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Questions posed by JAPAN to the PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The following communication, 21 October 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan.

Japan's questions with regard to China's Transitional Review Mechanism (TRM) on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

In terms of the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China (China) and the English translation of the Regulations on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures submitted by China (G/SCM/N/1/CHN/1), Japan submits the following questions.

Japan would appreciate it if China responds to our comments in written form, and also would like to request the Government of China to provide all relevant rules on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures as early as possible. We would provide further questions if necessary.

Accession Protocol – Subsidies to be phased out

In the accession protocol, China confirmed that it would eliminate all export subsidies, within the meaning of Article 3.1 (a) of the SCM Agreement by the time of accession, and promised to phase out the subsidies providing in Annex 5B of the Protocol. Please confirm that all export subsidies including subsidies indicated in Annex 5B of the Protocol have already been eliminated and provide relevant legal documents.