

1 ARTICLE 24 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES 1

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1.3.3 Working Party on Subsidy Notifications The Committee shall elect its own Chairman and shall meet not less than twice a year and otherwise as envisaged in the provisions of this Agreement at the request of any Member. The Committee shall have the responsibilities as assigned to it under this Agreement or by the Members and shall provide Members the opportunity of consulting on any matter relating to the operation of this Agreement or the furtherance of its objectives. The WTO Secretariat shall act as the secretariat to the Committee.

24.2 The Committee may set up subsidiary bodies as appropriate.

24.3 The Committee shall establish a Permanent Group of Experts composed of five independent persons, highly qualified in the fields of subsidies and trade relations. The members will be elected by the Committee and one of them will be replaced every two years. They may be requested to assist a panel, as provided for in paragraph 5 of Article 17. They may also seek an advisory opinion on the existence and nature of any subsidy.

24.4 The PGE may be consulted by any Member and may give advisory opinions on the nature of any subsidy proposed to be introduced or currently maintained by that Member. Such advisory opinions will be confidential and may not be invoked in proceedings under this Agreement.

24.5 In carrying out their functions, the Committee and any subsidiary bodies shall have the right to request information from any source they deem appropriate. If the Committee or a subsidiary body seeks such information from a source within the territory of a Member, it shall inform the Member involved.

1.2 Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

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 Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (G/C/M/10).

¹ G/C/M/10

1.3.3 Working Party on Subsidy Notifications

7. By a decision of 22 February 1995, the Committee created a Working Party on Subsidy Notifications.¹³ The Working Party's last meeting was on 27 October 2003. Its work is generally reflected in Chair's reports in the minutes of the SCM Committee meetings.¹⁴

1.3.4 Proposals to establish additional subsidiary bodies

8. At its regular meetings of 26 April and 25 October 2016, the SCM Committee discussed a proposal from Brazil¹⁵ regarding the establishment of a Working Group on Implementation.¹⁶

9. At its regular meeting of 27 October 2023, the SCM Committee discussed a proposal from Canada, the Republic of
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