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JAPAN - RESTRAINTS ON IMPORTS OF LEATHER

Recourse to Article XXIII:2 by Canada

The following communication has been received from the Permanent Mission of Canada.

On 20 September 1979, Canadian representatives held consultations with Japanese authorities in Tokyo under Article XXIII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade on Japanese restrictions on imports of leather. These consultations were requested by Canada because in the Canadian view the Japanese restrictions on imports of leather are inconsistent with Japan's obligations under the General Agreement and nullify or impair Canada's rights under the GATT.

As Article XXIII:1 consultations with Japanese authorities did not result in a satisfactory adjustment of this matter, the Canadian authorities request that the CONTRACTING PARTIES examine pursuant to the provisions of Article XXIII:2 the compatibility with the General Agreement of Japanese restrictions on imports of leather; and make recommendations or rulings as appropriate.