

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

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from New Zealand*

The following communication, dated 16 January 2009, from the delegation of New Zealand to the delegation of the European Communities, the delegation of Canada and to the Chairman 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), the Government of New Zealand hereby notifies the European Communities, the Government of Canada and the Dispute Settlement Body that New Zealand desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Communities in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 8 January 2009 (WT/DS48/21).

New Zealand was a third party to the *EC - Hormones* dispute that gave rise to the suspension of concessions that are the subject of these consultations and considers that it has a substantial trade interest in the consultations requested by the European Communities.

New Zealand looks forward to confirmation of receipt and acceptance of this request to join the consultations and advice regarding the timing and venue for the consultations.

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