

INDIA - QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF
AGRICULTURAL, TEXTILE AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 29 July 1997, from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, the Permanent Mission of India and to 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 (DSU), the United States Government hereby notifies the Dispute Settlement Body that, in light of the substantial trade interest of the United States, it desires to be joined in the consultations under Article XXII:1 of GATT 1994 requested by Switzerland in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 23 July 1997 (WT/DS94/1), entitled "India - Quantitative Restrictions on Imports of Agricultural, Textile and Industrial Products".

The United States has a substantial trade interest in the products subject to the quantitative restrictions referred to in the request of Switzerland. In 1996, the United States exported to India US\$75 million in HS chapters 1-24 and US\$1.187 billion in HS chapters 25-99, for a total of US\$1.262 billion of products subject to the quantitative restrictions.