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CHINA - EXPORT DUTIES ON CERTAIN RAW MATERIALS

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 26 July 2016, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of China, 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 the consultations requested by the United States and European Union pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the DSU and Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 with respect to China's export duties and restrictions on certain raw materials. The requests of the United States and European Union are set out in documents WT/DS508/1, WT/DS508/1/Add.1, and WT/DS509/1.

As a significant importer of most of the raw materials at issue in this dispute, Canada has a substantial trade interest in these proceedings. China is Canada's second largest supplier of these raw materials and Canadian imports of these products from China have increased significantly in recent years. The export duties and restrictions at issue in this dispute may affect a number of Canada's manufacturing industries that rely on these raw materials. More generally, the export duties and restrictions have consequences for international trade, as will any resolution of this matter.

As a result of this substantial trade interest, Canada respectfully requests that it be permitted to join the consultations in this dispute.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, with a request that it be circulated to Members.
