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Questions Posed by the UNITED STATES Regarding the New and Full and Updating Notifications of HONDURAS¹

The following communication, dated 19 February 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States

I. Temporary Import Regime (RIT)

1. With regard to the RIT programme, please list the industries that have received the greatest amount of funding through this programme.
2. What are the conditions for a producer/exporter to be "duly authorized" under this regime? Specifically, please describe the eligibility criteria that companies must meet in order to enjoy the exemptions available under this programme.

II. The Law on Export Processing Zones (ZIP)

1. Please list the industries that are the greatest users of these zones.
2. What are the conditions for a producer company to be "duly authorized" under this regime? Specifically, please describe the eligibility criteria that companies must meet in order to enjoy the exemptions available under this programme.

III. The Law on Free Zones

Please provide additional information regarding the extension of benefits under this law to the entire national territory of Honduras. Please explain whether companies must be located in particular areas to be eligible for benefits under this programme. If not, please describe the criteria used to define eligibility.

¹ G/SCM/N/38/HND-G/SCM/N/48/HND-G/SCM/N/60/HND-G/SCM/N/71/HND-G/SCM/N/95/HND