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

Questions Posed by the UNITED STATES Regarding the Notification of JORDAN¹

The following communication, dated 17 April 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

The following questions are submitted with respect to the request for extension of the transition period for export subsidies under Article 27.4 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures Agreement (ASCM). These questions are preliminary in nature and are submitted without prejudice to our final position. We reserve the right to ask further questions.

Income Tax Law No. 57 B Exemption from Income Tax

1. Please provide greater detail regarding the nature of these programmes in accordance with G/SCM/39 and G/SCM/6.
2. Could Jordan please explain whether this programme provides any other incentives apart from the full or partial exemption from income tax on profits from exports?
3. What are the specific criteria that must be met to qualify for benefits under this programme? Are benefits contingent upon the use of domestic rather than imported goods?
4. Please provide the normal income tax rates companies would pay absent this programme.

¹ G/SCM/N/74/JOR, G/SCM/N/71/JOR