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Questions and Replies

MEXICO

The representative of Chinese Taipei has submitted the replies reproduced hereunder to the questions submitted by Mexico, for circulation to members of the Working Party on the Accession of Chinese Taipei. This text and the earlier documentation reproduced in documents L/7189/Rev.1 and L/7097 and Addenda will be considered at the meeting of the Working Party scheduled to take place on 12-15 October 1993.

Response to Mexico's requests regarding the following information:

- (a) Codes regarding non-tariff measures.

General information on Chinese Taipei's non-tariff measures are provided in Chinese Taipei's Memorandum on Foreign Trade Régime document L/7097 and its replies responding to questions raised by the members of the Working Party as contained in document L/7189/Rev.1. Given the breadth of the request, Chinese Taipei would appreciate the Mexican delegation's advice of the specific non-tariff measures that it wishes to obtain information.

- (b) A list of the sixteen fruits on which Chinese Taipei has preferential suppliers, as well as of such suppliers.

The sixteen fruits on which Chinese Taipei has preferential suppliers and such suppliers are as follows:

1. peaches and persimmons: limited to imports from Europe and the United States;
2. bananas, pineapples, guavas, mangoes, lemons and limes, grapes, papayas, plums, lychees, and longans: issuance of import licences is suspended except imports from the United States;
3. oranges and other mandarins, including tangerines and satsumas, and grapefruits: imports from the United States are free, imports from South Africa are limited in quantity;
4. apples: imports from the United States and Canada are free; imports from other areas are subject to quantitative restriction.

- (c) A description of the agricultural products that remain protected.

Currently the agricultural products subject to import control include edible animal offal, milk; products requiring consent letters for importation include rice, red beans; items subject to area restrictions include bananas, pineapples. For details, please refer to the relevant tables provided in the Annex to the documents L/7189.

It is worthy mentioning that with the implementation of the new import licensing system later this year, the number of the protected agricultural products will be reduced. The protected items will be listed in the so-called negative list to be prepared in conjunction with the introduction of the new system.

- (d) Which are the seafood products where Chinese Taipei applies non-tariff barriers, and what are these barriers?

Import control on sea products has been lifted and now can be freely imported with exception of the following products:

1. Mackerel;
2. Sardine;
3. Carangid;
4. Squid.

- (e) Which citrus fruits have area restrictions, and in what geographical areas?

Imports of other mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas), and limes and lemons are limited to those from the United States. Imports of oranges and grapefruits can only be imported from the United States (unlimited amounts) and South Africa (with limited amounts).

- (f) Information regarding the services sector, in particular about audiovisuals.

Information regarding the services sector has been provided in the relevant parts of documents L/7097 and L/7189/Rev.1, and replies to follow-up questions put by various contracting parties. Chinese Taipei will provide additional information upon specific request. Chinese Taipei has already made available at the Secretariat, English translations of the Publication Law, the Broadcasting and Television Law, and the Motion Picture Law, which would provide general information on audiovisuals.