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## MARKET ACCESS FOR NON-AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Non-Tariff Barriers - Requests

*Communication from the Japan*

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NTB BILATERAL REQUEST

**Request from Japan<sup>1</sup> to Member A**

**Member A**

No.	Tariff item [(HS96)] [(HS2002)]	Description of product	Non-tariff measure on which action is requested	Specific action requested	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	[HS2002] Chapter 91	Clocks and watches	Member A calculates tariffs on finished clocks and watches as the aggregate of the tariffs on their components. This forms a trade barrier, since these calculations are complex and the administrative procedures are burdensome. For example, under the current rules, the tariff on a wristwatch is the total of the tariffs on its: (a) movement; (b) case; (c) strap, band or bracelet; and (d) battery. Thus, when a company exports a finished wristwatch to Member A, it must identify its components and then calculate the total tariffs of each component: the movement, case, band and battery.	It is requested that the government of Member A abolish such administration and simply set duties under a 6-digit HS code, instead of the component price break down system.	No notification has been made previously regarding these measures.

<sup>1</sup> The requesting Member welcomes co-sponsorship by any other WTO Members interested in the pursuit of these NTBs. These requests are without prejudice to the existing rights of the requesting Members under the WTO Agreements.

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2	[HS2002] Chapter 91	Clocks and watches	According to the rules of origin marking prescribed in certain law, country of origin markings on clocks and watches must be stated on each component part (i.e., movements, batteries, cases, bands etc.). In addition, the ways of marking, such as imprinting and tags, are elaborately provided in the Act. Such rules impose manufactures of clocks or watches severe burdens in production control.	It is requested that the government of Member A abolish the relevant rules and adopt single country-of-origin for each clock or watch.	No notification has been made previously regarding these measures.