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

Questions Posed by Switzerland

The following communication, dated 21 February 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland.

Switzerland submits the following comments and questions seeking clarification of certain aspects of the requests under review. These comments and questions do not necessarily prejudice its final position on these requests. We thank all delegations mentioned below for their efforts in complying with the procedures set out either in Art. 27.4 SCM or in § 10.6 of the Ministerial Decision on Implementation-Related Issues and Concerns [WT/MIN(01)/17] and for having put forward their requests in a timely manner.

Guatemala (G/SCM/N/74/GTM)

Switzerland understands that it may be difficult to reflect the subsidy per unit for all three programmes for which Guatemala is seeking an extension of the transition period. However, to better understand the scope of the request it would be helpful if Guatemala could provide to this committee at least the total amount of the different subsidies, in this case the amount of duties and taxes foregone by Guatemala for the last fiscal years. In the same line, we would like to ask Guatemala to supply statistical data of the value of total exports under the notified programmes.

Could Guatemala also specify if the programmes under discussion are open to national as well as to foreign legal entities and that the same application procedures apply to both, national and foreign companies?
