

INDIA – MEASURES AFFECTING CUSTOMS DUTIES

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 12 November 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Permanent Mission of India, 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 paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the Government of Australia hereby notifies that, due to substantial trade interest, it desires to be joined in the consultations under Article XXII:1 of GATT 1994 requested by the European Communities in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 3 November 1998 (WT/DS150/1) entitled "India – Measures Affecting Customs Duties".

Australia's export trade to India, which is worth almost AUD 2 billion dollars each year, has been affected by the customs duties increases recently implemented by the Indian authorities. Australia therefore has a substantial trade interest in the measures which are the subject of the European Communities request.
