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**CANADA - ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION OF IMPORTS OF CERTAIN  
HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL PLATE AND HIGH STRENGTH  
LOW ALLOY PLATE, HEAT TREATED OR NOT, ORIGINATING  
IN OR EXPORTED FROM, INTER ALIA, ITALY AND SPAIN**

**Request for Consultations under Article 15:2 of the Agreement**

The following communication, dated 23 November 1993, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of the European Community.

In accordance with Article 15:2 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade ("the Anti-Dumping Code") the European Community requests consultations with Canada in order to obtain information on the following:

The initiation by the Canadian Authority without having received a written request by or on behalf of the industry affected, on 18 October 1993 of an anti-dumping investigation of imports of certain hot-rolled carbon steel plate and high strength low alloy plate, heat treated or not, originating in or exported from, inter alia, Italy and Spain.

The Community would like to have consultations on, among others, the special circumstances on which the Canadian Authorities have based themselves in deciding to self-initiate this investigation and on the fulfilment of the requirements of Article 5 of the Anti-Dumping Code, in particular, that the authorities concerned shall only proceed if they have sufficient evidence of (a) dumping, (b) injury, and (c) a causal link between the dumped imports and the alleged injury.

The Community considers this as a matter of urgency and therefore requests to have consultations as early as possible.