	Modification of the Schedule (1980 Procedures)	Current status
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Armenia	<b>Arts. XXIV:6 and XXVIII</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/37</a> (2014)	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (7036 TLs)	7			Ongoing
2.	Bangladesh	<b>HS introduction</b> GATT doc. SECRET/HS/29 (1990)	n.a.	5	Joint letters and final report in <a href="#">G/SECRET/HS/12</a>	Results were part of a full new schedule in HS96 that was circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/452</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/1249</a>	Concluded and certified
3.	Benin	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/46</a> (2023)	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (851 TLs)				Ongoing
4.	Brazil	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/7</a> (1996) and <a href="#">G/SECRET/7/Add.1</a>	Wheat (1 TL)	3			The request was withdrawn in <a href="#">G/SECRET/7/Add.2</a>
5.	Bulgaria	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/13</a> (2001)	Active bakers' yeast (2 TLs)	1			Schedule was withdrawn in the context of GATT Article XXIV:6 procedures for the enlargement to EU-27. See item 23.
6.	Burkina Faso	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/47</a> (2023)	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (763 TLs)				Ongoing
7.	Cabo Verde	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/48</a> (2023)	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (507 TLs)				Ongoing

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8.	Canada	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/10</a> (1998) and <a href="#">G/SECRET/10/Add.1</a>	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (418 TLs)	4	Final report in <a href="#">G/SECRET/10/Add.2</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/97</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/487</a>	Concluded and certified
9.	Canada	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/29</a> (2007) and <a href="#">G/SECRET/29/Corr.1</a>	Milk protein substances (1 TL)	5	Joint letters and final reports in <a href="#">G/SECRET/29/Add.1</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/277</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/819</a>	Concluded and certified
10.	Chile	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/12</a> (2000)	Sugar (4 TLs)	6	Joint letters and final reports in <a href="#">G/SECRET/12/Add.1</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/82</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/415</a>	Concluded and certified
11.	Côte D'Ivoire	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/49</a> (2023)	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (1130 TLs)				Ongoing
12.	Croatia	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/24</a> (2006)	Bovine meat (15 TLs)	2			Schedule was withdrawn in the context of GATT Article XXIV:6 procedures for the enlargement to EU-28. See item 24.
13.	Dominican Republic	<b>Requested a waiver</b> for the renegotiation and transposition of its pre-UR Schedule into the HS. See <a href="#">G/L/4</a> (1995)	n.a.	n.a.			Following consultations, the request was withdrawn (See <a href="#">G/C/M/3</a> )
14.	El Salvador	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/27</a> (2007)	Chicken meat (2 TLs)	None	Final report in <a href="#">G/SECRET/27/Add.1</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/124/Rev.1</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/595</a>	Concluded and certified
15.	El Salvador	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/28</a> (2007)	Processed chicken meat (1 TL)	1	Final report in <a href="#">G/SECRET/28/Add.1</a> and <a href="#">G/SECRET/28/Add.1/Corr.1</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/138</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/613</a>	Concluded and certified
16.	European Union	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> initiated during the GATT and concluded in the WTO <a href="#">SECRET/347</a> (1994)	Live cattle (3 TLs)	4	Joint letters in SECRET/347	Results were incorporated as part of <a href="#">G/L/65</a> and <a href="#">G/L/65/Rev.1</a> plus addenda. The EC-15 Schedule was certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/666</a>	Renegotiation was continued as part of the EU enlargement to 15. See item 21 below. Concluded and certified

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17.	European Union	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/11</a> (2000)	Garlic (1 TL)	1	Joint letter in <a href="#">G/SECRET/11/Add.1</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/80</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/668</a>	Concluded and certified
18.	European Union	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/15</a> (2002)	Cereals (6 TLs)	5	Two joint letters were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/15/Add.1</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/90</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/669</a>	Concluded and certified
19.	European Union	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/18</a> (2003)	Rice (2 TLs)	4	Final report and joint letters were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/18/Add.3</a>	Results were included as part of <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/357<sup>1</sup></a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/1220</a>	Concluded and certified
20.	European Union	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/22</a> (2004)	Bananas (1 TL)	10	<a href="#">G/SECRET/22/Add.1<sup>2</sup></a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/297</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/868</a>	Concluded and certified
21.	European Union	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/25</a> (2006)	Poultry meat (3 TLs)	4	Final report and joint letters were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/25/Add.1</a>	Results were included as part of <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/357<sup>3</sup></a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/1220</a>	Concluded and certified
22.	European Union	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/30</a> (2007)	Butter (3 TLs)	1	Final report and a joint letter were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/30/Add.1</a>	Results were included as part of <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/357<sup>4</sup></a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/1220</a>	Concluded and certified
23.	European Union	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/32</a> (2009)	Processed poultry meat (7 TLs)	4	Final report and joint letters were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/32/Add.1</a>	Results were included <sup>5</sup> as part of <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/506</a> . Reservations were raised.	Article XXVIII negotiations concluded. Draft changes submitted under the 1980 Procedures. Not yet certified.

