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Requests Pursuant to Article 27.4 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

Questions Posed by JAPAN Regarding the Notification of BELIZE¹

The following communication, dated 4 April 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan.

Japan hereby submits the following questions seeking clarification of certain aspects of the request submitted by Belize under Article 27.4 of the ASCM for extension of the transition period for export subsidies. In addition, Japan reserves its right for further questions. These questions are without prejudice to whether Japan endorses any conclusions which may be drawn.

Fiscal Incentives Programme

1. What percent or what amount of import duties per company according to the amount of payment is exempted under this programme.

Commercial Free Zones Programme

2. Could Belize please explain whether certain corporations could receive benefit from both EPZ and CFZ at the same time if a zone is designated as these two Zone types?

¹ G/SCM/N/74/BLZ + Suppl.1 and G/SCM/N/71/BLZ + Suppl.1