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CANADA - DIFFERENTIATED POSTAL RATES

United States - Request for Consultations under Article XXII:1

The following communication, dated 4 August 1982, addressed by the United States Mission to the Permanent Representative of Canada, is circulated to the contracting parties.

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My authorities have instructed me to request, on behalf of the United States, consultations with the Government of Canada under Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade with regard to the differentiated postal rates applicable to second class printed matter which are maintained by the Government of Canada. We consider that such differentiated rates which distinguish between Canadian newspapers and periodicals, non-Canadian printed-in-Canada publications, and non-Canadian mailed-in-Canada publications to constitute regulations which accord treatment to imported products less favourable than that accorded to like products of national origin, and that these regulations are therefore contrary to Canada's obligations under Article III of the GATT.

We would ask that such consultations be held in mid-September, or as soon thereafter as is mutually convenient. I have sent a copy of this request to the Director-General for circulation to the contracting parties.

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