

**CHINA – CERTAIN MEASURES GRANTING REFUNDS, REDUCTIONS OR
EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXES AND OTHER PAYMENTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 15 February 2007, from the delegation of the European Communities to the delegation of China, the delegation of the United States 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* (DSU), the European Communities hereby notifies the Government of the United States, the Government of China, and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of the substantial trade interest of the European Communities, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 7 February 2007 (WT/DS358/1, G/L/813, G/SCM/D74/1, G/TRIMS/D/25) entitled *China – Certain Measures Granting Refunds, Reductions or Exemptions from Taxes and other Payments*.

The European Communities has a significant and growing trading relationship with China and exports from China to the European Communities may be assumed to be affected by the measures challenged by the United States. The European Communities therefore has a substantial trade interest in the present dispute.

The European Communities look forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
