

**ARGENTINA – MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION  
OF GOODS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Australia*

The following communication, dated 8 June 2012, from the delegation of Australia to the delegation of Argentina, the delegation of the European Union and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), Australia notifies the Government of the Republic of Argentina that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Union in the communication entitled *Argentina - Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods* and circulated to WTO members on 30 May 2012 (WT/DS438/1).

Australia has substantial trade and commercial interests in this matter as a significant exporter of goods to Argentina. In 2011, Australia merchandise exports to Argentina totalled AUD 381 million. Australia also has an interest in the proper interpretation of relevant provisions concerning import licensing arrangements.

Australia looks forward to receiving your reply.

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