

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

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 20 December 2002, from the Permanent Mission of Japan 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.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Japan hereby notifies the Government of Canada that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Japan, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 19 December 2002 (WT/DS276/1, G/L/597, G/TRIMS/D/20) titled "*Canada – Measures Relating to Exports of Wheat and Treatment of Imported Grain*".

As a major importer of wheat from Canada and the United States, Japan has a substantial trade interest in this case.
