

**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, Australia, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, India, Malta, Mexico, New Zealand, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Sri Lanka and Turkey notified the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of their desire to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States, 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, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, India, Malta, Mexico, New Zealand, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Sri Lanka 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 Australia in the dispute *European Communities – Protection of Trademarks and Geographical Indications for Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs* (WT/DS290).
