



**UNITED STATES - MEASURES ON CERTAIN SEMICONDUCTOR AND OTHER PRODUCTS,
AND RELATED SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGIES**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu

The following communication, dated 3 January 2023, from the delegation of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu to the delegation of the United States, and the delegation of China, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body 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), the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Matsu hereby notifies the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by China in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 15 December 2022 (WT/DS615/1, G/L/1471, S/L/438, G/TRIMS/D/46, IP/D/44) entitled "*United States – Measures on Certain Semiconductor and Other Products, and Related Services and Technologies*".

The United States is a major trading partner of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Matsu. We supply an important share of the world market in semiconductors and are of high trade interest in knowing about how the dispute will affect the supply and demand of the semiconductor products in our bilateral trade and in the world market. In 2021, our semiconductor industries contributed to 26% of global semiconductor revenue. In terms of the production of advanced semiconductor chips below 16nm, we contributed to 61% of the global market share.

The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Matsu therefore has a clear and substantial trade interest, and requests to join the consultation. We look forward to being informed of the time and venue for these consultations.
