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Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures
Committee on Safeguards

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER
ARTICLES 18.5, 32.6 AND 12.6 OF THE AGREEMENTS**

**REPLIES TO QUESTIONS POSED BY THE UNITED STATES¹
REGARDING THE NOTIFICATION OF CAMEROON²**

The following communication, dated and received on 2 May 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Cameroon.

In the communication addressed to Cameroon dated 13 September 2022 and circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States, the delegation of Cameroon was asked a number of questions to elicit further details regarding Law No. 2016/004 governing foreign trade in Cameroon. The delegation of Cameroon thanks the United States for its questions and would like to provide the following replies containing additional information. The document has been forwarded to the Secretariat for processing.

Question 1

Article 27 states that procedures for calculating normal value, injury to the domestic industry, and the margin of dumping are "established by regulation."

- a. Please clarify whether Cameroon has codified and published these specific regulations.**
- b. If so, please clarify when these regulations will be notified to the relevant WTO Committees for review by Members.**

Reply

- a. The specific regulation in question has already been published. It is Decree No. 2017/6723/PM of 7 June 2017 establishing the procedures for implementing Law 2016 on foreign trade;
- b. This Decree has already been notified to the WTO through its relevant Committees.

Question 2

Article 28 paragraph 1 states that "natural or legal persons" or "the organizations concerned" can submit applications alleging dumped or subsidized imports to the Minister for foreign trade. Please clarify whether Cameroon has any requirements regarding the establishment of domestic industry support or representation, similar to the requirements set forth in Article 5.4 of the WTO Agreement on the Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (Anti-dumping Agreement). If so, please identify the law or regulation that describes any such requirements.

¹ [G/ADP/Q1/CMR/5-G/SCM/Q1/CMR/5-G/SG/Q1/CMR/5](#)

² [G/ADP/N/1/CMR/2-G/SCM/N/1/CMR/2-G/SG/N/1/CMR/2](#)

Reply

Yes, Cameroon has requirements regarding the establishment of industry representation; see Article 51 of Decree No. 2017/6723/PM of 7 June 2017 establishing the procedures for implementing Law 2016 on foreign trade.

Question 3

Article 28 paragraph 2, states that applications "shall contain sufficient evidence of the existence of dumping or subsidization." Please explain what would constitute "sufficient" evidence pursuant to this provision.

Reply

Sufficient evidence means any authentic document, credible investigation or other element leading to the conclusion of the existence of dumping or subsidization.

Question 4

Article 29, paragraph 2 states that, upon the initiation of an investigation, the Minister shall "officially inform the parties concerned." Please describe what constitutes the "parties concerned." Please clarify whether the "the parties concerned" include foreign governments.

Reply

The parties concerned are the industry filing the complaint and the enterprise or State against which the complaint is filed.

Question 5

Article 29 paragraph 4 states that "regulation" determines the Anti-Dumping and Subsidies Committee's "organization and functioning." Please confirm whether "regulation" refers to Decree No. 2017/6524/PM of 7 June 2017, or some other regulation. If the reference is to another regulation, please specify which regulation is referred to by Article 29 paragraph 4.

Reply

Yes, the Decree is the one mentioned, Decree No. 2017/6524/PM of 7 June 2017.

Question 6

Articles 24, 30, and 47 refer to periods of ninety, thirty and fifteen, and two hundred days, respectively. Please clarify whether "days" mean calendar or business days.

Reply

Calendar days.

Question 7

Article 31 describes that trade investigations "shall continue on the basis of information available to the investigators" in the case that one of the parties cannot provide the required information. Please clarify whether the investigating authority would first request clarification or further information from parties before determining to proceed "on the basis of information available to the investigators."

Reply

The competent investigating authority must first ask the parties for any possible further information.

Question 8

Article 35 states that exporters and importers "may be informed of the course of the proceedings and the outcome of the investigation."

- a. Please clarify how the Minister will determine in what instances exporters, importers, and applicants may be informed of the proceedings and outcome of an investigation.**
- b. Please clarify why parties would not be informed in all instances and identify instances in which exporters and importers would not be informed of the outcome of the proceedings.**

Reply

The competent authorities are working on these procedural details within the framework of a clear procedural manual issued by the investigating authority.

Question 9

Article 41 discusses the process to request reviews of trade remedy measures. Please clarify when and where decisions on reviews are published.

Reply

Any authentic and credible means of publication may be used for this purpose (journals, newspapers, television, radio, internet, etc.).

Question 10

Paragraph (2) of Article 43, regarding safeguard measures, states that the evaluation of current or potential serious injury shall be conducted in accordance with the WTO Agreement on Safeguards and "the criteria defined by regulation." Please specify the referenced regulation and state when it will be notified to the WTO Committee on Safeguards for Members to review.

Reply

The regulation concerned is Decree No. 2017/6723/PM of 7 June 2017 establishing the procedures for implementing Law 2016 on foreign trade, which has already been notified to the WTO.

Question 11

Article 53 describes the electronic platform through which foreign trade remedy operations are conducted, known as e-Single Window for Foreign Trade Operations.

- a. Please clarify whether the electronic platform treats public and proprietary information separately.**
- b. Please explain how the protection of proprietary information is ensured.**

Reply

The electronic platform is known as the electronic Single Window for Foreign Trade Operations and treats information in accordance with a clear procedural manual, under the law on data protection.
