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**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 Canada

The following communication, dated 25 February 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Canada.

The following questions are submitted in respect of the request for extension of export subsidies under Article 27.4 of the Subsidies and Countervailing Measures Agreement (SCM).

These questions are preliminary in nature and does not preclude Canada's right to ask further questions on these requests for extensions or on any other request for extension under Article 27.4 of the ASCM.

Panama (G/SCM/N/74/PAN/1 and /2)

General questions

1. For how long can a company enjoy these benefits? If there is an expiry can a company re-apply for the tax exemptions?
2. Who can take advantage of these programs, e.g., industry sectors, agriculture, certain regions?

Programme specific questions

Tax Credit Certificates

1. Which products fall under the spectrum of "non-traditional goods"?
 2. The tax credit is described as 15 per cent of the national value-added of the exported goods. Is this a refundable tax credit if taxes owing are less than the tax credit?
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