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**UNITED STATES - COUNTERVAILING MEASURES ON CERTAIN  
HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM INDIA**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL**

The following communication, dated 8 July 2013, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB).

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Article 12.8 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides 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 the final report is issued to the parties to the dispute, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

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

The Panel on *United States – Countervailing Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from India* (DS436) was established by the DSB on 31 August 2012 and composed on 18 February 2013.

The Panel expects to issue its final report to the parties by April 2014, in accordance with the timetable adopted after consultation with the parties.

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