

COUNCIL

JAPAN - RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF BEEF

WITHDRAWAL OF COMPLAINT BY AUSTRALIA UNDER ARTICLE XXIII:2

Communication from Australia

The following communication from the Permanent Representative of Australia, dated 5 July 1988, has been received by the Chairman of the Council.

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I wish to advise that Australia and Japan concluded on 5 July 1988 a bilateral settlement concerning market opening arrangements for imports of beef into Japan.

The settlement resolves the differences between Australia and Japan which led to the establishment of a panel by the GATT Council on 4 May 1988. Therefore, Australia no longer wishes to continue with the panel investigation.

I would be grateful if you would advise the GATT Council at its next meeting of Australia's decision to withdraw the Article XXIII complaint.