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SUBSIDIES

Questions from the UNITED STATES Regarding the Updating Notification of MEXICO¹

The following communication, dated 17 May 2001, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

1. The US Department of Commerce identified several subsidy programmes in its latest CVD administrative review of imports of cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Mexico. Please indicate why the following programmes were not notified, *e.g.*, have some of the programmes been terminated? If programmes have been terminated, please indicate the legislative action under which the termination was made. Otherwise, please notify the following programmes or explain why you believe they do not fall within the scope of notifiable measures:

- Grants from the Mexican Institute for Steel Research (IMIS)
- Bancomext Export Loans
- Bancomext Short-Term Import Financing
- FONEI Long-Term Financing
- Export Financing Restructuring
- Bancomext Trade Promotion Services and Technical Support
- Empresas de Comercio Exterior or Foreign Trade Companies Programme
- Article 15 & 94 Loans
- Nafinsa Long-Term Loans

2. You stated in your reply² to a question, concerning your previous notification³ about the sectoral promotion programmes published by SECOFI, on November 14, 1998, that “The programmes published in the Official Journal of 14 November 1998 are not in operation. In accordance with the transitional article of the decree in question, those programmes will come into effect by 1 November 2000.”

- (a) Are these programmes now in effect? If so, when did they come into effect?
- (b) Please provide further details about the programmes.
- (c) What sectors/industries are covered by these sectoral programmes?

¹ G/SCM/N/48/MEX; G/SCM/N/60/MEX.

² G/SCM/Q2/MEX/15.

³ G/SCM/Q2/MEX/13.