

**UNITED STATES – DEFINITIVE ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING
DUTIES ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS FROM CHINA**

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 17 November 2009, addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated in accordance with Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

Article 12.8 of 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 of the reasons for the delay, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on *United States – Definitive Anti-Dumping And Countervailing Duties On Certain Products From China* (WT/DS379) was established by the DSB on 20 January 2009 and composed on 4 March 2009.

Due to the substantive complexity of the dispute, the parties' requests pertaining to the initial timetable established by the Panel, and subsequent scheduling conflicts necessitating changes to that timetable, it will not be possible for the Panel to complete its work within six months of the date of composition.

Absent any further delays beyond the control of the Panel, the Panel expects to complete its work by May 2010.
