

**VENEZUELA – IMPORT LICENSING MEASURES ON
CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from New Zealand

The following communication, dated 21 November 2002, from the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the Permanent Mission of Venezuela, 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.

I am writing with reference to document WT/DS275/1, G/L/587, G/LIC/D/35, G/AG/GEN/55, G/TRIMS/D/19 of 12 November 2002 containing the United States request for consultations pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), Article XXII of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994*, Article 6 of the *Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures*, Article 19 of the *Agreement on Agriculture* and Article 8 of the *Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures*, with respect to Venezuelan import licensing systems and procedures on certain agricultural products. In view of New Zealand's substantial trade interest in the subject matter of these consultations, and in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU, I am writing to advise you of New Zealand's desire to be joined in these consultations.

I look forward to your advice regarding the timing and venue for the consultations.
