

**EUROPEAN UNION AND A MEMBER STATE – SEIZURE OF GENERIC DRUGS  
IN TRANSIT**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Canada*

The following communication, dated 28 May 2010, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of the European Union, the delegation of Brazil and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*, (DSU), the Government of Canada hereby notifies its desire to join in the consultations requested by Brazil pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU, Article XXII:1 of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994* and Article 64.1 of the *Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights* with the European Union (the "EU") and a Member State on seizures of generic drugs in transit.

The relevant communication to the Permanent Mission of the EU and a Member State from the Permanent Mission of Brazil, dated 12 May, 2010, was circulated to WTO Members on 19 May 2010 as *European Union and a Member State – Seizure of Generic Drugs in Transit* (WT/DS409/1, IP/D/29,G/L/922).

Canada has a substantial trade interest in these consultations, as it exports 40% of generic drugs manufactured in Canada to over 120 countries. Canada is also an active WTO Member on the issue of public health, including access to medicines. Accordingly, Canada requests to join in these consultations.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, with a request that it be circulated to Members.

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