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

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 28 April 1999, from the Permanent Mission of Canada to the Permanent Mission of Korea, the Permanent Mission of Australia and to the Chairman 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, the Government of Canada hereby notifies you of its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by the Permanent Mission of Australia under Article 4 of the DSU, Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, Article 19 of the Agreement on Agriculture and Article 16 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures in the matter of "Korea – Measures Affecting Imports of Fresh, Chilled and Frozen Beef." The 13 April 1999 communication from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea was circulated to WTO Members on 19 April 1999 (WT/DS169/1, G/L/307, G/AG/GEN/37, G/LIC/D/29).

Korea is Canada's third largest beef export market. It is an important and growing market for Canadian beef exporters. In 1997, Canada exported 4735 tonnes of beef to Korea valued at \$20 million. Exports dropped off in 1998 because of a decrease in demand. From January to November 1998, Canada exported 2681 tonnes of beef and veal products to Korea, valued at \$11.3 million.