

**MEXICO - ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION OF HIGH FRUCTOSE
CORN SYRUP (HFCS) FROM THE UNITED STATES**

Recourse by the United States to Article 21.5 of the DSU

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 29 May 2001, addressed to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.5 of the DSU.

Article 21.5 of the DSU stipulates that a panel shall circulate its report within 90 days after the date of referral of the matter to it. It further provides that when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within that time, 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 matter regarding *Mexico - Anti-Dumping Investigation Of High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS) from the United States - Recourse by the United States to Article 21.5 of the DSU (DS 132)* was referred to a panel on 23 October 2000, and the panel was composed on 14 November 2000. On 22 January 2001, I wrote to you, indicating that due to scheduling and the time needed for translation, the Panel would not be able to complete its work within the 90 days envisioned in Article 21.5, and that the Panel expected to complete its work by late May 2001.

However, due to scheduling conflicts arising since my earlier letter, which prevented the Panel from meeting as planned, it was necessary to delay issuance of the Interim Report. In light of the time necessary to complete interim review, and allow for translation, it will not be possible for the Panel to complete its work by late May 2001.

The Panel expects to complete its work in June 2001.
