

## ANNEX 2-A

### TARIFF SCHEDULE

#### Section A: Tariff Schedule of Korea

1. Relation to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of Korea (hereinafter referred to as “HSK”). The provisions of this Schedule are generally expressed in terms of the HSK, and the interpretation of the provisions of this Schedule, including the product coverage of subheadings of this Schedule, shall be governed by the General Notes, Section Notes, and Chapter Notes of the HSK. To the extent that provisions of this Schedule are identical to the corresponding provisions of the HSK, the provisions of this Schedule shall have the same meaning as the corresponding provisions of the HSK.
2. Base Rates of Customs Duty. The base rates of customs duty set out in this Schedule reflect the Korean Customs Duty MFN rates of duty in effect on 1 January 2009.
3. Staging. The following staging categories apply to the reduction or elimination of customs duties by Korea pursuant to Article 2.4.2:
  - (a) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “0” shall be eliminated entirely and such goods shall be free of customs duty on the date of entry into force of this Agreement;
  - (b) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “3” shall be removed in three equal annual stages beginning on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty, effective 1 January of year three;
  - (c) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “5” shall be removed in five equal annual stages beginning on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty, effective 1 January of year five;
  - (d) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “6” shall be removed in six equal annual stages beginning on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty, effective 1 January of year six;
  - (e) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “7” shall be removed in seven equal annual stages beginning on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty, effective 1 January of year seven;

- (f) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “10” shall be removed in 10 equal annual stages beginning on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty, effective 1 January of year 10;
- (g) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “12” shall be removed in 12 equal annual stages beginning on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty, effective 1 January of year 12;
- (h) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “13” shall be removed in 13 equal annual stages beginning on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty, effective 1 January of year 13;
- (i) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “15” shall be removed in 15 equal annual stages beginning on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty, effective 1 January of year 15;
- (j) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “17” shall be removed in 17 equal annual stages beginning on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty, effective 1 January of year 17;
- (k) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “18” shall be removed in 18 equal annual stages beginning on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty, effective 1 January of year 18;
- (l) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “20” shall be removed in 20 equal annual stages beginning on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty, effective 1 January of year 20;
- (m) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “B” shall be reduced by 50 percent in 10 equal annual stages beginning on the date of entry into force of this Agreement and shall remain at that rate thereafter;
- (n) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “S-1” shall be subject to the following provisions:
  - (i) for goods entered into Korea from 1 December through 30 April, customs duties shall be eliminated entirely and such goods shall be free of customs duty on the date of entry into force of this Agreement; and

- (ii) for goods entered into Korea from 1 May through 30 November, customs duties shall be removed in 15 equal annual stages beginning on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty, effective 1 January of year 15;
  - (o) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “S-2” shall be subject to the following provisions:
    - (i) for goods entered into Korea from 1 June through 30 November, customs duties shall remain at base rates; and
    - (ii) for goods entered into Korea from 1 December through 31 May, customs duties shall be removed in five equal annual stages beginning on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty, effective 1 January of year five;
  - (p) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category “E” shall remain at base rates; and
  - (q) no obligations regarding customs duties in this Agreement shall apply with respect to items in staging category “X”. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect Korea’s rights and obligations with respect to its implementation of the commitments set out in the WTO document *WT/Let/492 (Certification of Modifications and Rectifications to Schedule LX – Republic of Korea)* dated 13 April 2005 and any amendments thereto.
4. The base rate of customs duty and staging category are indicated in Korea’s Schedule.
5. Interim staged rates shall be rounded down, at least to the nearest tenth of a percentage point or, if the rate of customs duty is expressed in monetary units, at least to the nearest Korean won.
6. For the purposes of this Schedule, “year one” means the year of entry into force of this Agreement.
7. For the purposes of this Schedule, beginning in year two, each annual stage of tariff reduction shall take effect on 1 January of the relevant year.