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UNITED STATES - COUNTERVAILING DUTY AND
ANTI-DUMPING ACTIONS ON SALMON

Request for Consultations
under Article XXII:1 by Norway

The following communication, dated 5 March 1991, sent by the Permanent Representative to GATT of Norway to the United States Trade Representative in Geneva, is circulated in accordance with paragraph C.3 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES' 1989 Decision on Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures (BISD 36S/62).

On instructions from my authorities I wish to convey to you the request of Norway for consultations under Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade concerning the countervailing duty and anti-dumping actions taken by the USA against the export of fresh and chilled Atlantic salmon from Norway to the US market. Reference is also made to Article 3 of the GATT Subsidies Code and Article 15.1 of the Anti-Dumping Code.

The recent determinations by the Department of Commerce (anti-dumping duties ranging from 15.65% to 31.81% and countervailing duty of 2.27%) - if followed by an affirmative injury determination - will entail a virtual halt in the export of fresh and chilled Atlantic salmon to the US market and appear to be inconsistent with the obligations of the USA under the GATT.

I request that consultations be held as a matter of urgency in accordance with para. C.4 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES' 1989 Decision on Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures (L/6489).