



INDIA – EXPORT RELATED MEASURES

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the European Union

The following communication, dated 23 March 2018, from the delegation of the European Union to the delegation of India, 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 Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the European Union (EU) hereby notifies the Government of the Republic of India, the Government of the United States, and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of its substantial trade interest, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 19 March 2018 (WT/DS541/1, G/SCM/D119/1), entitled "India - Export related measures".

The EU notes that the request for consultations relates to certain alleged export subsidies provided by India through 5 different programs for domestic producers across all industrial product sectors.

The EU is a major global producer and exporter for industrial goods. By way of illustration, the EU exported on average over the last three years polyethylene, stainless steel bars/wires, tubes and pipes of cast iron and graphite electrode systems, which together make up only a subset of the allegedly subsidised product sectors, for over 1,1 bn Euro per year. The measures referred to in the consultation request may have a substantial impact on the price of industrial goods concerned in the world market and affect trade flows in these products. The EU has therefore a substantial trade interest in these consultations.
