

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

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Canada*

The following communication, dated 19 January 2009, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of the European Communities, the delegation of the United States 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 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 be joined in the consultations requested of the United States ("US") by the European Communities ("EC") pursuant to Articles 21.5 and 4 of the DSU. The EC has requested consultations on its claim of compliance with the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") in the matter of *European Communities – Measures Concerning Meat and Meat Products (Hormones) (United States)* (DS26). The relevant communication from the delegation of the EC to the delegation of the US, dated 22 December 2008, was circulated to WTO Members on 8 January 2009 (WT/DS26/23).

Canada has a direct and substantial trade interest in these consultations, as a major exporter of meat and meat products. Canada has participated actively in these proceedings since they began in 1996. The US has also participated actively in the dispute settlement proceedings between Canada and the EC in *EC – Hormones*. For these reasons, Canada requests to be joined in these consultations.

Canada makes this request without prejudice to its view that consultations under Article 21.5 proceedings are not required.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chairman of the DSB, with a request that it be circulated to Members.

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