

**Committee on Subsidies  
and Countervailing Measures**

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**SUBSIDIES**

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

Questions Posed by the EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES  
Regarding the Notification of COSTA RICA<sup>1</sup>

The following communication, dated 1 September 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the European Commission.

Duty Free Zone Regime

Please indicate what consideration has been given to the phasing out of this programme, given that the programme is of indefinite duration, that the various benefits of the programme are granted to individual beneficiaries for 10 to 15 years and that the transitional period for the elimination of export subsidies provided for in document G/SCM/39 expires at the end of 2007.

Inward Processing Regime

Please indicate what consideration has been given to the phasing out of this programme, given that the programme is of indefinite duration and that the transitional period for the elimination of export subsidies provided for in document G/SCM/39 expires at the end of 2007.

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<sup>1</sup> G/SCM/N/114/CRI