

**UNITED STATES – SAFEGUARD MEASURE ON IMPORTS  
OF LAMB MEAT FROM AUSTRALIA**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from the European Communities*

The following communication, dated 9 August 1999, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Mission of Australia 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 paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, Article 14 of the Agreement on Safeguards and Article XXII of the GATT 1994, the European Communities hereby wish to inform the United States of its substantial trade interest and request to be joined in the consultations initiated by Australia in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 29 July 1999 (WT/DS178/1, G/L/314, G/SG/D9/1) entitled " United States - Safeguard Measure on Imports of Lamb Meat from Australia".

The European Communities have a substantial trade interest in the matter subject to the requested consultations as a major exporter of fresh, chilled or frozen lamb meat.

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