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## SUBSIDIES

New and Full Notification Pursuant to Article XVI:1  
of the GATT 1994 and Article 25 of the Agreement  
on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

Extension Under SCM Article 27.4 of the Transition Period for the  
Elimination of Export Subsidies Pursuant to the Procedures  
in Document G/SCM/39

Replies to Questions from the UNITED STATES<sup>1</sup>  
Regarding the Notifications of FIJI<sup>2</sup>

The following communication, dated 20 October 2003, has been received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade in Fiji.

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**Q. Can you please explain whether the Bank of Fiji still administers the Export Finance Facility (EFF) and Export Credit Ratio (ECR) programmes, which were notified in Fiji's previous New and Full Notification (G/SCM/N/71/FJI)? Extensions of these two programmes were not approved pursuant to G/SCM/66. Please note that in accordance with Article 27 of the Subsidies Agreement, all export subsidy programmes that were not granted an extension under Article 27.4 are to have been phased out.**

### Reply

With regards to the question from the United States on the Export Finance Facility (EFF) and Export Credit Ratio (ECR) programmes, Fiji had requested its application be withdrawn because it is not deemed to be a subsidy and therefore does not fall under the purview of the SCM Committee (see correspondence of 3 December 2002, circulated as document G/SCM/Q3/FJI/9).

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<sup>1</sup> G/SCM/Q2/FJI/6-G/SCM/Q3/FJI/10

<sup>2</sup> G/SCM/N/95/FJI-G/SCM/N/99/FJI