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MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS (HORMONES)

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 2 February 1996, from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Permanent Mission of the United States and the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and 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 the United States of America regarding the European Communities' Council Directive Prohibiting the Use in Livestock Farming of Certain Substances Having a Hormonal Action and related measures. The United States' request was circulated to WTO Members on 31 January 1996 (WT/DS26/1).

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