1 ARTICLE 28

1.1 Text of Article 28

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Existing Programmes

28.1 Subsidy programmes which have been established within the territory of any Member before the date on which such a Member signed the WTO Agreement and which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement shall be:

(a) notified to the Committee not later than 90 days after the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement for such Member; and

(b) brought into conformity with the provisions of this Agreement within three years of the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement for such Member and until then shall not be subject to Part II.

28.2 No Member shall extend the scope of any such programme, nor shall such a programme be renewed upon its expiry.

1.2 General

1. Eleven Members notified the SCM Committee of subsidy programmes, which were in existence before the date that Member signed the WTO Agreement and were inconsistent with the SCM Agreement, under Article 28.1(a).¹ These notifications can be found in the document series G/SCM/N/2/*.

¹ These eleven Members consist of: Canada; Chile, Cuba; Honduras; Jordan; Mauritius; Malaysia; Oman; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; and South Africa. For a full list containing document numbers, see G/SCM/W/546/Rev.11, Annex K.