

**Committee on Subsidies and  
Countervailing Measures**

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**SUBSIDIES**

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

Replies to the Questions Posed by ECUADOR<sup>1</sup>

The following communication, dated 18 November 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Colombia.

Questions

As part of the process of consultation regarding requests for extension of the transition period for export subsidies under Article 27.4 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, Ecuador would be most grateful if Colombia could answer the following questions:

1. Does the Transport Compensation Mechanism benefit or can it benefit exports from free zones and exports which have received the benefits provided for in the Special Import-Export System for Capital Goods and Spare Parts (SIEX)?
2. Can a single export product or enterprise benefit from all three of the subsidy programmes notified by Colombia?

Replies

We learned that yesterday you made a submission to the WTO Secretariat in which you raise two questions relating to the possibility of Colombia applying the programmes for which it is requesting an extension under Article 27.4 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (Free Zones, Vallejo Plan and Transport Compensation Mechanism) concurrently.

In this connection we inform you that, during the process of transparency in which we are engaged, both Canada and Japan have asked questions to this effect (documents G/SCM/Q3/COL/5 and G/SCM/Q3/COL/4 respectively). Colombia answered these questions in documents G/SCM/Q3/COL/8 and G/SCM/Q3/COL/7, which were issued in March 2002.

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<sup>1</sup> G/SCM/Q3/COL/18