

STANDSTILL/ROLLBACK

Undertaking by the Uruguay Round participants at the Ministerial meeting in Punta del Este not to introduce new protectionist measures during the negotiations and to rollback/reduce existing GATT inconsistent measures where possible.

SUBSIDY

A financial benefit granted by a government to producers of goods often to strengthen their competitive position. The subsidy may be direct (e.g. a cash grant) or indirect (e.g. low-interest export credits guaranteed by a government agency).

SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAIL CODE (S/CV)

A code of conduct negotiated during the Tokyo Round that expanded on Article VI by establishing both substantive and procedural standards for domestic countervailing duty proceedings as well as expanding on Article XVI and the multilateral obligations regarding notification and dispute settlement in the area of subsidy practices.

SURVEILLANCE BODY

A group established during the Uruguay Round to oversee implementation of the commitment to standstill and rollback.

TARIFF

A tax levied upon goods imported from one country or customs area into another.

TARIFF CUTTING FORMULA

A mathematical formula (normally involving a percentage) which is applied to reduce tariffs on a uniform basis by all participants.

TARIFF ESCALATION

A situation in which tariffs on manufactured goods are relatively high, tariffs on semi-processed goods are moderate, and tariffs on raw materials are nonexistent or very low.

TARIFF PREFERENCE

One or more countries provide lower rates of import duties to products imported from one or more specified countries.