

ACCESSION OF ALBANIA

Additional Questions and Replies

Addendum

The following additional questions and replies, to the Memorandum on the Foreign Trade Régime (document L/7613) and to the earlier Replies to Questions (document WT/ACC/ALB/4) have been received from the Ministry of Industry, Transport and Trade of the Republic of Albania.

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**QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE QUESTIONS AND REPLIES  
DOCUMENT WT/ACC/ALB/4**

**2.1 Questions concerning Goods (GATT)**

**Ad. Question 23.**

**Albanian law provides for anti-dumping and countervailing duties. However, no implementing regulation defines how these duties are to be calculated or on what basis the calculation will be made. When does Albania plan to introduce precise rules for the calculation of such duties?**

**Answer.**

We do not have a precise timetable for the development of regulations and institution needed for the implementation of laws on anti-dumping and countervailing duties. The Government of Albania is working for the establishment and implementation of the respective laws and institutions.

**Ad. Question 24.**

**Were the explanatory notes to the customs nomenclature completed in early 1996, and if so, what is their general content?**

**Answer.**

The respective documentation has already been submitted.

**Ad. Question 34.**

**The Ministry of Industry, Transport and Trade has prepared a draft law on transaction value based substantially on the WTO Customs Valuation Agreement. Has this law been adopted?**

**Answer.**

The Law has already been approved by the Government of Albania and it will be submitted to the Parliament for approval, in conformity with the legislation in force in Albania.

**Ad. Question 79.**

**At the time of writing of document WT/ACC/ALB/4, Albania was not in a position to state definitively whether and for how long grain prices will be subsidized. Does the Albanian delegation have any further information on this subject to date?**

**Answer.**

Albania no longer subsidizes the prices of cereals. By Decision of the Government of Albania of July 1996, the cereals are bought and sold on the basis of offer and demand.

**Ad. Question 84.**

**The Albanian Government intends to submit an agriculture schedule which will contain information on agricultural subsidies. Is this schedule now available, and if so, where may it be consulted?**

**Answer.**

The information is provided in the Agriculture schedule.

**Ad. Question 87.**

**Grain prices have been subsidized in some years but not in others. What are the main criteria for this decision taken on a year-to-year basis?**

**Answer.**

The prices of cereals have been subsidized only during the period of transition from which Albania is emerging and only in years when cereal prices threatened to create serious economic and social problems. Currently there are no subsidies for cereals in Albania. For complimentary explanations see agricultural schedule in document WT/ACC/SPEC/ALB/1.