

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

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Canada*

The following communication, dated 31 August 2012, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of Argentina, the delegation of Japan 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 Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the Government of Canada hereby notifies its desire to join in the consultations requested by Japan pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the DSU, Article XXII of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, 1994*, Article 6 of the *Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures*, Article 8 of the *Agreement on Trade Related Investment Measures* and Article 14 of the *Agreement on Safeguards*, with respect to certain measures imposed by Argentina on the importation of goods into Argentina.

The relevant communication to the Permanent Mission of Argentina from the Permanent Mission of Japan dated 21 August 2012, was circulated to WTO Members on 23 August 2012, as *Argentina – Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods* (WT/DS445/1, G/L/996).

Canada has a substantial trade interest in these proceedings, as an exporter of many of the products subject to non-automatic licensing in Argentina. Canada is concerned that the measures at issue are negatively affecting Canadian exports to Argentina. Accordingly, Canada requests to join in these consultations.

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