

INDIA - QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF
AGRICULTURAL, TEXTILE AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from New Zealand

The following communication, dated 1 August 1997, from the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the Permanent Mission of Australia, the Permanent Mission of India and to 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), the New Zealand Government hereby notifies the Dispute Settlement Body that, in light of the substantial trade interest of New Zealand, it desires to be joined in the consultations under Article XXII:1 of GATT 1994 requested by Australia in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 22 July 1997 (WT/DS91/1), entitled "India - Quantitative restrictions on imports of agricultural, textile and industrial products".

New Zealand has a substantial trade interest in the products subject to the quantitative restrictions referred to in the request of Australia. New Zealand exported over NZ\$4.6 million of such products to India in 1996. In the absence of quantitative restrictions, New Zealand's exports of such products to India would have been considerably higher.