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JAPAN - MEASURES AFFECTING THE PURCHASE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 28 August 1995, from the Office of the United States Trade Representative to the Permanent Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities and the Permanent Mission of Japan is circulated at the request of the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), 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 under Article XXII:1 of GATT 1994 requested by the European Communities in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 24 August 1995 (WT/DS15/1), entitled "Japan - Measures Affecting the Purchase of Telecommunications Equipment".

United States producers have a significant interest in supplying the Japanese mobile analogue equipment market. In addition, the United States Government was a party to the agreement that forms part of the basis of the EC request for consultations.