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CHINA – ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY MEASURES ON BARLEY FROM AUSTRALIA

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the Russian Federation

The following communication, dated 30 December 2020, from the delegation of Russia to the delegation of China, and the delegation of Australia, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I wish to refer to the consultations requested by Australia pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), Articles 17.2 and 17.3 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("Anti-Dumping Agreement") and Article 30 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures ("SCM Agreement") in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 21 December 2020 (WT/DS598/1, G/L/1382, G/ADP/D135/1, G/SCM/D130/1). My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of the Russian Federation to join in these consultations, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the DSU.

The Russian Federation is one of the leading exporters of barley. In 2019 Russian exports of barley amounted to 763,6 million dollars, which was almost 11% of the world exports of barley according to the data provided by the ITC. Therefore, and in light of various arguments raised by Australia in its request for consultations, the Russian Federation considers that it has a substantial trade and systemic legal interest in these consultations.