

**CHINA – MEASURES RELATED TO THE EXPORTATION  
OF VARIOUS RAW MATERIALS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from the United States*

The following communication, dated 28 August 2009, from the delegation of the United States to the delegation of China, the delegation of Mexico and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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This concerns the request for consultations by Mexico on *China – Measures Related to the Exportation of Various Raw Materials*, circulated on 26 August 2009 (WT/DS398/1). My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of the United States to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

The United States has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. They concern certain measures of China related to the exportation of various raw materials from China on which the United States has also requested consultations (WT/DS394/1). These measures restrain the exportation of raw materials from China, including the nine materials at issue, that are used by US industries, and they affect the conditions of competition facing US-produced goods sold in the United States and foreign markets.

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