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JAPAN - RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF BEEF

Recourse to Article XXIII:1 by New Zealand

Communication from New Zealand

The following communication, dated 28 April 1988, has been received from the Permanent Mission of New Zealand.

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The Government of New Zealand wishes to bring to the attention of contracting parties that, following a series of representations and discussions with Japan concerning the measures and restrictions maintained on the importation of beef, New Zealand has requested Article XXIII:1 consultations with Japan and hopes that these consultations will resolve the matter. New Zealand is a longstanding supplier of beef to the Japanese market, being traditionally the third largest foreign supplier after the United States and Australia.

New Zealand has noted that both the United States (L/6322) and Australia (L/6333) have requested a panel to review Japanese policies concerning the importation of beef. Should the Council of Representatives take a decision on these requests, New Zealand wishes to reserve its right to request the Council to establish a panel under Article XXIII:2 of the General Agreement, should it not be possible to resolve the difference of view between New Zealand and Japan under the provisions of Article XXIII:1 in a mutually satisfactory way.