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Requests Pursuant to Article 27.4 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

Follow-Up Questions Posed by the UNITED STATES Regarding the Notification of SURINAME¹

The following communication, dated 28 May 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

The following question is submitted with respect to the request for extension of the transition period for export subsidies under Article 27.4 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures Agreement (ASCM). This question is preliminary in nature and is submitted without prejudice to our final position. We reserve the right to ask further questions.

Exemptions of Indirect Taxes

- **Exemptions on social, cultural and educational areas;**
- **Exemptions to stimulate the national productions;**
- **Exemptions based on international regulations**

Could Suriname please provide sufficient details regarding these programmes to determine whether the programs qualify for the special procedures of G/SCM/39 and Article 27.4?

¹ G/SCM/N/74/SUR/Suppl.1 and G/SCM/71/SUR.