

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

Acceptance by the European Communities of the Requests to Join Consultations

Argentina, Bulgaria, Colombia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Malta, Mexico, New Zealand, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Chinese Taipei, Turkey and the United States notified the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of their desire to be joined in the consultations requested by Australia, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the DSU.

The Permanent Delegation of the European Commission informed the DSB that it had accepted the requests of Argentina, Bulgaria, Colombia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Malta, Mexico, New Zealand, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Chinese Taipei and Turkey to join the consultations.

The Permanent Delegation of the European Commission also informed the DSB that these consultations would be held jointly with those requested by the United States in the dispute *European Communities – Protection of Trademarks and Geographical Indications for Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs* (WT/DS174).

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