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UNITED STATES – MEASURES RELATED TO PRICE COMPARISON METHODOLOGIES

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 17 November 2017, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of China 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 Government of Canada hereby notifies its desire to join the consultations requested by China pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU, Article 17 of Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (AD Agreement) and Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 with respect to certain US measures related to price comparison methodologies in the context of normal value determinations. The request of China is set out in document WT/DS515/1/Add.1.

The US market is Canada's single largest export market. Canada exported over CAD 394 billion worth of goods to the United States in 2016. In many cases, Canadian exports to the United States compete directly with exports from China. As a result, Canada has a substantial trade interest in these proceedings which concern the ability of US investigating authorities to properly determine normal values for allegedly dumped Chinese exports. More generally, possible interpretations of the AD Agreement, China's Protocol of Accession and the subject US price comparison methodologies could have systemic consequences for Canada's export trade with the United States.

As a result of this substantial trade interest, Canada respectfully requests that it be permitted to join the second round of consultations in this dispute, as it also participated in the initial round which was held in February 2017.
