Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

NOTIFICATION OF SUBSIDIES

Communication from the Delegation of the United States to the Delegation of Canada

In the Canadian delegation's 29 March 1982 communication to the United States delegation (SCM/18), the United States was requested, pursuant to Article 7:3 of the Subsidies Code, to notify the US Domestic International Sales Corporation (DISC) as a subsidy under the provisions of Article XVI:1 of the GATT.

In light of the understanding adopted by the GATT Council when it adopted the panel reports on DISC and the tax practices of Belgium, France and the Netherlands, the United States does not believe that the DISC is a subsidy. Therefore, the United States delegation—does not believe it would be appropriate to notify the DISC programme under the provisions of Article XVI:1 of the GATT.