

**KOREA – MEASURES AFFECTING IMPORTS OF FRESH,  
CHILLED AND FROZEN BEEF**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from New Zealand*

The following communication, dated 11 February 1999, from the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the Permanent Mission of Korea, the Permanent Mission of the United States and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the Government of New Zealand wishes to notify the Government of the Republic of Korea that, in light of New Zealand's substantial trade interest, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in a communication circulated to WTO members on 4 February 1999 (WT/DS161/1, G/L/292, G/AG/GEN/32 and G/LIC/D/28) entitled "Korea – Measures Affecting Imports of Fresh, Chilled and Frozen Beef".

As noted above, New Zealand has a substantial trade interest in the matter that is the subject of the requested consultations. In recent years the Republic of Korea has typically been one of New Zealand's largest markets for beef, with annual exports for the period 1994-98 averaging approximately 15,000 tonnes.

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