

ARGENTINA – MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION OF GOODS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 31 August 2012, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of Argentina, the delegation of the United States and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I wish to refer to the consultations requested by the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 23 August 2012 in document WT/DS444/1, G/L/995, G/LIC/D/41, G/TRIMS/D/31, G/SG/D43/1 titled "*Argentina – Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods*". Upon instructions from my authorities, I hereby notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of Japan to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

Japan has a substantial trade interest in these consultations as they concern certain measures adopted by Argentina which certain products Japan exports to Argentina are subject to and are also at issue in the consultations requested by Japan in "*Argentina – Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods*" (DS445).¹

¹ In 2011, the total value of imports from Japan to Argentina was approximately 1.42 billion US dollars.