

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – CERTAIN MEASURES AFFECTING POULTRY MEAT
AND POULTRY MEAT PRODUCTS FROM THE UNITED STATES**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 30 January 2009, from the delegation of Australia to the delegation of the European Communities, the delegation of the United States and to the Chairman of 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* (DSU), Australia notifies the European Communities that, in light of Australia's substantial trade interest, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in the communication entitled *European Communities – Certain Measures Affecting Poultry Meat and Poultry Meat Products From the United States* and circulated to WTO Members on 20 January 2009 (WT/DS389/1).

Australia has substantial trade and commercial interests in this matter as a global exporter of meat (including poultry) products with exports worth more than A\$6.5 billion in 2007-08. Australia also has a strong interest in the use of pathogen reduction treatments (PRTs) in relation to meat products for export.

Australia looks forward to receiving your reply.
