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Non-Tariff Barriers - Requests

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 15 June 2006, is being distributed at the request of the delegation of the United States.

**BILATERAL REQUEST ON PLASMA PROTEIN THERAPEUTICS (PPT)
LABELING REQUIREMENT BY THE UNITED STATES¹**

Member A

No	HS heading	Product description	Non-tariff barriers	Solution	Comment
1	3002.10	All plasma protein therapeutics.	Labeling requirements that discourage the use of imported plasma protein therapeutics.	Remove the labeling requirements.	

¹ The requesting Members welcome co-sponsorship by any other WTO Members interested in the pursuit of these NTBs. These requests are without prejudice to the existing rights of the requesting Members under the WTO Agreements.

**BILATERAL REQUEST ON LITHIUM CARBONATE AND LITHIUM HYDROXIDE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS
BY THE UNITED STATES²**

Member B

No	HS heading	Product description	Non-tariff barriers	Solution	Comment
1	2836.91 2825.20	Lithium carbonate and lithium hydroxide	Restrictions on imports of lithium carbonate and lithium hydroxide and non-automatic import licensing procedures applied to these products.	(a) Eliminate all restrictions on imports of lithium carbonate and lithium hydroxide, including import quotas and non-automatic import licenses, eliminate all non-automatic import licensing procedures that apply to these products, and publish any automatic import licensing procedures that apply to these products.	This issue has been raised with the WTO Import Licensing Committee.

² The requesting Members welcome co-sponsorship by any other WTO Members interested in the elimination of these NTBs. These requests are without prejudice to the existing rights of the requesting Members under the WTO Agreements.

**BILATERAL REQUEST ON DIAMMONIUM PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER SUBSIDY
BY THE UNITED STATES³**

Member C

No	HS heading	Product description	Non-tariff barriers	Solution	Comment
1	31540	Diammonium phosphate fertilizer	Subsidy distributed unequally to imported and domestically produced diammonium phosphate fertilizer. Final subsidy rates are announced months after the fact.	2. Provide any subsidy for diammonium phosphate (DAP) fertilizer to both imported and domestic DAP fertilizer at the same rate and in the same manner, and publish any rate or procedures applicable to DAP fertilizer subsidies at least 90 days before such measures take effect.	

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**BILATERAL REQUEST ON EXPRESSWAY MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC PROHIBITION
BY THE UNITED STATES⁴**

Member D

No	HS heading	Product description	Non-tariff barriers	Solution	Comment
1	871140 871150	Motorcycles with reciprocating internal combustion piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 500 cc but not exceeding 800 cc and motorcycles with reciprocating internal combustion piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 800 cc.	Regulation prohibiting motorcycle traffic on all expressways.	Amend the Traffic Regulations on Expressways, B.E.252, in section 139 of Land Traffic Act, B.E. 2522, to allow motorcycles with a cylinder capacity equal to or exceeding 500 cc to travel on expressways.	Amendment recognizes that motorcycles with a cylinder capacity equal to or exceeding 500 cc are sufficiently powerful and intended for expressway travel and do not pose the same safety risk to other travelers as underpowered motorcycles.

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**BILATERAL REQUEST ON LEATHER AND LEATHER FOOTWEAR TARIFF RATE QUOTA
BY THE UNITED STATES⁵**

Member E

No	HS heading	Product description	Non-tariff barriers	Solution	Comment
1	All HS items in Chapters 41 and 64 applicable to tariff-rate quotas.	Leather and Leather Footwear	Tariff rate quota of 5 million square meters and 12.019 million pairs restricts imports of leather and leather footwear, respectively.	Eliminate tariff-rate quota on imports of leather and leather footwear.	The costs of importing leather and leather footwear subject to the out-of-quota duty are prohibitively high.

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