

**CHINA – CERTAIN MEASURES GRANTING REFUNDS, REDUCTIONS OR
EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXES AND OTHER PAYMENTS**

Request to Join Further Consultations

Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 14 May 2007, from the delegation of the European Communities 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.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the European Communities hereby notifies the Government of China, the Government of Mexico, and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of the substantial trade interest of the European Communities, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Mexico in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 9 May 2007 (WT/DS359/1/Add.1, G/L/814/Add.1, G/SCM/D75/1/Add.1, G/TRIMS/D/26/Add.1) entitled *China - Certain Measures Granting Refunds, Reductions or Exemptions from Taxes and other Payments*.

The European Communities has a significant and growing trading relationship with China and exports from China to the European Communities may be assumed to be affected by the measures challenged by Mexico. The European Communities therefore has a substantial trade interest in the present dispute.

The European Communities looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
