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## UNITED STATES – DOMESTIC SUPPORT AND EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 26 July 2007, from the delegation of Australia to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of Brazil 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 United States that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Brazil in the communication entitled *United States – Domestic Support and Export Credit Guarantees for Agricultural Products* and circulated to WTO Members on 17 July 2007 (WT/DS365/1).

As a significant global exporter of agricultural products, including many of the crops covered by the request, Australia has a substantial trade interest in the measures cited in WT/DS365/1. Australia's agricultural exports totalled approximately \$A 30 billion in 2005-2006, accounting for approximately 20 per cent of Australia's total merchandise exports.

Australia looks forward to receiving your reply.