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VENEZUELA - ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION IN RESPECT OF IMPORTS OF CERTAIN OIL COUNTRY TUBULAR GOODS (OCTG)

Request for Consultations by Mexico

The following communication, dated 5 December 1995, from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Venezuela and to the Dispute Settlement Body is circulated in accordance with Article 4.4 of the DSU.

Acting on instructions, the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the World Trade Organization (WTO) has the honour to request the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations Office at Geneva to hold formal consultations pursuant to the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, Article XXIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, and Article 17 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.

The measure to which this request for consultations refers is the anti-dumping investigation by the Venezuelan Anti-Dumping and Subsidization Commission (CASS) against Venezuelan imports from Mexico of oil country tubular goods (OCTG), of circular cross-section, with seam or seamless, whether or not conforming to the technical standard of the American Petroleum Institute (API), including production tubing and casing, only in the form of filleted/threaded and finished tubing and not as semi-finished (green) tubing, falling under tariff heading 73.04.20.00.

This request for consultations is made because, in the view of Mexico, this investigation is inconsistent with at least the following provisions:

- Article 1, 3 (paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5), 4 (paragraph 1), 5 (paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8), 6 (paragraph 5.1), 12 (paragraph 1) and 16 (paragraph 5) of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994; and
- Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the WTO thanks the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations Office at Geneva for its attention to this matter and, awaiting a prompt response to set the date for the consultations, renews to it the assurances of its highest consideration.