<sup>1</sup> See documentation submitted with [G/MA/TAR/RS/357](#): page 2 of the "Technical Note" and the correlation table of agricultural products.

<sup>2</sup> [G/SECRET/22/Add.1](#) relates to special procedures included in Annex to [WT/MIN\(01\)/15](#). See the "Geneva Agreement on Trade in Bananas" ([WT/L/784](#)).

<sup>3</sup> See documentation submitted with [G/MA/TAR/RS/357](#): page 2 of the "Technical Note" and the correlation table of agricultural products.

<sup>4</sup> See documentation submitted with [G/MA/TAR/RS/357](#): correlation table of tariff rate quotas for agricultural products.

<sup>5</sup> [G/MA/TAR/RS/506](#) states the draft "incorporates the more recent EU commitments resulting from, amongst others: ... Article XXVIII: agreement on processed poultry products and the corresponding change of duties (see WTO doc. [G/SECRET/32/Add.1](#))".

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24.	European Union	<b>Article XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/42</a> and <a href="#">G/SECRET/42/Add.2</a> (2018) <a href="#">G/SECRET/42/Add.3</a> (2020)	All agricultural and non-agricultural TRQs	27			Ongoing <sup>6</sup>
25.	European Union enlargement to 15	<b>Art. XXIV:6</b> initiated during the GATT and concluded in the WTO  GATT doc. L/7614 (1994)	Schedule LXXX was withdrawn. <sup>7</sup>	15		The results of several bilateral negotiations were circulated in document <a href="#">G/L/65</a> and <a href="#">G/L/65/Rev.1</a> plus addenda. The new schedule was certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/666</a> .	Concluded and certified
26.	European Union enlargement to 25	<b>Arts. XXIV:6 and XXVIII</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/20</a> (2004)	Schedule CXL was withdrawn <sup>8</sup>	16	Final report and joint letters were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/20/Add.8</a>	Results were included as part of <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/357</a> and <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/357/Add.1</a> . Certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/1220</a> .	Concluded and certified

<sup>6</sup> On 21 December 2020, the European Union informed Members that it was necessary to invoke Article XXVIII:3 of the GATT, and modify the TRQ concessions from 1 January 2021, as a result of the end of the transition period of the Withdrawal Agreement and the fact that the European Union and the United Kingdom would operate separate import regimes from that date. The European Union indicated further that it was nevertheless keen to continue negotiations and consultations under Article XXVIII:1, 2 and 5 with a view to finding agreement on the modification of its concessions. Also, if necessary, it would take action in the first semester of 2021 to effectively extend the six-month timelines of Article XXVIII:3 so as to allow Members to finalize the ongoing negotiations and consultations through agreement also after 1 July 2021. See [G/SECRET/42/Add.3](#). In that regard, the European Union communicated the extension until 30 June 2024 of the timelines provided under the above referenced provision in document [G/L/1385/Add.5](#).

<sup>7</sup> GATT document L/7614 indicates *inter alia* that "pending completion of the Article XXIV procedures and the creation of a new schedule valid for the Union of 15, the tariff commitments in the previous Schedule LXXX of the Community of 12, together with the commitments resulting from the Uruguay Round, will be fully respected."

<sup>8</sup> Document [G/SECRET/20](#) indicates *inter alia* that "Pending the completion of the Article XXIV and XXVIII GATT 1994 procedures and the creation of a new schedule valid for the European Communities of 25, the commitments in the European Communities Schedule CXL will be fully respected."

