

**ARGENTINA – CERTAIN MEASURES ON THE PROTECTION OF PATENTS  
AND TEST DATA**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Switzerland*

The following communication, dated 15 June 2000, from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the Permanent Mission of Argentina, the Permanent Mission 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 paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Switzerland hereby notifies the Government of Argentina that it considers having a substantial trade interest in the consultations requested by the United States in document WT/DS196/1 "Argentina – Certain Measures on the Protection of Patents and Test Data" circulated on 6 June 2000, and that it desires to be joined in these consultations.

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