

**UNITED STATES – ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES  
ON SEAMLESS PIPE FROM ITALY**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Japan*

The following communication, dated 19 February 2001, from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission 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 paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Japan hereby notifies the Government of the United States that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Japan, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Communities in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 8 February 2001 (WT/DS225/1, G/L/438, G/ADP/D34/1) entitled "United States – Anti-Dumping Duties on Seamless Pipe from Italy".

Being a Member whose exports have been subject to the *sunset review* pursuant to the anti-dumping law of the United States, Japan has a substantial trade interest in this case.

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