

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

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from China

The following communication, dated 31 May 2010, from the delegation of China to the delegation of the European Union, the delegation of Brazil 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"), China hereby notifies the European Union ("EU") and the Netherlands that it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Brazil pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU, Article 64.1 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement), and Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994") regarding the seizure of generic drugs in transit in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 19 May 2010 (WT/DS409/1).

As a significant bilateral trade partner of the EU and the Netherlands and a big producing country of generic drugs, China therefore has substantial interest in these relevant consultations. I look forward to receiving your response.
