

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – PROTECTION OF TRADEMARKS
AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS AND FOODSTUFFS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Argentina

The following communication, dated 5 May 2003, from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, 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.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Argentina hereby requests to be joined in the consultations concerning the protection of trademarks and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs requested by Australia with the European Communities in document WT/DS290/1, G/L/623, IP/D/25, G/TBT/D/27 circulated on 23 April 2003.

This request is made in the light of Argentina's substantial and systemic trade interest in issues relating to the implementation of legislation on trademarks and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs.
