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RUSSIAN FEDERATION - RECYCLING FEE ON MOTOR VEHICLES

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Turkey

The following communication, dated 26 July 2013, from the delegation of Turkey to the delegation of the Russian Federation, the delegation of Japan and to the Chairperson 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) Turkey hereby notifies its desire to join in the consultations requested by the Japan pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU"), Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994"), and Article 8 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures (the TRIMs Agreement) and Article 14 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT Agreement) regarding the Russian Federation's measures relating to a charge, the so-called "recycling fee", imposed on motor vehicles.

Turkey has a substantial trade interest in these proceedings, and has serious concerns that the measure at issue has been adversely affecting Turkish exports to the Russian Federation. Accordingly, Turkey requests to join in these consultations.