

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – MEASURES PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION
AND MARKETING OF SEAL PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Iceland

The following communication, dated 16 November 2009, from the delegation of Iceland to the delegation of the European Communities, the delegation of Norway 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* (DSU), Iceland hereby notifies its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by Norway in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 10 November 2009 (WT/DS401/1) entitled *European Communities – Measures Prohibiting the Importation and Marketing of Seal Products*.

Fish and other marine products constitutes the largest share of Iceland's merchandise exports. Iceland thus has a substantial trade interest in the consultations requested by Norway and in the correct implementation of the Agreements referred to in Norway's request to the European Communities.

Iceland looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
