

**CHINA – MEASURES RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION  
AND EXPORTATION OF APPAREL AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Australia*

The following communication, dated 26 October 2012, from the delegation of Australia to the delegation of China, the delegation of Mexico and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), Australia notifies the Government of the People's Republic of China that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Mexico in the communication entitled *China - Measures Relating to the Production and Exportation of Apparel and Textile Products* and circulated to WTO Members on 18 October 2012 (WT/DS451/1).

Australia has substantial trade and commercial interests in this matter as a significant exporter of textiles, apparel and textile inputs including cotton. In the 2012 financial year, the value of Australia's global exports of textiles and clothing totalled more than AUD 566 million. Australia exported over AUD 2.75 billion worth of cotton globally in the same year. Australia also has an interest in the proper interpretation of relevant provisions concerning subsidies, including agricultural subsidies.

Australia looks forward to receiving your reply.

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