

**TRANSITIONAL REVIEW MECHANISM PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 18  
OF THE PROTOCOL ON THE ACCESSION OF THE  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ("CHINA")**

Questions from the UNITED STATES to CHINA

Addendum

The following communication, dated 31 October 2008, has been received from the delegation of the United States.

The United States wishes to pose the following additional questions to China in connection with the upcoming meeting of the Council for Trade in Goods for the purposes of the transitional review mandated by China's Protocol of Accession. These questions relate to matters that were raised by the United States during the transitional review held before one of the committees that reports to the Council for Trade in Goods, the Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, but China did not respond to them. The United States notes that it may submit additional questions, depending on the outcomes of other upcoming transitional reviews before committees that report to the Council for Trade in Goods.

**Land Administration**

1. Given the scarcity of land resources in China, the price of land-use rights and how they are allocated are important considerations from both a market access standpoint and a competition standpoint. They also implicate a more general concern with resource allocations and their effects on production and trade. It is therefore of some concern to the United States that the Chinese government is recentralizing control over land administration, with the objective, in part, to ensure that land use-rights are allocated in accordance with state industrial development policies.

- (a) Could China describe the ongoing efforts to recentralize the government's control over land administration?
- (b) Please explain how the *Circular of the State Council on Strengthening Land Control*, Guo Fa [2006], No. 31, issued by the State Council in August 2006, is being implemented.
- (c) Please describe the recently established National Land Superintendency and its role and powers.
- (d) Please describe China's compulsory national land-use plan as well as the individual and collective roles of the National Land Superintendency, the Ministry of Land and Natural Resources, the Ministry of Finance and the National Development and Reform Commission in implementing the national land-use plan.