

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – SELECTED CUSTOMS MATTERS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 6 October 2004, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of the European Communities, the delegation of the United States and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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 European Communities that it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the Government of the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 27 September 2004 (WT/DS315/1, G/L/694), titled "*European Communities – Selected Customs Matters*", in light of the substantial trade interest of Japan as one of the major beneficiaries of the multilateral trading system under the WTO, as well as being a major exporter to the European Communities.
