

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – PROTECTION OF TRADEMARKS  
AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL  
PRODUCTS AND FOODSTUFFS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Hungary*

The following communication, dated 17 April 2003, from the Permanent Mission of Hungary to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of the United States and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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We refer to the communication entitled "Request for Consultations by the United States" regarding the protection of trademarks and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs in the European Communities, made on 4 April 2003 pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Article 64 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, which was circulated to Members on 10 April 2003 (WT/DS174/1/Add.1, IP/D/19/Add.1 and G/L/619 refer).

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Hungary hereby notifies the consulting parties and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of Hungary's substantial trade interests, Hungary desires to be joined in the consultations.

Hungary has a substantial trade interest in regularly exporting Hungarian wines, spirits and other agricultural products and foodstuffs into the EU market. Hungary is concerned that any change in the EU regulation may limit the level of protection of these products subject to GI protection.

We look forward to receiving your reply to this request.

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