

AUSTRALIA – QUARANTINE REGIME FOR IMPORTS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the Philippines

The following communication, dated 16 April 2003, from the Permanent Mission of the Philippines 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.

We refer to the communication from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of Australia and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body entitled "Australia – Quarantine Regime for Imports" which was circulated on 9 April 2003, in accordance with Article 4.4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), as documents WT/DS287/1, G/L/618 and G/SPS/GEN/384.

The communication relates to consultations being requested by the European Commission of Australia, pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU, Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994) and Article 11 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement), with regard to the Australian quarantine regime, both as such and as applied to specific cases.

In view of the substantial trade interest of the Philippines on this matter, my authorities have instructed me to notify you of the desire of the Philippines to be joined in the consultations between the European Communities and Australia pursuant to Article 4.11 of the DSU.

The Philippines looks forward to receiving your reply to this request.
