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CHINA – MEASURES CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION OF CANOLA SEED FROM CANADA

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the Russian Federation

The following communication, dated 19 September 2019, from the Russian Federation to the delegation of China, and the delegation of Canada, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I wish to refer to the consultations requested by the Government of Canada pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU"), Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, Article 11.1 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, and Article 24.8 of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 12 September 2019 (WT/DS589/1, G/L/1324, G/SPS/GEN/1727, G/TFA/D2/1) titled "*China – Measures Concerning the Importation of Canola Seed from Canada*" (DS589). My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of the Russian Federation to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to the Article 4.11 of the DSU.

The Russian Federation notes that the request for consultations relates to alleged China's suspension of canola seed imports from two Canadian companies and application of enhanced inspections to canola seed imports from other Canadian companies.

The Russian Federation is one of the major producers and exporters of rapeseed. In 2018 the amount of Russian exports of this product exceeded 490 thousand tons. Therefore, the Russian Federation has a substantial trade interest in consultations in the above dispute.
