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Follow-Up Question Posed by JAPAN Regarding the Notification of SURINAME¹

The following communication, dated 7 October 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan.

Japan hereby submits a follow-up question seeking clarification for the reply submitted by Suriname² to Japan under Article 27.4 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM) for an extension of the transition period for export subsidies. Japan reserves its right for further questions.

This question is without prejudice as to whether Japan endorses any conclusions which may be drawn.

Tariff Import Duties Law

Suriname states in its reply to Japan that the WTI (Tariff Import Duties Law) does not provide for any regulations related to export subsidies and that the Government of Suriname does not provide any kind of export subsidies to any firms in the sectors. The eligible programmes under G/SCM/39 are export subsidy programmes. In Japan's understanding, although Suriname does not provide any kind of export subsidies, it nevertheless requests the extension of some kind of subsidy programme under G/SCM/39. Could Suriname please explain the rationale of its request?

¹ G/SCM/N/74/SUR/Suppl.1 and G/SCM/71/SUR.

² G/SCM/Q3/SUR/7.