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## **NOTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12.1(C) AND ARTICLE 9, FOOTNOTE 2, OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

### Replies to Questions Posed by COLOMBIA<sup>1</sup> Regarding the Notification of the UNITED STATES<sup>2</sup>

The following communication, dated 28 January 1999, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

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#### **Q1. What were total imports for the agricultural year ending 30 June 1993?**

##### Reply

The United States imported 158,213 metric tons of wheat gluten in the year ending 30 June 1993.

#### **Q2. Does the non-application to developing countries mentioned in paragraph 4 mean that imports from developing countries mentioned in the Annex are credited to the “other” residual quota or credited on top of the quota?**

##### Reply

Imports of wheat gluten from Canada, Mexico, Israel, beneficiary countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, and the Andean Trade Preference Act, and from countries enumerated in general note 4(a) (as this note existed on 1 June 1998) of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, are not subject to the safeguard action. Imports of wheat gluten from these countries are not credited against the “other countries” category.

#### **Q3. What customs treatment is used to ensure that a product originating in the developing countries mentioned in the annex will be free from quantitative restriction?**

##### Reply

The US Customs Service reviews every entry of wheat gluten to verify country of origin and product classification. Wheat gluten imports from a country not subject to the safeguard measure will be permitted entry into the United States without any quantitative restriction.

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<sup>1</sup> G/SG/Q2/USA/3.

<sup>2</sup> G/SG/N/10/USA/2-G/SG/N/11/USA/2.