

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – TRADE DESCRIPTION OF SARDINES

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Chile

The following communication, dated 3 May 2001, from the Permanent Mission of Chile to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of Peru and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I refer to the request for consultations by Peru in connection with the trade description of sardines, circulated as document WT/DS231/1 on 23 April 2001.

The Chilean fishing industry – including the exploitation of sardine and sardine by-product resources – is of considerable importance both in terms of share in the country's GDP and generation of employment. A substantial portion of this production is sold on foreign markets, much of it on the Community market. In view of these considerations and pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding, the Government of Chile asks to be joined in the above-mentioned consultations on the basis of its substantial and systemic trade interest in the case.

I look forward to hearing from you concerning the date and place of the consultations and take this opportunity to express once again the assurances of my highest consideration.
