

**EUROPEAN UNION AND A MEMBER STATE – CERTAIN MEASURES
CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION OF BIODIESELS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 31 August 2012, from the delegation of Australia to the delegation of the European Union, the delegation of Argentina and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), Australia notifies the European Union that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Argentina in the communication entitled *European Union and a Member State – Certain Measures Concerning the Importation of Biodiesels* and circulated to WTO Members on 23 August 2012 (WT/DS443/1).

In 2011, Australian merchandise exports to the European Union totalled AUD 19.6 billion, which included AUD 907 million in exports to Spain. Australia has substantial trade and commercial interests in this matter as a significant exporter of energy resources. Australia also has an interest in the proper interpretation of relevant provisions concerning the interaction between trade and environment.

Australia looks forward to receiving your reply.
