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UNITED STATES – ADDITIONAL DUTIES ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS FROM BRAZIL

COMMUNICATION FROM THE UNITED STATES

The following communication, dated 21 September 2026, from the delegation of the United States to the delegation of China, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) at the request of the United States.

The United States has received your letter dated August 6, 2026, requesting to join in the consultations requested by Brazil, as circulated in document WT/DS646/2.

Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* provides that a Member other than the consulting Members that considers it has a substantial trade interest shall be joined in the consultations "provided that the Member to which the request for consultations was addressed agrees that the claim of substantial interest is well-founded." The request for consultations by Brazil does not concern any acts, policies, or practices of China and does not concern any tariffs imposed on products originating in China.

The United States does not consider that China's claim of a substantial trade interest in these consultations is well-founded. The United States is thus declining your request to join these consultations.
