

**KOREA – MEASURES AFFECTING IMPORTS OF FRESH,  
CHILLED AND FROZEN BEEF**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Australia*

The following communication, dated 10 February 1999, from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Permanent Mission of Korea, the Permanent Mission of the United States 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, the Government of Australia hereby notifies the Government of the Republic of Korea that, due to its substantial trade interest, it desires to be joined in the consultations under Article XXII:1 of GATT 1994 requested by the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 4 February 1999 (WT/DS161/1) entitled "Korea – Measures Affecting Imports of Fresh, Chilled and Frozen Beef".

Australia is a major producer and exporter of beef to the Republic of Korea, and therefore has a substantial trade interest in the Korean beef market. Over the ten-year period 1989 to 1998, Australia's exports of beef to the Republic of Korea averaged 65,000 tonnes annually.

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