

**UNITED STATES – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON  
CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN**

Request by Japan for Arbitration under Article 21.3(c) of the DSU

The following communication, dated 20 November 2001, from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of that delegation.

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On 23 August 2001, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) adopted the recommendations and rulings of the Appellate Body and Panel Reports in the proceeding "United States – Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Products from Japan". On 10 September, the United States informed the DSB of its intention to implement the recommendations of the DSB.

In the meantime, discussions between the United States and Japan have been conducted in relation to the "reasonable period of time". However, no mutually satisfactory solution as to the "reasonable period of time" for implementing the recommendations of the DSB has been found to date.

Japan, therefore, requests herewith that the "reasonable period of time" be determined by binding arbitration, pursuant to Article 21.3(c) of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU).

In accordance with footnote 12 of the DSU, the representatives of Japan will promptly initiate discussions with the United States with a view to achieving agreement on an arbitrator within the next ten days.

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