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QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE NOTIFICATION PROVIDED BY NORWAY¹ OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 12.6 OF AGREEMENT

The following communication, dated 5 December 1995, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

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1. Will Norway wait to apply safeguards measures until after it develops and publishes procedures for investigations? If not, what investigation procedures will be followed, and how would such an investigation be consistent with Article 3.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards, which references GATT Article X?
 2. Under section 4, must the Norwegian authorities determine that increased imports are "a result of unforeseen developments and of the effect of obligations incurred by Norway under [GATT]" in order to render an affirmative injury determination?
 3. Are "customs-related safeguard measures" referred to in section 4 limited to increased tariffs? Is this the only relief possible under section 4?
 4. Does paragraph 2 of section 4 permit relief to be imposed on a non-MFN basis?
 5. Paragraph 2 of section 4 provides for notification of the Storting of any decision to impose duties. Is a written opinion explaining the basis for the decision made public?
 6. Are there procedures for implementing the provisions of Articles 6 and 7 of the Agreement on Safeguards pertaining to provisional safeguard measures, mid-term review of measures, and extension of measures?

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