

AUSTRALIA – QUARANTINE REGIME FOR IMPORTS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from India

The following communication, dated 22 April 2003, from the Permanent Mission of India to the Permanent Mission of Australia, the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated 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 Government of India hereby notifies its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities to the Permanent Mission of Australia and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) pursuant to Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) and Article 11 of the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) with respect to the Australian quarantine regime. The 3 April 2003 communication from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of Australia was circulated to WTO Members on 9 April 2003 (WT/DS287/1; G/L/618; G/SPS/GEN/384).

India has a substantial trade interest in the consultations on the matter in the dispute, as well as a systemic interest in the matter of operation of quarantine regimes. We would be grateful of being informed of the date and venue of consultations, so as to enable us to participate in the consultations.
