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CANADA - MEASURES GOVERNING THE SALE OF WINE

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the European Union

The following communication, dated 25 January 2018, from the delegation of the European Union to the delegation of Canada, the delegation of Australia and to the Chairperson 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 Union (the EU) hereby notifies the Government of Canada, the Government of Australia, and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of its substantial trade interest, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Australia in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 16 January 2018 (WT/DS537/1; G/L/1209), entitled "*Canada – Measures governing the sale of wine*".

The EU notes that the request for consultations relates to measures maintained by the Canadian Government and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia governing the sale of wine. The EU is the first wine exporter to Canada. In the recent years, more than fifty per cent of wine imported into Canada came from the EU. The measures maintained by the Canadian Government and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia regarding the sale of wine may have a substantial impact on the sale and consequently on the importation of EU wine into Canada. The EU has, therefore, a substantial trade interest in these consultations.
