

BRAZIL - MEASURES AFFECTING PAYMENT TERMS FOR IMPORTS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 23 January 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Permanent Mission of Brazil, to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to 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 (DSU), the Australian Government hereby notifies that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Communities in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 13 January 1998 (WT/DS116/1), entitled "Brazil - Measures Affecting Payment Terms for Imports".

Australia has a substantial trade interest in the consultations: Australian exports to Brazil in 1996/97 amounted to \$A333 million and the Brazilian measures have the potential to affect a large part of this trade.

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