

UNITED STATES - IMPORT PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN SHRIMP
AND SHRIMP PRODUCTS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 14 November 1996, from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the Permanent Missions of the United States and the Philippines 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, the Government of Japan hereby notifies the Government of the United States that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Japan, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the Philippines in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 4 November 1996 (WT/DS61/1) entitled "United States - Import Prohibition of Certain Shrimp and Shrimp Products".

As an exporter of shrimp and shrimp products, Japan has a substantial trade interest in the matter that is the subject of the request of the said Member. Japan has exported approximately 2,867 thousand US\$-worth (average over the past 5 years) of shrimp and shrimp products annually to the United States.