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
27.	European Union enlargement to 27	<b>Arts. XXIV:6 and XXVIII</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/26</a> (2006)	Schedule was modified in order to cover two additional members of the European Union <sup>9</sup>	12	Final report and joint letters were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/26/Add.1</a>	Results were included <sup>10</sup> as part of <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/506</a> . Reservations were raised.	Article XXVIII negotiation concluded. Draft changes submitted under the 1980 Procedures. Not yet certified.
28.	European Union enlargement to 28	<b>Arts. XXIV:6 and XXVIII</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/35</a> (2013)	Schedule to be modified in order to cover one additional member of the European Union <sup>11</sup>	13	Joint letters were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/35/Add.1</a> and <a href="#">G/SECRET/35/Add.2</a> . The final report was circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/35/Add.2</a>	Results were included <sup>12</sup> as part of <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/506</a> and <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/506/Add.2</a> . Reservations were raised.	Article XXVIII negotiation concluded. Draft changes submitted under the 1980 Procedures. Not yet certified.
29.	Gabon	<b>Arts. XXIV:6 and XXVIII:4</b> request to enter into renegotiations was authorized by the Council for Trade in Goods on 18 October 2013 (see <a href="#">G/C/M/116</a> , paragraph 3.20)  <a href="#">G/SECRET/36</a> and <a href="#">G/SECRET/36/Corr.1</a> (2013)	Various non-agricultural products (4785 TLs)	5	Final report and a joint letter were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/36/Add.3</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/446</a> . Following comments by one Member, modifications were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/446/Add.1</a> . Certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/1261</a> .	Concluded and certified

<sup>9</sup> Document [G/SECRET/26](#) indicates *inter alia* that "the European Communities hereby notifies, within the framework of procedures laid down in Article XXIV GATT 1994, and in particular paragraph 6 thereof, the modification of the Schedule of the European Communities in order to cover these new members of the European Union."

<sup>10</sup> [G/MA/TAR/RS/506](#) states the draft "incorporates the more recent EU commitments resulting from, amongst others: ... Article XXIV:6 agreements resulting from the last two enlargements to EU-27 to include Romania and Bulgaria (see WTO doc. [G/SECRET/20/Add.8](#)) and subsequently to EU-28 to include Croatia (see WTO doc. [G/SECRET/35/Add.1](#)).

<sup>11</sup> Document [G/SECRET/35](#) states, *inter alia*, that "The new member of the European Union will be subject to the Schedules of the European Union on 1 July 2013."

<sup>12</sup> See footnote 10.

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30.	Grenada	<b>Art. XXVIII:4 request</b> to enter into renegotiations was submitted. See <a href="#">G/C/M/59</a> .  <a href="#">G/SECRET/14</a> (2002)	Chicken meat and beer (8 TLs)	1			The request was withdrawn and replaced by <a href="#">G/SECRET/16</a> . See item 27.
31.	Grenada	<b>Art. XXVIII:1</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/16</a> (2002). <a href="#">G/SECRET/16/Corr.1</a> and <a href="#">G/SECRET/16/Add.1</a>	Chicken meat and beer (9 TLs)	1	A report was circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/16/Add.2</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/91</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/445</a>	Concluded and certified
32.	Guinea	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/50</a> (2023)	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (705 TLs)				Ongoing
33.	Haiti	<b>Arts. XXIV:6 and XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/39</a> (2017)	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (895 TLs)	5			Ongoing
34.	Honduras	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/21</a> (2004)	Chicken meat (3 TLs)	1	Final report and a joint letter were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/21/Add.1</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/104</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/540</a>	Concluded and certified
35.	Hungary	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/3</a> (1995)	Paper and cardboard (2 TLs)	1			Schedule was withdrawn in the context of GATT Article XXIV:6 procedures for the enlargement to EU-25. See item 22.
36.	India	<b>Art. XXVIII:1</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/8</a> (1996)	Various agricultural products (19 TLs)	5	Final report and joint letters were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/8/Add.1</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/66</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/440</a>	Concluded and certified
37.	Kyrgyz Republic	<b>Arts. XXIV:6 and XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/38</a> (2015)	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (3300 TLs)	6			Ongoing

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38.	Mali	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/51</a> (2023)	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (762 TLs)				Ongoing
39.	Moldova, Republic of	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/31</a> (2007)	Sugar (12 TLs)	2	Final report and joint letters were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/150</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/655</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/150</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/655</a>	Concluded and certified
40.	Netherlands (Netherlands Antilles)	<b>Art. XXVIII:5 and MTN.TNC/43<sup>13</sup></b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/23</a> and <a href="#">G/SECRET/23/Corr.1</a> (2005)	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (2493 TLs)	1			Ongoing. Reservations were raised
41.	Niger	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/52</a> (2023)	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (704 TLs)				Ongoing
42.	Panama	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/33</a> (2012)	Maize and processed tomatoes (6 TLs)	2	Final report was circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/33/Add.1</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/304</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/891</a>	Concluded and certified
43.	Panama	<b>Art. XXVIII:1</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/45</a> (2020)	Liquid and evaporated milk (9 TLs)	4			Ongoing
44.	Philippines	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/9</a> (2000)	Sugar (2 TLs)	3	Final report was circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/9/Add.3</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/93</a> . Reservations were raised.	Draft changes submitted under the 1980 Procedures. Not yet certified.

