

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – MEASURES AFFECTING THE APPROVAL
AND MARKETING OF BIOTECH PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from New Zealand

The following communication, dated 28 May 2003, from the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of Canada and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of New Zealand hereby notifies the European Communities and the Dispute Settlement Body that New Zealand desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States, Canada, and Argentina pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU, Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, Article 11 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, Article 19 of the Agreement on Agriculture and Article 14 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, concerning certain measures taken by the European Communities and its Member States affecting biotechnology products. The requests for consultations on this matter have been circulated in WTO documents WT/DS291/1, WT/DS292/1, and WT/DS293/1.

We look forward to the European Communities' confirmation of receipt and acceptance of this request to join the consultations and advice regarding the timing and venue for the consultations.
