

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## JAPAN - RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

### Recourse by the United States to Article XXIII:2

#### Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 12 August 1986, has been received from the United States delegation, with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

The United States wishes to refer to the CONTRACTING PARTIES, pursuant to Article XXIII:2 of the General Agreement, the matter of restrictions maintained by Japan on imports of the following twelve categories of agricultural products:

- 04.02 Milk and cream, preserved, concentrated or sweetened
- 04.04 Processed cheese
- 07.05 Dried leguminous vegetables
- 11.08 Starch and inulin
- 12.01 Groundnuts
- 16.02 Meat of bovine animals, prepared or preserved
- 17.02 Other sugars and syrups not containing added flavouring or colouring
- 20.05 Fruit purée and pastes
- 20.06 Fruit pulp and pineapple
- 20.07 Fruit and vegetable juices
- 21.04 Tomato ketchup and sauce
- 21.07 Food preparations n.e.s.

The United States believes that, as administered by the Government of Japan, these restrictions contravene, inter alia, the prohibition in Article XI against quantitative restrictions.

On 11 July 1983, and 8 and 9 September 1983, the United States and Japan engaged in consultations under Article XXIII:1 of the GATT regarding the United States complaint. These bilateral consultations have not resulted in a satisfactory adjustment of this matter. Therefore, the United States requests the Council of Representatives, at its meeting on 9 October 1986, to establish a panel to review this matter pursuant to Article XXIII:2 of the GATT.