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Questions Posed by the UNITED STATES Regarding the New and Full Notification of CROATIA¹

The following communication, dated 19 February 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States

I. Wheat Tender Programme

Please provide details regarding Croatia's Wheat Tender programme. Our understanding of this programme is that private companies purchase wheat from farmers at a minimum price and in return, receive money from the government in two instalments. In particular, could you please explain whether firms must export surplus wheat before they receive payments from the government under this programme? If the benefits under this programme are in fact contingent upon export performance, please explain how this programme complies with Croatia's WTO obligations.

¹ G/SCM/N/71/HRV/Suppl.1 and G/SCM/N/95/HRV