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ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES

Submission of Laws and Regulations

The following statements have been received from the Governments of Brazil and France:

BRAZIL

"There are no laws or regulations in Brazil providing for the levy of anti-dumping and countervailing duties. Article 148 of the Federal Constitution, however, foresees such a law being brought into being. This Article reads as follows:

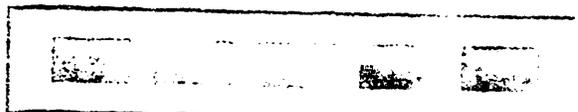
"The law shall suppress all forms of abuse of economic powers, including unions and business associations, under individual or collective name, of whatever character, which would have for their object the domination of domestic markets, the elimination of competition and the arbitrary increase of profits."

FRANCE

"I have the honour to inform you that this question is dealt with by Article 18 of the Customs Law, the text of which reads as follows:

'1 - The Government may through decrees enacted by the Council of Ministers: ...

- (d) Introduce a countervailing duty on goods, whether dutiable or not, which benefit in the country of origin or exportation by a direct or indirect export bonus or subsidy, whatever the character, origin or method of allocation of such bonus or subsidy, as well as on goods originating in or coming from certain countries, when the prices of these goods at the French frontier are at least 20 per cent lower than the import prices which served as a basis for the establishment of the minimum rates of duty applicable. The latter provision shall, however, not apply when the reduction in the prices of foreign goods at the French frontier is linked to a general fall in production costs recognized as having taken place, both in France and the principal producing countries; ...



2 - The measures taken in application of the provisions of the previous paragraph shall be withdrawn according to the same procedure.'

"It should be stressed that the French Government has not applied these provisions since the Second World War."

