

**ARGENTINA – MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION OF GOODS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Guatemala*

The following communication, dated 30 August 2012, from the delegation of Guatemala to the delegation of Argentina, the delegation of Japan and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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In accordance with Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (the "DSU"), the Government of Guatemala hereby notifies its desire to join in the consultations requested by Japan concerning certain measures affecting the importation of goods.

The request for consultations to Argentina from Japan, dated 21 August 2012, was circulated to the WTO Members on 23 August 2012 as document WT/DS445/1, G/L/996, G/LIC/D/42, G/TRIMS/D/32, G/SG/D44/1.

After several years of growing exports to Argentina, Guatemala has a substantial trade interest in these consultations and a systemic interest in the interpretation of several of the WTO provisions invoked by Japan.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, with a request that it be circulated to the Members. Looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for considering this request.

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