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JAPAN - IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Recourse to Article XXIII:2 by the United States

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 28 March 1988, has been received from the Permanent Representative of the United States.

My Government has instructed me to request the convocation of an additional meeting of the Council of Representatives. At this meeting we will request the establishment of a panel under Article XXIII:2 of the General Agreement to review import restrictions by Japan on beef and citrus products.

We would like the meeting to occur as soon as possible, which we understand would be 7 April.

Please arrange for the enclosed communication to be circulated to the contracting parties in connection with the announcement of the additional meeting of the Council.

The United States wishes to refer to the CONTRACTING PARTIES, pursuant to Article XXIII:2 of the General Agreement the matter of quantitative restrictions maintained by Japan on imports of beef and citrus products.

The United States believes that these restrictions nullify and impair benefits accruing to the United States under the General Agreement. They contravene, inter alia, the prohibition in Article XI of the General Agreement against maintenance of quantitative restrictions on imports made effective through quotas, import licenses, or other means.

These restrictions have been the subject of many discussions between the United States and Japan, including consultations under Article XXIII:1. These consultations have not resulted in a mutually satisfactory settlement of this issue.

Therefore, the United States requests the Council of Representatives to establish a panel to review this matter under Article XXIII:2 of the General Agreement.