

**VENEZUELA – IMPORT LICENSING MEASURES ON  
CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Colombia*

The following communication, dated 22 November 2002, from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the Permanent Mission of Venezuela, the Permanent Mission of the United States and the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I hereby refer to the communication from the Permanent Mission of the United States, dated 7 November 2002 and published in document WT/DS275/1, G/L/587, requesting consultations with respect to Venezuelan import licensing systems and practices that restrict agricultural imports from the United States.

In view of Colombia's substantial interest in the matter, I hereby notify our interest in being joined in the consultations, in accordance with our rights under the multilateral system and in particular pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Decision of 28 November 1979 of the GATT Contracting Parties on Differential and More Favourable Treatment, Reciprocity and Fuller Participation of Developing Countries (L/4903, BISD 26S/203) (Enabling Clause).

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