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1.1 Text of Article 16

Article 16

Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices

16.1 There is hereby established a Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices (referred to in this Agreement as the "Committee") composed of representatives from each of the Members. The Committee shall elect its own Chairman and shall meet not less than twice a year and otherwise as envisaged by relevant provisions of this Agreement at the request of any Member. The Committee shall carry out responsibilities as assigned to it under this Agreement or by the Members and it shall afford Members the opportunity of consulting on any matters relating to the operation of the Agreement or the furtherance of its objectives. The WTO Secretariat shall act as the secretariat to the Committee.

16.2 The Committee may set up subsidiary bodies as appropriate.

16.3 In carrying out their functions, the Committee and any subsidiary bodies may consult with and seek information from any source they deem appropriate. However, before the Committee or a subsidiary body seeks such information from a source within the jurisdiction of a Member, it shall inform the Member involved. It shall obtain the consent of the Member and any firm to be consulted.

16.4 Members shall report without delay to the Committee all preliminary or final anti-dumping actions taken. Such reports shall be available in the Secretariat for inspection by other Members. Members shall also submit, on a semi-annual basis, reports of any anti-dumping actions taken within the preceding six months. The semi-annual reports shall be submitted on an agreed standard form.

16.5 Each Member shall notify the Committee (a) which of its authorities are competent to initiate and conduct investigations referred to in Article 5 and (b) its domestic procedures governing the initiation and conduct of such investigations.

1.2 Article 16.1: Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices

1.2.1 Rules of procedure

1. At its meeting of 22 May 1996, the Council for Trade in Goods approved the Rules of Procedure for the meetings of the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices.¹

¹ [G/C/M/10](#), section 1(ii). The text of the adopted Rules of Procedure can be found in [G/ADP/4](#) and [G/L/143](#).

1.2.2 Reporting by the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices

2. The Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices reports annually on its activities to the Council for Trade in Goods.²

1.3 Articles 16.4 and 16.5: Reporting by Members on anti-dumping actions

3. Article 16.4 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (Anti-Dumping Agreement) requires Members to report without delay all preliminary or final actions taken. At its meeting of 30 October 1995, the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices adopted guidelines for the minimum information to be provided under Article 16.4 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement in reports on all preliminary or final anti-dumping actions.³ On 21 October 2009, the Committee adopted its most recent amended guidelines for reports on anti-dumping actions.⁴

4. Article 16.4 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement also requires Members to submit semi-annual reports of all anti-dumping actions they have taken. These semi-annual reports are normally submitted by mid-February, covering the period from 1 July through 31 December of the previous calendar year, and by mid-August, covering the period from 1 January through 30 June of the current calendar year. Members that have not taken any such actions during a covered period shall submit nil notifications. At its meeting of 30 October 1995, the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices adopted guidelines for the format of, and information to be provided in, these semi-annual reports.⁵ The Committee adopted amended guidelines for the format of such reports on 27 November 2008.⁶

5. Article 16.5 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement requires Members to notify to the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices which of its authorities are competent to initiate and conduct anti-dumping investigations. The list of such notifications, including addresses and contact numbers of the notified authorities, is periodically updated and circulated.⁷

6. On 21 October 2009, the Committee adopted what is known as the format for a "one-time notification" under Articles 16.4 and 16.5 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement. This format was developed to be used by Members that have not established an authority competent to initiate and conduct an investigation within the meaning of Article 16.5 and thus has not, to date, taken any anti-dumping actions within the meaning of Article 16.4 and does not anticipate taking any anti-dumping actions for the foreseeable future. One-time notifications remain valid until further notice.⁸

7. Also on 21 October 2009, the Committee agreed that each Member "shall submit its anti-dumping notifications, including the ad hoc reports on all anti-dumping actions and the minimum information format, in an electronic form."⁹

8. Semi-annual reports, lists of *ad hoc* actions notified, one-time notifications and lists of competent authorities, etc., are circulated as unrestricted documents. In addition, the Secretariat

² [G/L/34](#) and [Corr.1](#) for 1995; [G/L/123](#) and [Corr.1](#) for 1996; [G/L/204](#) for 1997; [G/L/268](#) for 1998; [G/L/340](#) and [Corr.1](#) for 1999; [G/L/404](#) and [Corr.1](#) for 2000; [G/L/495](#) and [Corr.1](#) for 2001; [G/L/581](#) and [Corr.1](#) for 2002; [G/L/653](#) for 2003; [G/L/707](#) for 2004; [G/L/758](#) for 2005; [G/L/791](#) for 2006; [G/L/830](#) for 2007; [G/L/861](#) for 2008; [G/L/902](#) for 2009; [G/L/935](#) for 2010; [G/L/966](#) for 2011; [G/L/1006](#) and [Corr.1](#) for 2012; [G/L/1053](#) for 2013; [G/L/1079](#) for 2014; [G/L/1134](#) for 2015; [G/L/1158](#) and [Corr.1](#) for 2016; [G/L/1193](#) for 2017; [G/L/1270](#) for 2018; [G/L/1344](#) for 2019; [G/L/1366](#) for 2020; [G/L/1415](#) for 2021; [G/L/1436](#) for 2022; and [G/L/1501](#) for 2023.

³ [G/ADP/M/4](#), section D. The text of the original guidelines can be found in [G/ADP/2](#).

⁴ [G/ADP/M/37](#), section F. The text of the amended guidelines can be found in [G/ADP/2/Rev.2](#).

⁵ [G/ADP/M/4](#), section D. The text of the adopted format and guidelines can be found in [G/ADP/1](#).

⁶ [G/ADP/M/35](#), section C.2. The text of the amended format and guidelines can be found in [G/ADP/1/Rev.1](#).

⁷ See [G/ADP/N/14/*](#).

⁸ [G/ADP/M/37](#), section F. The standard format for Members that have not established anti-dumping authorities can be found in [G/ADP/19](#).

⁹ [G/ADP/M/37](#), section F. The text of the Decision on the Electronic Submission of All Anti-Dumping Notifications can be found in [G/ADP/20](#).

website makes available a range of updated statistics on anti-dumping actions, e.g. by exporter, reporting Member, and product sector.¹⁰

Current as of: June 2024

¹⁰ See "Statistics on anti-dumping" at: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/adp_e/adp_e.htm.