



**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – DEFINITIVE ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES  
ON CERTAIN IRON OR STEEL FASTENERS FROM CHINA**

**RECOURSE TO ARTICLE 21.5 OF THE DSU BY CHINA**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL**

The following communication, dated 14 July 2014, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body.

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Article 21.5 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides that the panel shall circulate its report within 90 days after the date of referral of the matter to it.

Article 21.5 of the DSU further provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot provide its report within this time frame, it shall inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in writing of the reasons together with an estimate of the period within which it will submit its report.

On 18 December 2013, the DSB referred the dispute *European Communities – Definitive Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Iron or Steel Fasteners from China, Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by China* (WT/DS397) to the original panel, if possible. The Panel was composed on 27 March 2014.<sup>1</sup>

The Panel expects to issue its final report to the parties in May 2015, in accordance with the timetable adopted after consultation with the parties.

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<sup>1</sup> See WT/DS397/19.