

**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO – CERTAIN MEASURES AFFECTING
IMPORTS OF PASTA FROM COSTA RICA**

Request for Consultations by Costa Rica

The following communication, dated 18 November 1999, from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.4 of the DSU.

I have been instructed by the competent authorities of the Government of Costa Rica to request consultations with the Government of Trinidad and Tobago pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Article XXII, paragraph 1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994) and Articles 17.1, 17.2 and 17.3 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, with regard to certain measures applied by Trinidad and Tobago affecting imports of pasta from Costa Rica. The measures in question include the following:

- Anti-dumping investigation being carried out by the authorities of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago at the request of the company "Cereal Products Limited" against imports of pasta from the company "Roma Prince Sociedad Anónima" of Costa Rica;
- proceedings undertaken as part of a preliminary hearing prior to the opening of the anti-dumping investigation;
- Articles 3 and 5 of Trinidad and Tobago's Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Regulations, 1996.

On the basis of the information so far received the Government of Costa Rica considers that these measures are inconsistent with the obligations entered into by Trinidad and Tobago under, *inter alia*, Articles 2, 3, 5, 6 and 12 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.

We look forward to receiving your reply to the present request and to fixing a mutually convenient date for consultations.
