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UNITED STATES – LAWS, REGULATIONS AND METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING DUMPING MARGINS ("ZEROING")

Joint Request by the European Communities and the United States for a Decision by the DSB

The following communication, dated 24 November 2005, from the delegation of the European Communities and the delegation of the United States to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated at the request of that delegation.

The European Communities and the United States would like to request that the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) adopt the draft decision attached to this letter with respect to the dispute *United States – Laws, Regulations and Methodology for Calculating Dumping Margins* ("Zeroing") (WT/DS294/R). We consider that the draft DSB decision would provide greater flexibility in scheduling given the many demands on delegations at this time.

We respectfully request that you please circulate this request to the Members of the DSB.

Draft Decision of the DSB

The DSB agrees that, upon a request by the European Communities or the United States, the DSB shall no later than 31 January 2006, adopt the report of the panel in the dispute *United States – Laws, Regulations and Methodology for Calculating Dumping Margins ("Zeroing")* (WT/DS294/R) unless (i) the DSB decides by consensus not to do so or (ii) the European Communities or the United States notifies the DSB of its decision to appeal pursuant to Article 16.4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.