

**UNITED STATES – SAFEGUARD MEASURE ON IMPORTS OF LAMB MEAT
FROM NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA**

Constitution of the Panel Established at the Requests of New Zealand and Australia

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its meeting on 19 November 1999, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) established a single Panel, pursuant to the requests made by New Zealand (in document WT/DS177/4) and Australia (in document WT/DS178/5 and Corr. 1), in accordance with Article 9 of the DSU.

2. At that meeting, the parties to the dispute also agreed that the Panel should have standard terms of reference. The terms of reference are, therefore, the following:

"To examine, in the light of the relevant provisions of the covered agreements cited by New Zealand in document WT/DS177/4 and by Australia in document WT/DS178/5 and Corr. 1, the matter referred to the DSB by New Zealand and Australia in those documents, and to make such findings as will assist the DSB in making the recommendations or in giving the rulings provided for in those agreements".

3. On 21 March 2000, the parties agreed to the following composition of the Panel:

Chairman: Professor Tommy Koh

Members: Professor Meinhard Hilf
Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi

4. Australia (in respect of New Zealand's complaint), Canada, the European Communities, Iceland, Japan and New Zealand (in respect of Australia's complaint), have reserved their rights to participate in the panel proceedings as third parties.
