

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
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JAPAN - RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF HERRING,
POLLOCK AND SURIMI

Recourse to Article XXIII:2 by the United States

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 23 October 1986, has been received from the delegation of the United States with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties and that the matter be placed on the Agenda of the Council for its meeting on 5-6 November 1986.

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 herring, pollock and a pollock product, surimi.

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 11-12 September and 22 October 1986 the United States and Japan engaged in bilateral consultations regarding the United States complaint. Bilateral consultations under Article XXIII:1 of the GATT have not resulted in a satisfactory adjustment of this matter. Therefore, the United States requests the Council of Representatives, at its meeting on 5-6 November 1986, to establish a panel to review this matter pursuant to Article XXIII:2 of the GATT.