

**EUROPEAN UNION AND A MEMBER STATE – SEIZURE OF GENERIC DRUGS
IN TRANSIT**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 31 May 2010, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of the European Union, the delegation of India and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

With respect to the request for consultations by India in a communication circulated to WTO members on 19 May 2010 (WT/DS408/1, G/L/921, IP/D/28) titled "*European Union and a Member State - Seizure of Generic Drugs in Transit*", the Government of Japan hereby notifies the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire to be joined in these consultations pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of *the Understanding of Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*, in light of the substantial trade interest of Japan in the seizure of consignments of generic drugs, originated in India and in transit to Brazil, at ports and airports in the Netherlands on the ground of alleged infringement of patents subsisting in the Netherlands.
