

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

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 8 June 2012, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of Argentina, the delegation of the European Union and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I wish to refer to the consultations requested by the European Union in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 30 May 2012 (WT/DS438/1, G/L/989, G/AG/GEN/101, G/LIC/D/40, G/TRIMS/D/29, G/SG/D42/1) titled "*Argentina – Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods*". Upon instructions from my authorities I hereby notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of Japan to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

Japan has a substantial trade interest in these consultations as they concern certain measures adopted by Argentina which certain products Japan exports to Argentina are subject to.¹

¹ In 2011, the total value of imports from Japan to Argentina was approximately 1.42 billion US dollars.