

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## JAPAN - RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

### Follow-up on the Panel report

### Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 7 September 1993, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Australia with the request that the matter be inscribed on the Agenda of the Council meeting on 22 September.

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Pursuant to DS25/2, Australia has held Article XXII:I consultations with Japan on the implementation of the recommendations and rulings of the contracting parties as reflected in the above Panel report (BISD 35S/163) adopted by the GATT Council on 2 February 1988. These consultations were held in April and May of 1991 and in September 1992. Australia has also raised the question of implementation at a number of GATT Council meetings over the period since adoption of the Panel report in 1988.

In addition, Australia has held a series of bilateral consultations with Japan on the implementation of the Panel's recommendations in respect of dairy and starch products. There are still a number of outstanding issues in relation to this matter and consultations are continuing. If these do not result in satisfactory progress in relation to the implementation of the Panel report, Australia considers that it may be necessary to have recourse to Article XXIII:2.