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Replies of SRI LANKA¹ to Questions from
HONG KONG² and the UNITED STATES²

The following communication, dated 14 February 1997, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka.

HONG KONG

Q(a) What is the legal status of the WTO A-D Agreement in Sri Lanka? Does it have the force of law ?

Answer

There is no anti-dumping legislation in Sri Lanka at present.

Q(b) If Sri Lanka has no legislation on A-D, for what reasons does it consider that it is necessary to bring in new legislation? What is the time table of enactment of the new legislation?

Answer

Sri Lanka is progressively reducing its import tariff and has done away with all non-tariff barriers. Under the new low tariff regime, the domestic industry feels that there should be national legislation to deal with unfair trading practices such as dumping. It is proposed to introduce new legislation pertaining to dumping as early as possible.

Q(c) Before the enactment of any new domestic anti-dumping legislation, does Sri Lanka contemplate initiation of any anti-dumping action? If yes, how will Sri Lanka ensure compliance with the provisions of the WTO A-D Agreement?

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Answer

Any complaints of dumping will be examined as per the provisions of the WTO Anti-Dumping Agreement. However, no anti-dumping duty will be imposed until the national legislation is in place.

UNITED STATES

Q1. Prior to the implementation of the Uruguay Round Anti-Dumping and Subsidies and Countervailing Duty Agreements did your country have anti-dumping or countervailing duty laws? If so have those laws been revoked?

Answer

There were no anti-dumping or countervailing duty laws prior to the Uruguay Round Agreements.

Q2. If you are in the process of drafting legislation, what is the estimated date for implementation of the legislation?

Answer

It is proposed to introduce new legislation on anti-dumping towards the end of 1997.

Q3. Does your country have an organization to administer the anti-dumping or countervailing duty laws? If so, does the organization have any administrative guidelines for administering these laws?

Answer

The proposed anti-dumping and countervailing laws will set guidelines for administering the laws.

Q4. Does your country have any outstanding anti-dumping or countervailing duty orders?

Answer

No.

Q5. What provisions have been made for judicial review of anti-dumping or countervailing duty actions?

Answer

The proposed legislation will provide for judicial review as per the A-D and CVD Agreements.