

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

Extension of Time Period under Article 21.3(c) of the DSU

The following communication, dated 21 November 2001, from the Permanent Mission of the United States and the Permanent Mission of Japan to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of those delegations.

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We wish to refer to the communication from the Government of Japan, dated 20 November 2001 (WT/DS184/9), whereby the latter requested binding arbitration under Article 21.3(c) of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) in order to determine the "reasonable period of time" for the United States of America to implement the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in the proceeding, "United States – Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Products from Japan" (WT/DS184), adopted on 23 August 2001.

The Parties to the dispute, the United States and Japan, are currently holding consultations for the appointment of an arbitrator, pursuant to footnote 12 to Article 21.3(c) of the DSU.

With respect to the time-period for the binding arbitration, Article 21.3(c) of the DSU provides that the reasonable period of time for implementation be determined through binding arbitration within 90 days after the date of adoption of the recommendations and rulings by the DSB. This adoption took place on 23 August 2001. As this 90-day period is about to expire, we have agreed that the award of an arbitrator is to be made no later than 19 February 2002, and that award shall be deemed to be the award of the arbitrator for the purpose of Article 21.3(c) of the DSU in determining the "reasonable period of time" for the United States to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB.

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