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KOREA - MEASURES CONCERNING BOTTLED WATER

Request to Join Consultations under Article 4.11 of the DSU

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 23 November 1995, from the Office of the United States Trade Representative to the Permanent Mission of Canada and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea is circulated at the request of the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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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 Canada in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 22 November 1995 (WT/DS20/1), entitled "Korea - Measures Concerning Bottled Water."

The United States has a substantial trade interest in the bottled water that is the subject of Canada's request. Korea is a substantial market for US bottled water exports. Korea is the second largest market in Asia and the fifth largest market in the world for US exports of bottled water. Korea is also one of the fastest growing markets for US bottled water exports, with sales increasing three-fold from 1992 to 1994.