

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

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 23 August 2012, from the delegation of Japan to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of that delegation.

On 26 November 2004, the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") granted authorization to Japan 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* (WT/DS217/ARB/JPN). The authorization was made pursuant to Japan's request made under Article 22.7 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU") (WT/DS217/24). In that request, Japan undertook to notify the DSB every year the list indicating the level of additional import duties on the selected products, prior to the entry into force of a level of suspension of concessions or other obligations.

On 18 August 2005, Japan notified the DSB that it was suspending, as of 1 September 2005, the applications of concessions and related obligations under GATT 1994 on imports of certain products originating in the United States (WT/DS217/48). Japan was extending the suspension of concessions for the second year starting from 1 September 2006 (WT/DS217/50), the third year starting from 1 September 2007 (WT/DS217/52), the fourth year starting from 1 September 2008 (WT/DS217/54), the fifth year starting from 1 September 2009 (WT/DS217/56), the sixth year starting from 1 September 2010 (WT/DS217/58) and the seventh year starting from 1 September 2011 (WT/DS217/60). The product subject to this suspension will be tapered roller bearings, including cone and tapered roller assemblies, and the rate of *ad valorem* additional duty that will apply to this product will be 4.0% for the eighth year that will start from 1 September 2012.¹ The suspension for the eighth year covers, over one year, a total value of trade that does not exceed US\$1.41 million.

US\$1.41 million is Japan's current level of authorization established through arbitration under Article 22.6 of the DSU. It represents 72 *per cent* of US\$1.96 million collected from Japan's 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 based on the CDSOA Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2011, published by US Customs and Border Protection on 1 February 2012.

Japan would be grateful if you could ask the Secretariat to circulate this notification to the Members of the DSB.

¹ Cabinet Order No. 209 of 10 August 2012, Official Gazette No.5861 dated on 10 August 2012, at page 7. See also attached product list.

ANNEX: LIST OF PRODUCT

An *ad valorem* additional duty of 4.0% will apply to the product originating in the United States of America classified in the list below. The list uses the 9-digit code classification found in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of Japan. The descriptions provided herein are for information purposes only.

<i>HS Codes</i>	<i>Description of product</i>
848220000	Tapered roller bearings, including cone and tapered roller assemblies
