

**UNITED STATES – MEASURES RELATING TO ZEROING
AND SUNSET REVIEWS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 8 December 2004, from the delegation of the European Communities to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of Japan and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the European Communities hereby notifies the Government of the United States that, in the light of the substantial trade interest of the European Communities, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Japan in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 29 November 2004 (WT/DS322/1, G/L/720, G/ADP/D58/1) entitled "United States – Measures relating to zeroing and sunset reviews".

The European Communities is a major exporter to the United States and its exports are subject to a substantial number of anti-dumping measures. The European Communities has a substantial trade interest in the correct application by the United States of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, and notably on the methodology to determine the dumping margin as shown by its own recourse to the WTO dispute settlement procedure on this issue (DS294 – United States – Laws, Regulations and Methodology for Calculating Dumping Margins (zeroing)).
