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REPORT (2009) OF THE INDEPENDENT ENTITY TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS

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 a 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.