

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices

REQUEST BY HONG KONG FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH  
THE EEC UNDER ARTICLE 15:2 OF THE AGREEMENT

The following communication, dated 22 June 1989, has been received from the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office.

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I have been instructed by my authorities to request consultations under Article 15 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (the Agreement) regarding the announcement of definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of video cassettes originating in Hong Kong by the Council of the European Communities as contained in Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1768/89.

Hong Kong wishes to draw the attention of the European Communities to the Hong Kong Government representations dated 27 February 1989 and 10 April 1989 concerning imports of video cassettes originating in Hong Kong and also the Note Verbale dated 24 April 1989 on the industry data of the EEC's video tapes manufacturing industry. Hong Kong is disappointed that the Council of the European Communities has not taken full account of these submissions and the points made in the Note Verbale. In announcing its decision on the definitive duty on imports of video cassettes originating in Hong Kong, the Council has failed to rectify many of the unsatisfactory features mentioned therein.

In order to safeguard the benefits accruing to it under the Agreement, Hong Kong wishes to avail itself of the procedures under Article 15:2 of the Agreement and requests that consultations be held in Geneva during the period 24 July 1989 to 4 August 1989. It is also our request that the European Communities suspend its imposition of the definitive anti-dumping duties in respect of imports of video cassettes originating in Hong Kong until such time as these consultations have been concluded.