

**UNITED STATES – DEFINITIVE SAFEGUARD MEASURES  
ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from the European Communities*

The following communication, dated 24 May 2002, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Mission of New Zealand 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 (DSU), the European Communities hereby notifies the United States that, in light of its substantial trade interest in the trade of steel products, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by New Zealand in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 21 May 2002 (WT/DS258/1, G/L/551, G/SG/D26/1) titled "United States – Definitive Safeguard Measures on Imports of Certain Steel Products".

The EC would be grateful of being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.

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