

**COLOMBIA – CUSTOMS MEASURES ON IMPORTATION  
OF CERTAIN GOODS FROM PANAMA**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from  
the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu*

The following communication, dated 4 August 2006, from the delegation of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu to the delegation of Colombia, the delegation of Panama and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the Government of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu hereby notifies the Consulting Parties and the Dispute Settlement Body that it wishes to join in the consultations requested by Panama regarding Customs Measures on Importation of Certain Goods from Panama. Panama's request for consultations, pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU, Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, and Articles 19.1 and 19.2 of the Agreement on the Implementation of Article VII of GATT 1994, was circulated on 25 July 2006 in document WT/DS348/1.

The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu has substantial trade interest as well as systemic interest in this matter. Three of the resolutions listed in the Annex of Panama's request for consultations, Resolution N° 08628, Resolution N° 08743 and Resolution N° 11439, cover our exports into Colombia. We would appreciate that the Consulting Parties inform us of the date and venue of the consultations so as to enable our participation.

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