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**Committee on Subsidies and
Countervailing Measures**

**AUSTRALIA - IMPOSITION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES
ON IMPORTS OF GLACE CHERRIES FROM FRANCE AND ITALY
IN APPLICATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AMENDMENT ACT 1991**

Report of the Panel

1. At its meeting of 26 November 1992, the Committee at the request of the EEC established a panel with respect to the imposition by Australia of countervailing duties on imports of glacé cherries from France and Italy in application of the Australian Customs Amendment Act 1991.
2. The terms of reference and composition of the panel were as indicated in a document circulated to the Committee on 14 February 1993 (SCM/158).
3. The Panel met with the parties to the dispute on 9 March and 4 May 1993.
4. On 22 June 1993 the EEC requested that the panel suspend the proceedings and Australia concurred in that request.
5. On 18 October 1993 the EEC formally notified the Chairman of the Panel that it had decided to withdraw its complaint in this matter. The text of the letter conveying this information is reproduced below:

"I am writing in connection with the panel proceedings on the imposition by Australia of Countervailing Duties on Imports of Glacé Cherries from France and Italy in application of the Australian Customs Amendment Act 1991, to inform you that the European Community no longer wishes to pursue dispute settlement under the Code in respect of this matter. I would therefore request that the panel proceedings be terminated accordingly. It is my understanding that this procedure is agreeable to Australia as well."

6. In view of the withdrawal by the EEC of the complaint the Panel considers that its proceedings are terminated.