

Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices
Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER ARTICLES 18.5 AND 32.6 OF THE AGREEMENTS

Replies to Questions from the BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA¹ Regarding the Notification of SOUTH AFRICA²

The following communication, dated 27 October 2000, has been received from the Permanent Mission of South Africa.

South Africa wishes to respond as follows to the questions raised by Venezuela in document G/ADP/W/369-G/SCM/W/379 dated 23 April 1996:

Venezuela is referred to the Fourth Special Meeting of the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices and Subsidies and Countervailing Measures which was held from 24 to 26 April 1996, as well as South Africa's opening statement and the written replies as contained in document G/ADP/W/395-G/SCM/W/405 dated 4 June 1996 to questions submitted by Argentina; Australia; the European Communities; Hong Kong, China; India and the United States.

As all the questions raised by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela were also covered by the questions raised by other Members and as written replies to the questions were submitted by South Africa or addressed in the statement by South Africa, South Africa did not respond separately to the questions raised by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. If this action has caused some confusion, it is regretted.

For the sake of transparency the specific references to the different written replies are given below, as well as those questions not covered by written response, but by South Africa's statement at the relevant meeting.

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| 1. | Question 1 (a) to (d) | Refer to paragraph 4 of document G/ADP/W/395-G/SCM/W/405 of 4 June 1996 |
| 2. | Question 2.1 (a) to (b) | Refer to paragraph 8 of document G/ADP/W/395-G/SCM/W/405 of 4 June 1996 |
| 3. | Question 2.2 (a) | Refer to paragraph 7 of document G/ADP/W/395-G/SCM/W/405 of 4 June 1996 |

¹ G/ADP/W369-G/SCM/W/379

² G/ADP/N/1/ZAF/1-G/SCM/N/1/ZAF/1

4. Question 2.3 (a) The Board on Tariffs and Trade (BTT) in practice applies the provisions of the SCM Agreement in its countervailing investigations and therefore takes into account the specificity criteria for determining the existence of subsidies of the kind indicated in Article 2 of the SCM Agreement.
 5. Question 2.4 (a) Refer to paragraph 10 of document G/ADP/W/395-G/SCM/W/405 of 4 June 1996
 6. Question 2.5 (a) Refer to paragraph 12 of document G/ADP/W/395-G/SCM/W/405 of 4 June 1996
 7. Question 2.6 (a) The BTT in practice applies the provisions of the WTO Agreements and therefore takes into account the *de minimis* and negligibility criteria established by these Agreements.
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