

**UNITED STATES – DEFINITIVE SAFEGUARD MEASURES  
ON IMPORTS OF STEEL WIRE ROD AND  
CIRCULAR WELDED QUALITY LINE PIPE**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from India*

The following communication, dated 15 December 2000, from the Permanent Mission of India to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of India hereby notifies its desire to be joined in consultations requested by the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of the United States pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU and Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994) and Article 14 of the Agreement on Safeguards (SA) with regard to the US safeguard legislation and its application in the cases concerning definitive safeguard measures imposed by the USA on imports of certain steel wire rod (wire rod) and definitive safeguard measures imposed by the USA on imports of certain circular welded carbon quality line pipe (line pipe). The 1 December 2000 communication from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of the United States was circulated to WTO Members on 7 December 2000 (WT/DS214/1; G/L/424; G/SG/D12/1).

India has a substantial trade interest in the consultations, as its steel products are also being subjected to restrictive measures by the US authorities. Further, India has strong systemic interest in this dispute, as it involves questions of application and interpretation of US legislation that provides for derogation from one of the basic principles of the GATT/WTO, i.e. Most-Favoured-Nation principle under Article 1 of the GATT 1994. We would be grateful of being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.

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