

INDIA - MEASURES AFFECTING CUSTOMS DUTIES

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 9 November 1998, from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Permanent Mission of India, the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the United States Government hereby notifies the European Communities that, in light of the substantial trade interest of the United States, it desires to be joined in the consultations under Article XXII:1 of GATT 1994 requested by the European Communities in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 30 October 1998 (WT/DS150/1), entitled "India - Measures Affecting Customs Duties".

The United States has a substantial trade interest in products subject to the series of customs duties increases recently implemented by Indian authorities. In 1997, the United States exported more than 600 million U.S. dollars to India in products covered by the referenced customs duties.
