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NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 32.6 OF THE AGREEMENT

SWITZERLAND

The following communication, dated 28 February 1995, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland.

Notification under Article 25.12 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures indicating the authorities competent to initiate and conduct investigations and the domestic procedures governing the conduct of such investigations.

The Federal Office for External Economic Affairs, 3003 Berne, is competent to initiate and conduct the investigations referred to in Article 11 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.

Switzerland is party to the Tokyo Round Agreement on application of Articles VI, XVI and XXIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1947. The Swiss Parliament adopted that Agreement in December 1979. Switzerland has no special legislation concerning countervailing measures. In Swiss law, the Tokyo Round Agreement has binding force, having been published in the Systematic Compendium of Federal Law (RS 0.632.231.1). So far, Switzerland has not had to take any decision concerning countervailing duties. Should the occasion arise, the authorities responsible for initiating and conducting an investigation concerning countervailing measures would have to comply with the provisions of the Tokyo Round Agreement on Application of Articles VI, XVI and XXIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1947.