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QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE NOTIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY  
THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA<sup>1</sup> OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
UNDER ARTICLES 18.5 AND 32.6 OF THE AGREEMENTS

The following communication, dated 3 April 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Hong Kong.

1. Bolivia's notification contains Supreme Decree No. 23308 of 1992 and Bi-Ministerial Decision No. 25191-9 of 1993, both, prior to the signing of the WTO Agreement in April 1994. Apparently many provisions of the WTO AD Agreement (the Agreement) are not reflected in the Bolivian legislation and some Bolivian provisions may be at odds with the provisions of the Agreement.

- (a) *What is the legal status of the Agreement in Bolivia? Does it have the force of law?*
- (b) *Are Bolivian AD officials required, legally or otherwise, to observe the provisions of the Agreement in the conduct of AD proceedings, or to consult them, for example on the interpretation of domestic legislation?*
- (c) *What steps has Bolivia taken, and what further steps will it take, to ensure the conformity of its laws, regulations and administrative procedures with the provisions of the Agreement, in accordance with Article 18.4?*
- (d) *How will Bolivia ensure compliance with the provisions of the Agreement before its laws are brought into total conformity with it?*
- (e) *If Bolivia is contemplating modification to its existing legislation or adoption of new legislation, what is the intended purpose and coverage? What is the legislative timetable?*

2. *What judicial review procedures has Bolivia put in place in observance of its obligations under Article 13 (Judicial Review) of the Agreement?*

3. *What is Bolivia's policy and law for the implementation of WTO Panel Reports?*

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