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**INDONESIA – IMPORTATION OF HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS,
ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 16 September 2013, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of Indonesia, the delegation of the United States 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 Government of Canada hereby notifies its desire to join in the consultations requested by the United States pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the DSU, Article XXII of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994*, Article 19 of the *Agreement on Agriculture*, Article 6 of the *Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures* and Articles 7 and 8 of the *Agreement on Preshipment Inspection*, concerning certain measures imposed by Indonesia on the importation of horticultural products, animals and animal products.

The relevant communication was circulated to WTO Members on 9 September 2013, as *Indonesia – Importation of Horticultural Products, Animals and Animal Products* (WT/DS465/1, G/L/1037, G/AG/GEN/112, G/LIC/D/45, G/PSI/D/1).

Canada has a substantial trade interest in these proceedings, as Indonesia is a priority export market for Canadian agricultural products. As many of these products could be subject to non-automatic import licensing and quotas in Indonesia, Canada is concerned that the measures at issue may restrict trade and, therefore, negatively affect Canadian exports to Indonesia. Accordingly, Canada requests to join in these consultations.

Canada acknowledges the relationship between this dispute and an earlier request for consultations by the United States in DS455. We recall the reservations expressed by Canada that Indonesia failed, in that dispute, to respect its obligations – and the corresponding rights of third parties – under Article 4.11 of the DSU.¹ Canada looks forward to Indonesia respecting those obligations in this dispute, and to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.

¹ These reservations were communicated to the DSB in a *Joint Communication from the European Union and Canada*, circulated as document WT/DS455/6, dated 11 March 2013.