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CANADA – MEASURES GOVERNING THE SALE OF WINE IN GROCERY STORES

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 1 February 2017, from the delegation of Australia to the delegation of Canada, the delegation of the United States and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), Australia notifies the Government of Canada that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in Canada's consultations with the United States pursuant to the communication entitled *Canada - Measures Governing the Sale of Wine in Grocery Stores* circulated to WTO Members on 23 January 2017 (WT/DS520/1).

Australia has substantial trade and commercial interests in this matter as a significant exporter of wine to Canada. Canada is currently Australia's fourth largest export market for wine. Wine is our highest value bilateral export to Canada - \$190 million in the year ended September 2016. Australia is Canada's third largest source of imported wine.

Mindful of the rights and obligations of WTO Members under Article 4.11 of the DSU, Australia looks forward to receiving your reply, and advice of the date and venue of the consultations.
