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**Committee on Subsidies  
and Countervailing Measures**

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## SUBSIDIES

### Questions from JAPAN Regarding the New and Full Notification of GAMBIA<sup>1</sup>

The following communication, dated 30 March 1998, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan.

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In the notification (document G/SCM/N/3/GMB), Gambia describes that "(t)he Gambia does grant subsidies within the meaning of Article 1.1 by foregoing revenue through the offer of duty waiver concessions to certain areas of business operations to enhance our exports."

- Q.1. Do the subsidies constitute export subsidies within the meaning of Article 3.1(a) of the SCM Agreement?
  - Q.2. That being the case, does Gambia plan to phase out the subsidies? If so, provide details of the plan.
  - Q.3. That being not the case, could Gambia explain the reason and provide details of eligibility of the recipients in this programme?
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