

**UNITED STATES – CONTINUED DUMPING AND  
SUBSIDY OFFSET ACT OF 2000**

Communication from the European Communities

The following communication dated, 29 April 2005, from the delegation of the European Communities to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of that delegation.

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On 26 November 2004, the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") granted authorization to the European Communities to suspend concessions and related obligations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994") in accordance with the decision of the Arbitrator in *United States - Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000*. The authorization was made pursuant to the European Communities' request made under Article 22.7 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU"). In that request, the European Communities undertook to notify the DSB every year the list of products on which the additional import duty would apply, prior to the entry into force of a level of suspension of concessions.

The European Communities hereby notifies the DSB that it is suspending, as of 1 May 2005, the application of concessions and related obligations under GATT 1994 on imports of certain products originating in the United States of America. For the first year, an *ad valorem* additional duty of 15 per cent will be imposed on the products listed in the annex and originating in the United States of America. This suspension covers, over one year, a total value of trade that does not exceed US\$ 27,81 million.

US\$ 27,81 million is the European Communities' current level of authorization established through arbitration under Article 22.6 of the DSU. It represents 72 *per cent* of US\$ 38,63 million collected from the European Communities' exports and disbursed to US companies in the distribution under the *Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000* for the most recent year for which data are available. The amount of relevant disbursements was identified using the CDSOA Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2004, published by US Customs and Border Protection on 17 December 2004.

The European Communities requests that you ask the Secretariat to circulate this notification to the Members of the DSB.

<b>CN codes</b>	<b>Description of products</b>
4820 10 90	Writing pads and the like, of paper or paperboard
4820 50 00	Albums for samples or collections, of paper or paperboard
4820 90 00	Blotting pads and similar articles of stationery, of paper and paperboard, and book covers of paper or paperboard (excl. registers, account books, Note books, order books, receipt books, letter pads, memorandum pads, diaries, exercise books, binders, folders, file covers, manifold business forms and interleaved carbon sets, and albums for samples or for collections)
4820 30 00	Binders (other than book covers), folders and file covers, of paper or paperboard
4820 10 50	Diaries with calendars, of paper or paperboard
6204 63 11	Women's or girls' trousers and breeches, of synthetic fibres, industrial and occupational (excl. knitted or crocheted and bib and brace overalls)
6204 69 18	Women's or girls' trousers and breeches, of artificial fibres (not of cut corduroy, of denim or knitted or crocheted and excl. industrial and occupational clothing, bib and brace overalls, briefs and track suit bottoms)
6204 63 90	Women's or girls' shorts of synthetic fibres (excl. knitted or crocheted, panties and swimwear)
6104 63 00	Women's or girls' trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), knitted or crocheted, of synthetic fibres
6203 43 11	Men's or boys' trousers and breeches of synthetic fibres, industrial and occupational (excl. knitted or crocheted and bib and brace overalls)
6103 43 00	Men's or boys' trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), knitted or crocheted, of synthetic fibres
6204 63 18	Women's or girls' trousers and breeches, of synthetic fibres (not of cut corduroy, of denim or knitted or crocheted and excl. industrial and occupational clothing, bib and brace overalls, briefs and track suit bottoms)
6203 43 19	Men's or boys' trousers and breeches of synthetic fibres (excl. knitted or crocheted, industrial and occupational, bib and brace overalls and underpants)
6204 69 90	Women's or girls' trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts of textile materials (excl. of wool, fine animal hair, cotton or artificial fibres, knitted or crocheted, panties and swimwear)
6203 43 90	Men's or boys' shorts of synthetic fibres (excl. knitted or crocheted, underpants and swimwear)
0710 40 00	Sweetcorn, uncooked or cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, frozen
9003 19 30	Frames and mountings for spectacles, goggles or the like, of base metal
8705 10 00	Crane lorries (excl. breakdown lorries)