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**ARGENTINA – LAW 27.263 ON THE REGIME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND
STRENGTHENING OF THE ARGENTINE AUTO PARTS INDUSTRY,
PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN ON 1 AUGUST 2016**

REPLIES TO QUESTIONS FROM MEXICO¹

The following communication, dated 25 October 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Argentina.

Question 1

Mexico would again like to ask Argentina for an update on the latest steps it has taken to implement Law 27.263 on the Regime for the Development and Strengthening of the Argentine Auto Parts Industry and other related resolutions or legislation since October 2018, when the WTO TRIMS Committee held its last meeting, and when document G/TRIMS/Q/ARG/8 containing the replies to Mexico's previous questions in this regard was issued.

Reply

No further steps have been taken beyond those described in the latest replies circulated by Argentina in this Committee.

Question 2

How many companies are currently enrolled in the programme governed by Law 27.263 on the Regime for the Development and Strengthening of the Argentine Auto Parts Industry?

Reply

Since 12 December 2016, when the regulations implementing Law No. 27.263 entered into force, a total of six enterprises have enrolled.

Enrolment may be requested by any enterprise that meets the requirements established in Article 3 of Law No. 27.263, and the terms and conditions set out in Resolution No. 599-E/2016 of the former Industry and Services Secretariat of the Ministry of Production.

Question 3

To date, how much have the enrolled companies mentioned in question 2 received in benefits, in terms of value (tax credit bonds, in dollars), since Law 27.263 entered into force?

¹ G/TRIMS/Q/ARG/9.

Reply

The Government of the Republic of Argentina has not compiled statistics on implementation or on the results of projects undertaken in accordance with Law 27.263.

Question 4

If no tax benefits have as yet been granted, could Argentina explain why its Regime for the Development and Strengthening of the Argentine Auto Parts Industry is not in operation and therefore not yielding results, and could you elaborate on the obstacles faced by the legal entities enrolled in the programme governed by Law 27.263 on the Regime for the Development and Strengthening of the Argentine Auto Parts Industry with regard to the enjoyment of the tax benefits provided by this Law?

Reply

This does not apply based on the reply given to question number 2.

Question 5

Could Argentina give details on the local content results and explain whether investment projects have been envisaged by Argentine companies enrolled or interested in the programme governed by Law 27.263 on the Regime for the Development and Strengthening of the Argentine Auto Parts Industry?

Reply

The information requested by Mexico is contained in the reply to question number 2.

Question 6

Could Argentina kindly transmit copies of any official reports on the trade impact of Law 27.263 on the Regime for the Development and Strengthening of the Argentine Auto Parts Industry and other related legislation to the delegation of Mexico?

Reply

The Government of the Republic of Argentina has not prepared reports on the impact of the implementation of Law 27.263, but if this is done in future, we would be pleased to send them to the delegation of Mexico.
