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LIVESTOCK AND MEAT FROM LIVESTOCK (HORMONES)

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 16 July 1996, from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Permanent Mission of Canada, the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I am writing to inform you that, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the Government of Australia wishes to be joined in the consultations under Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 requested by the Government of Canada regarding the European Communities' Council Directive Prohibiting the Use in Livestock Farming of Certain Substances Having a Hormonal Action and related measures. The Government of Canada's request was circulated to WTO Members on 8 July 1996 (WT/DS48/1).

Australia, as the world's largest beef exporter and with a significant meat export trade to the European Union, considers that it has a substantial trade interest in these consultations.