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UNITED STATES - TARIFF INCREASES ON PRODUCTS FROM
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Request for Consultations by the European Communities

The following communication, dated 17 April 1996, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of the United States, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.4 of the DSU.

The European Community requests consultations with the United States of America pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) and Article XXIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 concerning Presidential Proclamation No. 5759 of 24 December 1987, any implementing measures thereof and all other related measures.

The measures, *inter alia*, increase the bound rates of duty on imports of certain products from the European Community and appear to be inconsistent with the obligations of the United States of America under the GATT 1994 and under the DSU, more specifically including, but not limited to, the obligations envisaged in Articles I, II and XXIII of the GATT 1994, and Articles 3, 22 and 23 of the DSU.

I look forward to receiving your reply to the European Community's request and to setting a mutually convenient date for the consultations.