

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND ITS MEMBER STATES – TARIFF TREATMENT  
OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Japan*

The following communication, dated 26 June 2008, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of the European Communities, the delegation of Chinese Taipei 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 Government of Japan hereby notifies the European Communities and its Member States (hereinafter referred to as "the EC") that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Japan, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Chinese Taipei in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 16 June 2008 (WT/DS377/1, G/L/853) titled "*European Communities and its Member States – Tariff Treatment of Certain Information Technology Products*".

With respect to its substantial trade interest, Japan exports to the EC the products at issue in the consultations requested by Chinese Taipei, "flat panel displays" and "'input or output units' and facsimile machines". As you are aware, the Government of Japan also requested consultations with the EC regarding the same information technology products in a communication circulated to the WTO Members on 2 June 2008 (WT/DS376/1, G/L/852).

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