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CHINA – ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY MEASURES ON BARLEY FROM AUSTRALIA

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 4 January 2021, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of China, and the delegation of Australia, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body 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 Government of Canada hereby notifies its desire to join the consultations requested by Australia pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the DSU, Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), Articles 17.2 and 17.3 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("Anti-Dumping Agreement") and Article 30 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (SCM Agreement), with respect to China's anti-dumping and countervailing duty measures on barley imported from Australia.

Canada has a substantial trade interest in these proceedings, which concern trade in barley. Given the significant amount of trade in barley between Australia and China, China's trade remedies measures could have effects on global trade in barley more generally, including impacts on Canadian barley. Canada is also a significant producer of barley – among the five largest barley-producing countries in the world based on 2019 data, and China is an important trading partner for Canada in this regard. Canada's global annual barley exports in 2017, 2018 and 2019 were valued at CAD531 million, CAD683 million, and CAD700 million respectively, with Canada's exports to China representing 71.7% of its total barley exports over this period. In this context, Canada has a substantial interest in participating in these consultations, and an interest in assuring that trade remedy measures are applied in accordance with the WTO agreements.

As a result of this substantial trade interest, Canada respectfully requests that it be permitted to join the consultations in this dispute.