

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON IMPORTS
OF COTTON-TYPE BED LINEN FROM INDIA**

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 21 June 2000, addressed to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 12.9 of the DSU.

Article 12.8 of the DSU stipulates that the period in which a panel shall conduct its examination, from the date that the composition and terms of reference of the panel have been agreed upon until the date that the final report is issued to the parties, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU states that when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the DSB in writing of the reasons for the delay, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on European Communities – Anti-Dumping Duties on Imports of Cotton-Type Bed Linen from India was established by the DSB on 27 October 1999 and composed on 24 January 2000.

It will not, however, be possible for the Panel to complete its work in six months due to the parties' wish to use the maximum time periods prescribed in Appendix 3 of the DSU and the short time-frames for the Panel to complete its work.

The Panel expects to complete its work by October 2000.
