

**UNITED STATES – CUSTOMS BOND DIRECTIVE FOR MERCHANDISE  
SUBJECT TO ANTI-DUMPING/COUNTERVAILING DUTIES**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from China*

The following communication, dated 21 June 2006, from the delegation of China to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of India 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* (the "DSU"), the Government of the People's Republic of China hereby notifies the Government of the United States that it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by India in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 12 June 2006 (WT/DS345/1, G/L/779, G/ADP/D68/1, G/SCM/D71/1) titled "*United States – Customs Bond Directive for Merchandise subject to Anti-Dumping/Countervailing Duties*".

China has a substantial trade interest in the matter in this dispute in view of similar measures having been applied on merchandise (such as shrimp) imported from China.

China looks forward to receiving your reply at an early date.

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