

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - MEASURES AFFECTING  
LIVESTOCK AND MEAT FROM LIVESTOCK (HORMONES)

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 17 July 1996, from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Permanent Mission of Canada, the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to 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, the United States Government hereby notifies the Dispute Settlement Body that, in light of the substantial trade interest of the United States, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Canada in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 8 July 1996 (WT/DS48/1) entitled "European Communities - Measures Affecting Livestock and Meat (Hormones)".

The United States has a substantial trade interest in the matter that is the subject of the Canadian request. The EC measures at issue have severely disrupted exports of U.S. meat to the European Communities. The measures formed the basis of separate consultations requested by the United States Government in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 31 January 1996 (WT/DS26/1) and are currently the subject of review by a dispute settlement panel established on 20 May 1996 by the Dispute Settlement Body at the request of the United States.