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**Committee on Safeguards**

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ORAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE NOTIFICATION PROVIDED BY  
AUSTRALIA<sup>1</sup> OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER  
ARTICLE 12.6 OF THE AGREEMENT

The following communication, dated 19 January 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Canada.

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In the recent review of Australia's notification without legislative text to the WTO Committee on Safeguards, Canada asked certain oral questions to which we would appreciate written answers. Therefore, I would be grateful if you could transmit to Canberra the following written questions:

1. Does the Government of Australia have, under existing legislation, the authority to impose any safeguard measure of the type provided for in Article XIX of GATT 1994?
2. Will the Government of Australia please confirm that the fact that Australia did not notify a legislative text to the WTO Committee on Safeguards implies that the Government cannot legally impose a safeguard measure without the passage of new or additional legislation?

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