

**KOREA – MEASURES AFFECTING IMPORTS OF  
FRESH, CHILLED AND FROZEN BEEF**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from the United States*

The following communication, dated 23 April 1999, from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Permanent Mission of Korea, the Permanent Mission of Australia and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the United States Government hereby notifies the Dispute Settlement Body that, in light of the substantial trade interest of the United States, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Australia in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 19 April 1999 (WT/DS169/1) entitled "Korea – Measures Affecting Imports of Fresh, Chilled and Frozen Beef."

The United States has a substantial trade interest in the matter that is the subject of the requested consultations due to the US status as the principal supplier of beef to Korea. In 1997, the United States exported 83,000 tons of beef to Korea; in 1998, US beef exports were 53,000 tons. In both years US exports represented over 50 per cent of Korea's imports of fresh, chilled, and frozen beef.

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