

**UNITED STATES – DEFINITIVE SAFEGUARD MEASURES
ON IMPORTS OF STEEL WIRE ROD AND
CIRCULAR WELDED QUALITY LINE PIPE**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 15 December 2000, from the Permanent Mission of Canada 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.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Canada hereby notifies its desire to be joined in consultations requested by the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU, Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994) and Article 14 of the Agreement on Safeguards, with regard to the United States safeguard legislation and its application in the two cases concerning the definitive safeguard measures imposed by the United States on imports of certain steel wire rod (wire rod) and the definitive safeguard measures imposed by the United States on imports of certain circular welded carbon quality line pipe (line pipe). The 1 December 2000 communication from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of the United States was circulated to WTO Members on 7 December 2000 (WT/DS214/1; G/L/424; G/SG/D12/1).

The EC request raises the issue of the non-application of safeguard measures to imports originating in other NAFTA Parties. As a NAFTA Party, Canada has a direct, substantial trade interest in this issue.
