

**TOPIC #1: THE RATE AND AMOUNT OF THE INCREASE IN IMPORTS OF THE SUBJECT MERCHANDISE (ART. 4.2(a))**

- What rates and/or amounts of increase in imports have the investigating authority found to support an affirmative determination, and what rates and/or amounts of increase have they found do not support an affirmative determination? What has been the reasoning behind the determination?
- In considering the rate and amount of increase in imports, does the investigating authority factor into its analysis the nature of the imported product involved (e.g., a perishable agricultural product as compared to a non-perishable manufactured good)?
- Given that the import surge should be recent and sharp, what data and time periods does the investigating authority focus on in making its assessment (e.g., the most recent year for which data are available? The most recent 2 years? The most recent partial year for which data are available?)

**TOPIC #2: UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS (GATT ART. XIX:1(a))**

- What types of “unforeseen developments” have the investigating authority relied upon? How has the investigating authority defined them?
- What kind of analysis does your investigating authority employ in examining whether a product is being imported in increased quantities “as a result of unforeseen developments”?
- What has been the timeframe that is generally examined when determining whether a development is “unforeseen”?