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

Questions Posed by the EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES Regarding the Notification of the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC¹

The following communication, dated 4 April 2002, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission.

The European Communities pose the following questions without prejudice to the final position on the request and reserve the right to ask further questions in the course of the consultations.

- Q.1 Please indicate when the programme came into operation.
- Q.2 Please indicate whether the programme provides for other forms of subsidies than exemption of import duties and internal taxes (e.g. grants, provision of goods or services).
- Q.3 Does the programme provide for a condition to use domestic goods? If yes, please describe the relevant provision.
- Q.4 The programme appears to contain a condition for "local value addition" (Article 15(g) Paragraph I). Does this constitute a requirement to use domestic over imported goods? Please explain.
- Q.5 Please indicate the rate of import duty or internal tax exemption as of 1 September 2001.
- Q.6 Please describe changes to the programme since 1 September 2001, if any. In particular, indicate any changes to the rate of exemption or the coverage of the programmes e.g. in terms of products, location etc.
- Q.7 Please indicate how many companies have benefited from the programme as of 1 September 2001.
- Q.8 Please elaborate on when and how the Dominican Republic intends to phase out the programme.

¹ G/SCM/N/74/DOM, G/SCM/N/71/DOM.