

**ARGENTINA – MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION OF GOODS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Canada*

The following communication, dated 31 August 2012, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of Argentina, the delegation of Mexico and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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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 in the consultations requested by Mexico pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the DSU, Article XXII of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994*, Article 19 of the *Agreement on Agriculture*, Article 6 of the *Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures*, Article 8 of the *Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures*, Article 14 of the *Agreement on Safeguards*, and Article 14 of the *Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade*, with respect to certain measures imposed by Argentina on the importation of goods into that country.

The relevant communication to the Permanent Mission of Argentina from the Permanent Mission of Mexico dated 24 August 2012, was circulated to WTO Members on 29 August 2012, as *Argentina – Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods* (WT/DS446/1, G/L/997).

Canada has a substantial trade interest in these proceedings, as an exporter of many of the products subject to non-automatic licensing in Argentina. Canada is concerned that the measures at issue are negatively affecting Canadian exports to Argentina. Accordingly, Canada requests to join in these consultations.

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