

**CANADA – MEASURES RELATING TO EXPORTS OF WHEAT
AND TREATMENT OF IMPORTED GRAIN**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 24 December 2002, from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Permanent Mission of Canada, the Permanent Mission of the United States 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 the United States" with regard to matters concerning the export of wheat by the Canadian Wheat Board and the treatment accorded by Canada to grain imported into Canada, made on 17 December 2002 pursuant to Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), Article XXII:1 of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994*, and Article 8 of the *Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures*, which was circulated to Members on 19 December 2002 (WT/DS276/1, G/L/597 and G/TRIMS/D/20 refer).

Australia is a significant exporter of wheat and, as such, has a substantial trade interest in the consultations requested by the United States.

Due to our substantial trade interest in the above-mentioned consultations, the Government of Australia hereby notifies, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the DSU, its desire to be joined in the consultations.

I would be grateful for your early positive response.
