

PHILIPPINES - MEASURES AFFECTING PORK AND POULTRY

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the European Community

The following communication, dated 16 April 1997, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, the Permanent Mission of the United States and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I am writing to inform you that, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the European Communities wish to be joined in the consultations under Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 requested by the United States regarding the implementation by the Philippines of its tariff-rate quotas for pork and poultry. The United States' request was circulated to WTO Members on 7 April 1997 (WT/DS74/1).

The European Communities, as a large exporter of pork and poultry, have a substantial trade interest in these consultations.