

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices

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Committee on Subsidies and
Countervailing Measures

UNITED STATES - ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING ACTIONS ON STEEL PRODUCTS

Request for Consultations under Article 15:2 of
the Agreement on Anti-Dumping and Article 3:2 of the
Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

Communication from Brazil

The following communication, dated 10 February 1993, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Brazil.

Please be informed that the Ministry of External Relations of Brazil has delivered to the Embassy of the United States in Brasília on 5 February 1993 a formal request for consultations on the on-going US anti-dumping and countervailing actions on steel products from Brazil.

Unofficial Translation

"The Ministry of External Relations presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to request formally to the Government of the United States of America that bilateral consultations be held under Article 15:2 of the GATT Anti-Dumping Code and Article 3 of the GATT Subsidies Code on the anti-dumping and countervailing actions on Brazilian exports of steel products, namely flat products; lead and bismuth bar products; hot-rolled bars and semi-finished products of special bar quality engineered steel; tubes; and stainless steel wire-rods.

In the course of these consultations the Government of Brazil wishes to seek clarification on procedural aspects of investigations conducted by the US Department of Commerce, mainly, although not exclusively, on the consideration of debt-conversion operations as subsidy; changes, in the course of investigations, of methodology for calculation of subsidies; and recourse to the criterion of "best information available".

The Brazilian Government proposes that the consultations be held in Geneva.

Brasília, 5 February 1993."