

**IMPOSITION OF A SAFEGUARD MEASURE BY  
LITHUANIA ON IMPORTS OF NON-DRIED PASTRY YEAST**

Request for Consultations under Article 12.3  
of the Agreement on Safeguards

LITHUANIA

Supplement

The following communication, dated 19 February 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Lithuania.

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Please find enclosed herewith for your information the response to the Estonian request regarding consultations under Articles 12.3 and 8.1 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards concerning the imposition by Lithuania of safeguard measures on non-dried pastry yeast which was submitted by the letter of Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Estonia, Mr. C. Kull dated 11 February 2002, No. 2-2/164.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 11 February 2002 No. 2-2/164, whereby Estonia requests consultations under Articles 12.3 and 8.1 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards concerning the imposition by Lithuania of safeguard measures on non-dried pastry yeast.

Regarding your request to notify the measure mentioned above to the WTO Committee on Safeguards, I would like to inform you that Lithuania submitted the notification under Articles 12.1(b) and 12.1(c) of the Agreement on Safeguards on finding serious injury caused by increased imports and on taking a decision to apply safeguard measures to the WTO Secretariat on 14 February 2002, fulfilling the appropriate obligation according to the WTO Agreement. As this notification has not been issued as the official WTO document yet, the text of the notification is enclosed hereto.<sup>1</sup> Using this opportunity I would also like to express the position of Lithuania regarding the fulfilment of its obligations at present and in the future according to appropriate agreements of the WTO and other international treaties, as it is in a case regarding the safeguard measure mentioned above.

In respect of the request for consultations according to the appropriate provisions of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, I would like to refer to the second sentence of the introductory part of the enclosed notification, that Lithuania notes its readiness for consultations with interested parties, and to stress the continuation of maintenance of the transparency and openness by Lithuania in the process. Therefore, I am pleased to inform you that Lithuania accepts the request of Estonia and proposes to hold these consultations in Geneva and expressing the flexibility regarding the time of the consultations, which concretely shall be agreed mutually.

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<sup>1</sup> See document G/SG/N/8/LTU/1-G/SG/N/10-LTU/1.