

**ARGENTINA – MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION OF GOODS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Australia*

The following communication, dated 31 August 2012, from the delegation of Australia to the delegation of Argentina, the delegation of Japan and to the Chairperson 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), Australia notifies the Government of the Republic of Argentina that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Japan in the communication entitled *Argentina – Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods* and circulated to WTO Members on 23 August 2012 (WT/DS445/1).

As identified in Australia's request to join consultations requested by the European Union in *Argentina – Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods* (DS438), Australia has substantial trade and commercial interests in this matter as a significant exporter of goods to Argentina. In 2011, Australian merchandise exports to Argentina totalled AUD 381 million. Australia also has an interest in the proper interpretation of relevant provisions concerning import licensing arrangements.

Australia looks forward to receiving your reply.

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