

ARGENTINA – MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION OF GOODS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Turkey

The following communication, dated 29 August 2012, from the delegation of Turkey to the delegation of Argentina, 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 Japan pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*, Article XXII of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, 1994*, Article 19 of the *Agreement on Agriculture*, Article 6 of the *Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures* and Article 8 of the *Agreement on Trade Related Investment Measures* and Article 14 of the *Agreement on Safeguards* with respect to certain measures imposed by Argentina on the importation of goods into Argentina.

The relevant communication to the Permanent Mission of Argentina from the Permanent Mission of Japan dated 21 August 2012, was circulated to the WTO Members on 23 August 2012 as "*Argentina – Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods*" (WT/DS445/1, G/L/996).

Turkey has a substantial trade interest in these proceedings, as currently 40% of its total exports to Argentina are subject to the non-automatic import licensing system. Turkey has serious concerns that the measures at issue have been adversely affecting Turkish exports to Argentina. Accordingly, Turkey requests to join in these consultations.