<sup>13</sup> At the end of the Uruguay Round, the Kingdom of Netherlands submitted schedules for the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. However, these Schedules were not presented in the required format and were in Dutch.

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45.	Senegal	<b>Requested a waiver</b> in the GATT to renegotiate its Schedule  SECRET/341 (1993) and SECRET/341/Add.1. See also L/7352	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (No. of TLs not available)	n.a.	Joint letters were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/6</a> and addenda 1-3	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/677</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/1583</a> .	Concluded and certified
46.	Senegal	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/53</a> (2023)	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (137 TLs)				Ongoing
47.	Sri Lanka	<b>HS introduction</b>  GATT doc. SECRET/HS/26 (1990)  UR Schedule noted the procedures as pending	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (44 TLs)	5	Final report and joint letters were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/HS/11</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/106</a> and certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/549</a> .	Concluded and certified
48.	Suriname	<b>Art. XXVIII:1</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/17</a> (2002)	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (431 TLs)	5			Request was withdrawn in <a href="#">G/SECRET/17/Add.2</a>
49.	Suriname	<b>Arts. XXIV:6 and XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/41</a> (2018)	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (716 TLs)	5			Ongoing
50.	Switzerland-Liechtenstein	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/4</a> (1995)	Apricots (1 TL)	1	Final report was circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/4/Add.1</a> and <a href="#">G/SECRET/4/Add.2</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/579</a> and <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/579/Add.1</a> . Certified in WTT/Let/1456	Concluded and certified
51.	Switzerland-Liechtenstein	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/5</a> (1995)	Wine (3 TLs)	2	Final report and joint letters were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/5/Add.1</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/483</a> and Corr.1. Certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/1333</a> .	Concluded and certified

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
52.	Switzerland-Liechtenstein	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/19</a> (2003)	Live horses, assess, mules and hinnies (2 TLs)	n.a.			Request was withdrawn in <a href="#">G/SECRET/19/Add.1</a>
53.	Switzerland-Liechtenstein	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/40</a> and <a href="#">G/SECRET/40/Corr.1</a> (2018)	Seasoned meat, not further prepared (2 TLs)	2	Final report and joint letters were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/40/Add.1</a>	Results were circulated in <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/594</a> and <a href="#">G/MA/TAR/RS/594/Add.1</a> . Certified in <a href="#">WT/Let/1569</a> .	Concluded and certified
54.	Trinidad and Tobago	<b>Art. XXVIII:4 request</b> to enter into renegotiations was submitted. See <a href="#">G/C/M/133</a> . <a href="#">G/SECRET/43</a> (2018)	Other Hydraulic cements (1 TLs)	n.a.			The request has not been approved (see <a href="#">G/C/M/133/Add.1</a> )
55.	Ukraine	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/34</a>	Various agricultural and non-agricultural products (371 TLs)	30			Request was withdrawn at the meeting of the General Council of 21 October 2014 (see <a href="#">WT/GC/M/153</a> )
56.	United Kingdom	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/44</a> (2018)	All agricultural and non-agricultural TRQs	21			Ongoing <sup>14</sup>
57.	United States	<b>Art. XXVIII:5</b> <a href="#">G/SECRET/2</a> (1995)	Tobacco products (9 TLs)	1	Final report and joint letters were circulated in <a href="#">G/SECRET/2/Add.1</a> .		<i>Ad referendum</i> agreement was reached with a number of Members, but reservations are maintained by one Member. No additional information.

**Source:** WTO Secretariat based on notifications by WTO Members and bilateral communications in which the Secretariat has been copied.

<sup>14</sup> On 31 December 2020, the United Kingdom issued a communication ([WT/GC/226](#)), which informed Members that from 23.00 GMT on 31 December 2020, the United Kingdom would fully respect the concessions and commitments laid out in its Goods Schedule [G/MA/TAR/RS/570](#) (and subsequent addenda), as a result of the conclusion of the transition period under the Withdrawal Agreement agreed between the European Union and the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom indicated further that nothing in its communication was intended to have the effect of impeding the course of discussions under Article XXVIII or interfering with their successful conclusion, and that it recognised the practical mechanisms available to WTO Members to extend the timelines envisaged under Article XXVIII:3 in case it proved necessary. In that regard, the United Kingdom communicated the extension, until 1 July 2024, of the timelines provided under the above referenced provision. See [G/L/1386/Add.6](#).