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BRAZIL - MEASURES CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION OF PET FILM FROM PERU AND IMPORTED PRODUCTS IN GENERAL

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the Kingdom of Bahrain

The following communication, dated 24 July 2020, from the delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the delegation of Brazil, and the delegation of Peru, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body 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) and in light of its substantial trade interest, The Kingdom of Bahrain would like to kindly request to join in the consultations requested by Peru in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 15 July 2020 (WT/DS596/1, G/ADP/D134/1, G/L/1361), entitled "Brazil – Measures Concerning the Importation of PET film from Peru and imported products in general".

Bahrain notes that the request for consultations relates to measures concerning the importation of PET film and other products, including (i) definitive antidumping measures that have been applied as a result of an investigation on exports of certain PET film both from Peru and Bahrain, (ii) a practice of the competent authority in Brazil that took place in the context of the initiation of an investigation on exports of certain PET film both from Peru and Bahrain, and (iii) the tax treatment of imported products in Brazil, including PET film and other products exported from Bahrain to Brazil.

Bahrain is a producer and exporter of PET film and other products to Brazil. In 2019, total imports from Bahrain into Brazil amounted to approximately US\$ 112 million. In 2017, the year before the investigation that resulted in the antidumping measures referred to in Peru's request for consultations, Bahrain was the third major supplier to Brazil of the products classified in codes 3920.62.19, 3920.62.91 and 3920.62.99 of the Mercosur Common Nomenclature.

Bahrain looks forward to receiving Brazil's favourable reply to this request and thereafter to be informed of the date and venue of the consultations to facilitate our participation.

This request to participate in the consultations is made without prejudice to the rights of Bahrain to proceed independently in separate proceedings.