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Question posed by the UNITED STATES concerning the Updating and New and Full Article XVII Notifications of MEXICO¹

The following communication, dated 14 May 1999, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

Question

In its notifications, Mexico states that it has no enterprises that receive exclusive or special privileges as defined in Article XVII of the GATT 1994. However, we understand that Mexico's Compania Nacional de Subsistencias Populares (CONASUPO) continues to receive the bulk of the milk powder import licences granted under Mexico's tariff-rate quotas for those products. Could Mexico please clarify the extent of CONASUPO's imports of non-fat dry milk and whole milk powder under Mexico's tariff-rate quotas? Also, please clarify the conditions under which private firms may obtain licences to import milk powder.

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