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European Communities Questions Regarding China's Anti-Dumping Practice

The following communication, dated 2 October 2006, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the European Communities.

The EC is transmitting questions in advance of the meeting of the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices in order for the Chinese authorities to have sufficient time to provide complete replies.

1. Following the statement by the Chinese delegation at Anti-dumping Committee of October 2005, the European Communities would like to revert again to the matter of disclosure in anti-dumping proceedings carried out by China. Could China please set out the steps undertaken by them when disclosing facts and findings to interested parties? Specifically could China set out the timetable for disclosure both for the dumping and injury aspects of a case? Could China please clarify if the Investigation Bureau for Industry Injury (IBII) discloses all findings on injury and causality to all interested parties, including exporters, in an investigation? Could China describe what is given to exporters in the disclosure on the dumping calculations?

2. Regarding non-confidential versions of data provided in the context of a proceeding, could China please outline its policy regarding the use of indices versus aggregate figures? Regarding the non-confidential versions of information received, does China examine these documents to ensure that they do, in fact, permit a reasonable understanding of the information provided in confidence? Would China consider it to be more appropriate and meaningful to use aggregate figures rather than indices where there are more than two petitioners/respondents involved in a proceeding?

3. In its statement to the Anti-dumping Committee of October 2005, China listed the 'other factors' which it examines in evaluating injury in anti-dumping investigations. This included 'volumes and prices of imports from other countries'. Could China explain if this aspect is also addressed when evaluating a complaint prior to initiation?

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