

**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 Community

The following communication, dated 21 February 2002, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission.

Questions by the European Communities concerning the request made by Colombia pursuant to Article 27.4 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (G/SCM/N/74/COL dated 15 January 2002)

The European Communities pose the following questions without prejudice to the final position on the request and reserve the right to ask further questions in the course of the consultations.

I. Questions concerning the programmes mentioned in G/SCM/N/74/COL dated 15 January 2002 (request based on paragraph 10.3 of WT/MIN(01)/17)

- Q.1 Please indicate when the programmes came into operation.
- Q.2 Please indicate whether the programmes provide for other forms of subsidies than exemption of import duties and internal taxes (e.g. grants, provision of goods or services).
- Q.3 Do the programmes provide for a condition to use domestic goods? If yes, please describe the relevant provision.
- Q.4 Please indicate the rate of import duty or internal tax exemption as of 1 September 2001.
- Q.5 Please describe any changes to the programmes since 1 September 2001, if any. In particular, indicate any changes to the rate of exemption or the coverage of the programmes e.g. in terms of products, location etc.
- Q.6 Please indicate for each programme how many companies have benefited from the respective programme as of 1 September 2001.
- Q.7 Please elaborate on when Colombia intends to phase out these programmes.

II. Questions concerning the programme mentioned in G/SCM/N/74/COL dated 15 January 2002 (request based on Article 27.4 ASCM)

Q.8 Please elaborate on when Colombia intends to phase out this programme.
