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Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices
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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER
ARTICLES 18.5 AND 32.6 OF THE AGREEMENTS**

TEMPORARY CHANGE TO FILING PROCEDURES

ARGENTINA

Supplement

The following communication, dated 4 January 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Argentina.

By means of Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management Resolution No. 77/2020 of 8 June 2020 (G/ADP/N/1/ARG/1/Suppl.10- G/SCM/N/1/ARG/1/Suppl.9), a digital channel was temporarily established to enable interested parties to address concerns, queries, and responses to requests in connection with investigations into unfair international trade practices.

In view of the fact that this interactive instrument has allowed for investigations to be successfully carried out and has facilitated the participation of the interested parties in these investigations without overlooking the health situation linked to the COVID-19 pandemic, by means of Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management Resolution No. 586/2020 of 22 December 2020 (Official Journal of 23 December 2020), it was decided to maintain such temporary changes for the duration of the health emergency established by Law No. 27.51 and extended by Decree No. 260 of 12 March 2020 and the amendments thereto.

SUMMARY: Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management Resolution No. 586/2020 (RESOL-2020-586-APN- SIECYGCE#MDP) of 22 December 2020, published in the Official Journal of 23 December 2020, replaces the first paragraph of Article 1 of Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management Resolution No. 77/2020, notified in document G/ADP/N/1/ARG/1/Suppl.10- G/SCM/N/1/ARG/1/Suppl.9.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management Resolution No. 586/2020 is available at: <https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/239085/20201223>. The text of the measure is as follows:

Resolution No. 586/2020

RESOL-2020-586-APN-SIECYGCE#MDP

City of Buenos Aires, 22/12/2020

HAVING REGARD TO File No. EX-2020-88483052-APN-DGD#MDP, Law No. 24.425, Decree No. 1.393 of 2 September 2008, Resolutions No. 293 of 25 September 2008 of the former SECRETARIAT FOR INDUSTRY, TRADE AND SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES of the former MINISTRY OF THE ECONOMY AND PRODUCTION, and No. 77 of 8 June 2020 of the SECRETARIAT FOR INDUSTRY, THE KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE MANAGEMENT of the MINISTRY OF PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT, and

WHEREAS:

The Final Act Embodying the Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, the Ministerial Decisions, Declarations and Understandings, and the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO) were approved under Law No. 24.425;

Annex 1A of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization contains the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 and the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures;

Decree No. 1.393 of 2 September 2008 laid down the rules and regulations for the effective application of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 and the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, and appointed the implementing authorities for those rules and regulations;

Article 1 of Necessity and Urgency Decree No. 260 of 12 March 2020 and the amendments thereto extended the public health emergency established under Law No. 27.541, for ONE (1) year from the entry into force of the Decree, in view of the pandemic declared by the WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) in relation to coronavirus COVID-19;

In light of the existing health emergency in our country and so as not to affect the healthcare services provided to the population, it was decided, in view of the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak, to issue Decree No. 297 of 19 March 2020 and the amendments thereto extending the "social, preventive and mandatory isolation" measure;

Decree No. 1.063 of 4 October 2016 approved the implementation of the Remote Procedure Management Platform, comprising the "Remote Procedure" module of the Electronic Document Management System, as a means of interaction between citizens and the administration;

Article 3 of the Decree mentioned in the preambular paragraph above provides that the national public sector entities and jurisdictions listed in Article 8 of Law No. 24.156 shall use the electronic "Remote Procedure" platform and the "Assistance and Transfer Manager" and "Comprehensive Addressee Register" modules of the Electronic Document Management System, in accordance with the timetable set by the former MINISTRY OF MODERNIZATION;

In view of the complexity of the matter, the above-mentioned procedures are still being incorporated, by the competent body, into the electronic "Remote Procedure" platform, for investigations into unfair trade practices and sunset or changed circumstances reviews of existing anti-dumping measures handled through Electronic File Management, which is currently under development;

In order to ensure the normal and delay-free functioning of procedures for investigations into alleged dumping or subsidization within the framework of Article 6 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI and Article 12 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, tools must be provided to reconcile this need with the healthcare measures that are required in these exceptional circumstances to prevent infections and the spread of the virus to the detriment of public health;

Accordingly, Resolution No. 77 of 8 June 2020 of the SECRETARIAT FOR INDUSTRY, THE KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE MANAGEMENT of the MINISTRY OF PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT was issued in order to provide an instrument to enable interaction between the parties concerned within the framework of the Electronic Document Management System; in this way, concerns, enquiries and replies to requests that cannot, according to reasonability parameters or other criteria, be deferred, may be transmitted through the website www.argentina.gob.ar and/or by email;

This instrument has proven to be useful to citizens, has made it possible to continue with the investigation process and has facilitated the participation of the parties in the investigations, while not overlooking the current health situation, and therefore it has been deemed appropriate to extend the measure for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic;

The relevant entities have taken action;

The Directorate-General of Legal Affairs of the MINISTRY OF PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT has taken the appropriate action within its sphere of competence;

The present Resolution is issued under the powers conferred by Decree No. 1.393/08;

Accordingly,

THE SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRY, THE KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE MANAGEMENT HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1.- The first paragraph of Article 1 of Resolution No. 77 of 8 June 2020 of the SECRETARIAT FOR INDUSTRY, THE KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE MANAGEMENT of the MINISTRY OF PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT shall be replaced by the following:

Interested parties shall, for the duration of the health emergency established by Law No. 27.541 and extended by Decree No. 260 of 12 March 2020 and amendments thereto, in connection with coronavirus COVID-19, make their submissions and respond to requests in connection with investigations into alleged dumping or subsidization, by submitting notes and documentation in digital form through the official website at <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/produccion/mesa-entradas-aspo/formulario-tramites> and/or by email to mgedesarrolloproductivo@gmail.com, which is the address for the Office of Incoming Communications of the Document Management Directorate of the SECRETARIAT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT of the MINISTRY OF PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT, for matters pertaining to the UNDER-SECRETARIAT FOR TRADE POLICY AND MANAGEMENT of the SECRETARIAT FOR INDUSTRY, THE KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE MANAGEMENT of the MINISTRY OF PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT. Interested parties shall obtain, as proof of the initiation of the procedure, an electronic file number in the Electronic Document Management System, so as to ensure subsequent follow-up.

ARTICLE 2.- This Resolution shall enter into force as from its publication in the Official Journal.

ARTICLE 3.- This Decree shall be proclaimed, published, transmitted to the NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF OFFICIAL RECORDS and filed.
