

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – MEASURES PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION
AND MARKETING OF SEAL PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 28 October 2010, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of the European Union¹, the delegation of Norway and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

My authorities have instructed me to request, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, that Canada be joined in the supplementary consultations requested by Norway on 19 October 2010 in a communication circulated to Members on 21 October 2010 entitled *European Communities – Measures Prohibiting the Importation and Marketing of Seal Products* (WT/DS401/1/Add.1).

As you know, Canada has requested its own supplementary consultations with the European Union with respect to the same measures resulting in severe restrictions on the marketing of seal products in the European Union market (WT/DS400).

Canada thanks the European Union for having agreed to hold consultations for DS400 and DS401 jointly on 15 December 2009, and requests that the supplementary consultations be conducted in a similar manner.

Canada looks forward to receiving the European Union's reply to this request.

¹ On 1 December 2009, the *Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community* (done at Lisbon, 13 December 2007) entered into force. On 29 November 2009, the WTO received a Verbal Note (WT/L/779) from the Council of the European Union and the Commission of the European Communities stating that, by virtue of the *Treaty of Lisbon*, as of 1 December 2009, the European Union replaces and succeeds the European Community.