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## CANADA - MEASURES GOVERNING THE SALE OF WINE

### REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

#### *Communication from New Zealand*

The following communication, dated 17 January 2018, from the delegation of New Zealand to the delegation of Canada, the delegation of Australia and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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This concerns the request for consultations by Australia in *Canada – Measures Governing the Sale of Wine*, circulated to Members on 16 January 2018 (WT/DS537/1). My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of New Zealand's desire to be joined in these consultations pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

New Zealand has a substantial trade interest in these consultations as New Zealand is an exporter of wine to Canada. Canada is our fourth largest export market for wine and our exports are also subject to the laws and regulations cited by Australia in its consultations request.

New Zealand looks forward to confirmation of receipt and acceptance of this request to join the consultations and advice regarding the timing and venue for the consultations.

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