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QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE GUIDELINES OF JAPAN FOR PROCEDURES ON ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES

Paragraph 1(2) of the guidelines appears to permit "any person who has an interest in an industry in Japan" to apply for relief, although Article 2.1 of the Subsidies Code and Article 5.1 of the Antidumping Code require that a petition be brought "by or on behalf of" a domestic industry.

1. How does Japan plan to interpret the phrase "an interest in"?
2. Is it possible that the Japanese investigating authorities could allow a domestic party to file a petition even if the party did not represent the industry, but merely had an interest in the industry?
3. How does Japan propose to adhere to the requirement of the Codes in this area?