

PERU – TAX TREATMENT ON CERTAIN IMPORTED PRODUCTS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 8 May 2002, from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Permanent Mission of Peru, the Permanent Mission of Chile and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I am writing concerning the request for consultations by Chile on *Peru – Tax Treatment on Certain Imported Products*, circulated on 29 April 2002 (WT/DS255/1). Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*, my authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of the United States to be joined in these consultations. The United States has a substantial trade interest in these consultations because a significant percentage of the imports affected by the law at issue are from the United States. The measure reportedly affects approximately 66 million dollars of imports. Of this total, approximately 13 per cent is from the United States, the third highest amount.
