

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – MEASURES CONCERNING
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS (HORMONES)**

Recourse by Canada to Article 22.7 of the DSU

The following communication, dated 15 July 1999, from the Permanent Mission of Canada to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 22.7 of the DSU.

Canada requests that the following item be added to the agenda of the meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of 26 July 1999:

European Communities - Measures Concerning Meat and Meat Products (Hormones), Original Complaint by Canada - Recourse by Canada to Article 22.7 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU).

On 20 May 1999, Canada requested the DSB to authorize the suspension of the application to the European Communities and its member States of tariff concessions and related obligations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994). At its meeting of 3 June 1999, the DSB referred the issue of the amount of suspension of tariff concessions and related obligations proposed by Canada to arbitration pursuant to DSU Article 22.6.

On 12 July 1999, the Arbitrators ruled that "the level of nullification or impairment suffered by Canada in the matter *European Communities - Measures Concerning Meat and Meat Products (Hormones)* is [Canadian]\$ 11.3 million per year" (WT/DS48/ARB, paragraph 72), and that "the suspension by Canada of the application to the European Communities and its member States of tariff concessions and related obligations under GATT 1994 covering trade in a maximum amount of [Canadian]\$11.3 million per year would be consistent with Article 22.4 of the DSU" (paragraph 73).

At the meeting of the DSB on 26 July 1999, Canada intends to request, pursuant to Article 22.7 of the DSU, authorization from the DSB to suspend the application to the European Communities and its member States, of tariff concessions and related obligations under the GATT covering trade in the amount of Canadian \$11.3 million.
