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INDIA - QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF
AGRICULTURAL, TEXTILE AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 28 July 1997, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of New Zealand, the Permanent Mission of India and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to the procedures laid down in Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the European Community wishes to be joined in the consultations under Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), Article 19 of the Agreement on Agriculture and Article 6 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, requested by New Zealand by a communication circulated to WTO Members on 22 July 1997 (Document WT/DS93/1) regarding quantitative restrictions maintained by India on importation of a large number of agricultural, textile and industrial products.

The European Community has a substantial trade interest in the products subject to the quantitative restrictions referred to in the request of New Zealand. The European Community exported ECU4.5 billion of such products to India in 1995.