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Request to Join Consultations

Communication from India

The following communication, dated 1 May 2006, from the delegation of India to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of Thailand and to the Chairman 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 (the "DSU"), the Government of India hereby notifies its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by Thailand pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU, Article XXII:1 of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (the "GATT") and Articles 17.2, 17.3 and 17.4 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994 (the "AD Agreement") with respect to certain issues relating to the final anti-dumping measures imposed by the United States on imports of certain frozen warmwater shrimp from Thailand. The communication dated 24 April 2006 from the delegation of Thailand to the delegation of the United States and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body was circulated to WTO Members on 27 April 2006 (WT/DS343/1; G/L/776; G/ADP/D66/1).

India has a substantial trade interest in the matter in dispute in view of similar measures having been applied on shrimp imported from India, as well as a systemic interest in the matter of calculation of dumping margins and the requirement to maintain a continuous bond in the amount of the anti-dumping duty margin multiplied by the value of imports of frozen warmwater shrimp imported by the importer in the preceding year in the light of the relevant provisions of the AD Agreement and of the GATT raised in the consultation request of Thailand. India's substantial trade interest in the matter is evidenced also by the fact that India has significant exports of shrimp to the United States.

We would be grateful of being informed of the date and venue of consultations, so as to enable us to participate in the consultations.