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Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

SUBSIDIES

NOTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XVI:1 OF THE GATT 1994 AND ARTICLE 25 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES

1. Pursuant to Article XVI:1 of the GATT 1994 and Article 25.2 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, Members shall notify any subsidy as defined in paragraph 1 of Article 1 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures which is specific within the meaning of Article 2 of that Agreement, granted or maintained within their territories.
2. In accordance with the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their twentieth session (BISD 11S/58), Members should submit every third year new and full subsidies notifications and bring these notifications up to date in the intervening years. As the WTO Agreement entered into force this year, Members are invited to submit for 1995 new and full subsidies notifications.
3. Members are reminded that the questionnaire regarding notifications pursuant to Article XVI:1 may be found in BISD 9S/193. Article 25:3 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures further provides that, without prejudice to the content and form of the questionnaire on subsidies, Members shall ensure that their notifications contain certain information.
4. Members will recall that the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT 1947 have decided that, if a measure is subject to a notification obligation both under the WTO Agreement and the GATT 1947, the notification of such a measure to the WTO shall, unless otherwise indicated in the notification, be deemed to be also a notification of that measure under the GATT 1947 (L/7582, dated 13 December 1994). Accordingly, the notification of a subsidy pursuant to this invitation would be deemed to be a notification responding to the request for notifications under Article XVI:1 of the GATT 1947 (L/7611).
5. Notifications received in reply to the above request will be issued in addenda to this document.