

NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 12.6 OF THE AGREEMENT

Questions Posed by ARGENTINA Regarding the Notification of the PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA¹

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

1. What does Article 3 refer to when it mentions "other organization"?
2. What are the requirements imposed by the Implementation Authority on an application for applying safeguard measures?
3. Several Articles mention the competences of the MOFTEC and the SETC. Could the People's Republic of China (PRC) clarify the specific functions of both agencies and the relation among them?
4. In case of safeguards related to agricultural products, how does the Ministry of Agriculture intervene?
5. Article 9 refers to the period of investigation. Could the PRC define the duration of that period?
6. Could the PRC elaborate on the scope of Article 10?
7. What is the meaning of "other appropriate means" in the context of Article 12?
8. Article 13: could the PRC explain if it uses "Administrative Protective Orders" or a similar system to facilitate access to confidential information by lawyers or representatives from the parties involved?
9. Could the PRC clarify where in its notified legislation is included the requirement set in Article 3 of the Safeguard Agreement (obligation to give a "reasonable public notice to all interested parties")?
10. Could the PRC explain if the investigating authority makes an analysis and an assessment of the adjustment plan? What are the requirements requested in order to consider the adjustment plan?

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