

**CHINA – CERTAIN MEASURES GRANTING REFUNDS, REDUCTIONS OR  
EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXES AND OTHER PAYMENTS**

Request to Join Further Consultations

*Communication from the European Communities*

The following communication, dated 7 May 2007, from the delegation of the European Communities to the delegation of China, 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.

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Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the European Communities hereby notifies the Government of China, the Government of the United States, and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of the substantial trade interest of the European Communities, it desires to be joined in the further consultations requested by the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 2 May 2007 (WT/DS358/1/Add.1, G/L/813/Add.1, G/SCM/D74/1/Add.1, G/TRIMS/D/25/Add.1) entitled *China - Certain Measures Granting Refunds, Reductions or Exemptions from Taxes and other Payments*.

The European Communities has a significant and growing trading relationship with China and exports from China to the European Communities may be assumed to be affected by the measures challenged by the United States. The European Communities therefore has a substantial trade interest in the present dispute.

The European Communities has already been joined in the consultations which took place in Geneva on 20 March 2007.

The European Communities look forward to being informed of the date and venue of the further consultations.

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