

**UNITED STATES – SECTION 337 OF THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930  
AND AMENDMENTS THERETO**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Japan*

The following communication, dated 28 January 2000, from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission 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 Japan hereby notifies the Government of the United States that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Japan, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Communities and their member States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 18 January 2000 (WT/DS186/1, IP/D/21) entitled "United States – Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 and Amendments thereto".

As noted above, Japan has a substantial trade interest in the matter that is the subject of the requested consultations in view of the large trade volume between Japan and the United States.

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