

**UNITED STATES - SAFEGUARD MEASURE ON IMPORTS OF FRESH, CHILLED OR
FROZEN LAMB FROM NEW ZEALAND**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 23 July 1999, from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Mission of New Zealand 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 the Dispute Settlement Body that, due to the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in the consultations under Article XXII:1 of GATT 1994 requested by New Zealand in a communication dated 16 July 1999 and circulated to WTO Members on 22 July 1999 (WT/DS177/1) entitled "United States - Safeguard Measure on Imports of Fresh, Chilled or Frozen Lamb from New Zealand".

Australia has a substantial commercial interest in the matter as the major supplier of lamb meat to the United States under the United States' safeguard measure on lamb meat.
