On 16 July 1984 Canada requested consultations with the EEC pursuant to Article 12:1 of the Agreement on Interpretation and Application of Articles VI, XVI and XXIII of the GATT. This request was made as Canada has reason to believe that the EEC is granting export subsidies on shipments of frozen boneless beef to Canada in a manner inconsistent with the Community's obligations under Article 10:3 of this Agreement.

Consultations between Canada and the EEC were held on 26 July 1984 on this matter.