

**REPORT (1998) OF THE INDEPENDENT ENTITY**

The Agreement on Preshipment Inspection provides for the establishment of an Independent Entity for the administration of the independent review procedures as set out in Article 4 of the Agreement. The Independent Entity (IE) was established by Decision of the General Council of 13 December 1995 (WT/L/125/Rev.1). Paragraph I.C. of the Structures and Functions of the Independent Entity (Annex II of WT/L/125/Rev.1) provides that,

"the IE will report to the Council for Trade in goods at least once a year but more frequently if necessary."

During the reporting period, the IE received no requests for an independent review.

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