

Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices
Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

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REPLIES TO QUESTIONS POSED BY HONG KONG¹ CONCERNING THE
NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF PARAGUAY²

The following communication, dated 9 April 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Paraguay.

REPLIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY TO THE QUESTIONS POSED
BY THE DELEGATION OF HONG KONG CONCERNING ANTI-DUMPING
MEASURES, SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES IN
DOCUMENT G/ADP/W/176, G/SCM/W/183,
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Reply 1(a): Under the 1992 Constitution, international treaties, conventions and agreements ratified by Parliament are incorporated in the Paraguayan legal system and take precedence over domestic legislation. The Anti-Dumping Agreement forming part of the Uruguay Round Agreements has been ratified by Parliament. Consequently, it has the force of law throughout the Republic and the authorities are bound to apply its provisions.

Reply 1(b): Yes, the Paraguayan Government is working on the preparation of the legal infrastructure necessary for the effective domestic implementation of the Uruguay Round Agreements. As soon as these regulations enter fully into force, Paraguay will immediately inform the Committee, in accordance with Article 18.5.

Reply 1(c): Yes, the Paraguayan Government is taking the necessary measures to adapt its laws and regulations to the Anti-Dumping Agreement in due course.

Reply 2: Under the Paraguayan legal system, the following remedies are available against any decision or resolution adopted by the authorities, including, of course, resolutions concerning anti-dumping duties.

¹G/ADP/W/176-G/SCM/W/183.

²G/ADP/N/1/PRY/1-G/SCM/N/1/PRY/1.

*Administrative reconsideration or review when all other administrative means have been exhausted.

*Judicial remedies.

Consequently, the domestic legislation is in compliance with the provisions of Article 13 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement.

Reply 3: There is no legislation dealing specifically with this question.