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Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Mexico

The following communication, dated 17 April 2003, from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, 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.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Mexico hereby notifies its substantial trade interest and its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in accordance with Article 64 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 and Article 4 of the DSU, regarding the protection of trademarks and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs.