

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – SELECTED CUSTOMS MATTERS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Australia*

The following communication, dated 6 October 2004, from the delegation of Australia to the delegation of the European Communities, 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.

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I refer to the "Request for Consultations by the United States" regarding selected customs matters in the European Communities, made on 21 September 2004, pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU) and Article XXII:1 of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994*, which was circulated to Members on 27 September 2004 (WT/DS315/1 refers).

The European Communities is a significant export market for Australia. As such, Australia has a substantial trade interest in the consultations requested by the United States. Australia hereby notifies, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the DSU, its desire to be joined in the consultations between the United States and the European Communities.

Australia looks forward to receiving your reply to this request.

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