

**REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS FROM NEW ZEALAND UNDER
ARTICLE 12.3 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

Imposition of a Safeguard Measure by the United States
On Imports of Certain Steel Products

Supplement

The following communication, dated 5 March 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of New Zealand.

With reference to the United States' notification under Article 12.1(b) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards concerning findings of serious injury or threat thereof caused by increased imports of certain steel products, having a substantial interest as an exporter of a number of the products concerned, New Zealand wishes to accept the offer of the United States (document G/SG/N/8/USA/8/Suppl.1) to enter into consultations regarding the possible imposition of a safeguard measure on these products.

New Zealand looks forward to an early response from the United States on a date for these consultations.

Further, in the event that the United States decides to impose a safeguard measure on certain steel imports, New Zealand hereby registers its interest in holding consultations with the United States prior to the application of the proposed measure, as provided for under Article 12.3 of the Agreement on Safeguards.

New Zealand reserves all of its rights under the Agreement on Safeguards, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes.
