

**UNITED STATES – MEASURES RELATING TO ZEROING
AND SUNSET REVIEWS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from the Separate Customs Territory
of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu*

The following communication, dated 8 December 2004, from the delegation of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of Japan and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu hereby notifies the Consulting Parties and the Dispute Settlement Body that it wishes to join in the consultations requested by Japan regarding Measures Relating to Zeroing and Sunset Reviews. Japan's request for consultations, pursuant to Articles 4 of the DSU, Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, and Article 17.2 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of GATT 1994, was circulated on 29 November 2004 in document WT/DS322/1.

The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu is subjected to the fourth largest number of anti-dumping measures imposed by the United States on its trading partners, with a total of twelve within the last ten years. Our industries have also been the subject of seventeen investigations in that same period. In addition, Japan has cited one case, sunset review of corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products, in which our industry is also involved. Because of our substantial trade interest as well as systemic interest, we request to join these consultations.

We would appreciate the Consulting Parties informing us of the date and venue of the consultations so as to enable our participation.
