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BRAZIL - RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF
CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS

Request for Consultations under Article XXIII:1
by the United States

The following letter, dated 6 October 1989, from the Office of the United States Trade Representative to the Permanent Mission of Brazil in Geneva, is circulated in accordance with paragraph C.3 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES's 1989 Decision on Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures (L/6489).

On instructions from my authorities, I wish to convey to you the request of the United States for consultations under Article XXIII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade concerning restrictions maintained by the Government of Brazil on the import of certain agricultural and manufactured products. Such restrictions include an import prohibition list of about 1,000 items, and company-specific and sectoral restrictions made effective through import licenses and other measures.

We believe these restrictions are inconsistent with Brazil's obligations under Article XI of the General Agreement, and are not justified by any of the exceptions otherwise provided in the General Agreement. These import restrictions nullify or impair benefits accruing to the United States within the meaning of Article XXIII:1.

We request consultations on this matter under Article XXIII:1 as soon as possible, and suggest that they be scheduled October 16-17, 1989. These dates would be convenient given that the United States and Brazil had previously agreed to hold the latest in a series of bilateral trade consultations in Brasilia at this time.