

SUBSIDIES

Questions Posed by the EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
to THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The following communication, dated 24 September 2002, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission.

It should be noted that the TRM in regard to subsidies also involves the examination of price controls and pricing policy of state enterprises. (Annex 1A, 4b of the Accession Protocol¹). While we do not have any questions on this at this point (in particular because no information has been notified on that by the PRC) the EC reserves the right to ask questions on these items in the near future.

- Can the PRC please provide an update of the list of subsidies contained in Annex 5A of the Accession Protocol.
- With regard to export or import substitution subsidies (Art 3.1.a and b ASCM) contained in Annex 5B of the Accession Protocol could the PRC please indicate the legal basis according to which each respective programme has been repealed?
- In regard to the already 24 subsidy programmes contained in Annex 5A of the Accession Protocol could the PRC please provide the number of state enterprises which benefit from either central or local government subsidies?

¹ Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China, WT/ACC/CHN/49.