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1. Article 7:1
   Do the Mexican authorities intend the term "similar goods" to have the same definition as the GATT term "like product"? If so, how do the Mexican authorities intend to make this clear?

2. Article 10 (chapeau)
   Do the Mexican authorities consider "25 per cent domestic production" to be "a major proportion of the total domestic production" as required by Article 4:1 of the Code?

3. Article 10:VII
   The wording of this article implies that applicants for an anti-dumping investigation are not required to provide evidence of the dumping/material injury causal connection as set out in Article 5:1 of the Code. Please clarify how Article 5:1 is complied with by the Mexican legislation.

4. Article 11
   (a) Do the Mexican authorities consider it possible to reach a preliminary finding in five or less working days, bearing in mind the amount of work involved and the vagaries of the international communications system? If not, how do they justify this requirement bearing in mind Article 10.1 of the Code?
   (b) The footnotes to Mexico's semi-annual report state that anti-dumping measures may be imposed "on receipt of the complaint on compliance". How do the Mexican authorities justify this abrogation of even the inadequate 5-day time-scale set out in this Article?
(c) The footnotes also state that "the period between the submission of a complaint and its acceptance is three months on average". There is no evidence presented to support this claim. How do the Mexican authorities intend to make this aspect of their legislation more transparent?

(d) Even if this 3-month period is usual, Articles 5 and 6 of the Code indicate that the in-depth investigation should be carried out after the acceptance of the complaint and may take up to one year to complete. Investigation prior to acceptance of the complaint is designed only to conclude that there appears to be a case to answer. Do the Mexican authorities intend to amend their legislation to bring it into line with the spirit of the Code?

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ARTICLE 1:VIII

How do the Mexican authorities justify their definition of injury as affecting "one or several domestic producers" in the light of the requirement of the Code (Article 4:1) that injury shall affect the whole or a major proportion of domestic production? What does the term "significant part of national production" as stated in the amendments (ADP/1/Add.27/Suppl.1) mean?