

JAPAN - MEASURES AFFECTING IMPORTS OF PORK

Request for Consultations by the European Communities

The following communication, dated 15 January 1997, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of Japan and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.4 of the DSU.

The European Community requests consultations with Japan pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) and Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 on measures concerning imports of pork and its processed products as communicated by Japan in WTO document L/7621 of 16 February 1995, any implementing measures thereof and all other related measures.

The measures adversely affect the importation of pork meat from the European Community, and appear to be inconsistent with the obligations of Japan under the GATT 1994, more specifically including, but not limited to, the obligations envisaged in Articles I, X:3 and XIII. The measures also nullify or impair benefits accruing to the European Community directly or indirectly under the GATT 1994.

I look forward to receiving your reply to the European Community's request and to setting a mutually convenient date for the consultations.