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CHINA - CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING IMPORTS OF SUGAR

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the European Union

The following communication, dated 30 October 2018, from the delegation of the European Union to the delegation of China, and the delegation of Brazil, 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 European Union hereby notifies the Government of China, the Government of Brazil and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire in light of its substantial trade interest, to be joined in the consultations requested by Brazil in "*China - Certain measures concerning imports of sugar*" (WT/DS568/1, G/L/1263, G/SG/D62/1, G/LIC/D/53, G/AG/GEN/146).

Following the end of the sugar quotas, the European Union became a net exporter of sugar in the 2017/2018 marketing year, with exports increasing by 70% to more than 3 million tons per year. As China is currently diversifying its sources of supply of sugar, the European Union has the potential to become a major supplier, with exports already increasing six-fold in a single year in the 2017/2018 marketing year compared to the average of the three preceding marketing years.

In the light of the above, the European Union has a substantial trade interest in the consultations and looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
