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CHINA - CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING IMPORTS OF SUGAR

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Guatemala

The following communication, dated 1 November 2018, from the delegation of Guatemala to the delegation of China, and the delegation of Brazil, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

In accordance with Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (the "DSU"), the Government of Guatemala hereby notifies its desire to join in the consultations requested by Brazil regarding certain measures concerning the imports of sugar.

The request for consultations to China from Brazil, dated 16 October 2018, was circulated to the WTO Members on 22 October 2018 as document WT/DS568/1, G/L/1263, G/SG/D62/1, G/LIC/D/53, G/AG/GEN/146.

Guatemala has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. The measures at issue affected Guatemala exports of sugar to China. Before the imposition of such measures, Guatemala was exporting an average of 183,440 MT of sugar to China. Since the application of these measures, Guatemala exports only 14,350 MT of sugar to the same market.

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

Looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for considering positively this request.
