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## SUBSIDIES

### Requests Pursuant to Article 27.4 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

### Requests Pursuant to the Procedure Established in Document G/SCM/39

## BOLIVIA

The following communication, dated 28 December 2001, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Bolivia.

With reference to extensions of the transition period provided for in Article 27.4 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, Bolivia hereby notifies its Free Zone and Temporary Admission Regime for Inward Processing (RITEX - Temporary Import Regime for Export Promotion) programmes, in accordance with document G/SCM/39 ("Procedures for extensions under Article 27.4 for certain developing country members"). A description of both programmes is enclosed herewith.

I also wish to draw your attention to the fact that Bolivia reserves the right to make use of the extension procedure as indicated in paragraphs 6(b) and (c) of document G/SCM/39 since it considers this necessary for its economic and financial development.

In the light of document G/SCM/39 of 20 November 2001 "Procedures for extensions under Article 27.4 for certain developing country members", Article XVI.1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT 1994) and Article 25 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, in particular paragraph 7 thereof, whereby notification of a measure does not prejudice either its legal status under GATT 94 or the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures or the nature of the programmes and measures which are being notified and adopted in the light of the economic, financial and development needs of Bolivia, listed as a developing country member in Annex VII of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, the Government of Bolivia hereby notifies the following programmes:

### **FREE ZONES**

Free zones are fully delimited and enclosed areas of national customs territory with an appropriate infrastructure for carrying out trade and industrial operations subject to the principle of customs and fiscal segregation. In accordance with this principle, free-zone operations are exempt from payment of internal taxes and customs duties.

The general legal framework of free zones is mainly constituted by Law No. 1,489 of 16 April 1993 (Law on the Development and Tax Treatment of Exports), Law No. 1,990 (General Customs Law) and Supreme Decrees Nos. 22,410 of 11 January 1990, 22,526 of 13 June 1990 and 23,565 of 22 July 1993.

NO.	CORPORATE NAME	TYPES OF CONCESSION	IN OPERATION
1.	Zona Franca de Oruro	Industrial and trade	TRADE
2.	Zona Franca Central Portuaria Aguirre S.A.	Industrial and trade	TRADE
3.	Zona Franca Cochabamba S.A.	Industrial and trade	TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL
4.	Zona Franca El Alto GIT S.A.	Industrial and trade	TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL
5.	Zona Franca Santa Cruz GIT S.A.	Industrial and trade	TRADE
6.	Zona Franca Desaguadero	Trade	TRADE
7.	Zona Franca Guayaramerin	Industrial and trade	TRADE
8.	Zona Franca San Matías	Trade	TRADE
9.	Zona Franca Puerto Suárez	Industrial and trade	TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL (under construction)
10.	Zona Franca Yacuiba	Industrial and trade	TRADE
11.	Zona Franca WINNER S.A.	Industrial and trade	TRADE
12.	Zona Franca Villazón	Industrial and trade	TRADE
13.	Zona Franca Oruro GRAN	Trade	TRADE (under construction)
14.	Zona Franca Patacamaya	Industrial and trade	Under construction

#### **TEMPORARY ADMISSION FOR INWARD PROCESSING – RITEX (TEMPORARY IMPORT REGIME FOR EXPORT PROMOTION)**

This customs regime allows raw materials and intermediate goods to enter national customs territory with suspended import duties on condition that they are incorporated in a production process which generates export products.

In general, this regime is governed by Laws Nos. 1,489 (Law on the Development and Tax Treatment of Exports) and 1,990 (General Customs Law), as well as by Supreme Decree No. 25,706 of 14 March 2000.