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### Questions from CANADA Regarding the New and Full Notification of the UNITED STATES<sup>1</sup>

The following communication, dated 15 January 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

1. Regarding the Fisheries Finance Programme (FFP) set out on pages 32 & 33, the "Trade effects" section states that "FFP has been barred by NOAA policy and Congressional directives from financing any project that could be construed to lead to overcapitalization of any fishery."

What are the criteria for "overcapitalization of any fishery" in the FFP context? If such criteria are specifically set out in NOAA policy and Congressional directives, please provide references to the location of such criteria within those instruments.

2. The covering page of the notification indicates that information with respect to federal domestic agricultural support programmes for 2000 through 2002 is not yet available. Canada notes that information on many of these programmes, as well as actual spending figures through to 2002, is available on the website of the US Department of Agriculture.

Could the United States indicate if the US Department of Agriculture information is relevant and whether it should be included in the WTO notification?

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