

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON
MALLEABLE CAST IRON TUBE OR PIPE FITTINGS FROM BRAZIL**

Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 15 September 2003, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of that delegation.

The European Communities submit this communication in the light of the obligations set out in Article 21.3 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes.

On 18 August 2003, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) adopted its recommendations and rulings in *European Communities – Anti-Dumping Duties on Malleable Cast Iron Tube or Pipe Fittings from Brazil* (WT/DS219/R and WT/DS219/AB/R). At that meeting, the European Communities indicated that in due course it would inform the DSB on the steps it intends to take to implement the DSB recommendations of concern to it.

The EC wishes to confirm its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in this case in a manner consistent with its WTO obligations and it has begun already to evaluate options for doing so.

Due to the relative complexity of the issues involved and the need for re-determinations, the European Communities will need a reasonable period of time in which to do so. The EC stands ready and willing to discuss on an appropriate reasonable period of time for implementation with Brazil, in accordance with Article 21.3(b) of the DSU.

The EC has, in the light of the preparation and holding of the 5th Ministerial Conference in Cancun, refrained from requesting to hold a special meeting of the DSB in order to make this communication orally, but intends to repeat the content of the attached communication at the next ordinary meeting of the DSB scheduled for 2 October 2003. Brazil has agreed to this course of action.
