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**UNITED STATES – MEASURES CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION,
MARKETING AND SALE OF TUNA AND TUNA PRODUCTS**

STATUS REPORT BY THE UNITED STATES

Addendum

The following communication, dated 11 July 2013, from the delegation of the United States to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report Regarding Implementation of the
DSB Recommendations and Rulings in the Dispute
United States – Measures Concerning the Importation,
Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna Products
(WT/DS381)

The United States submits this report in accordance with Article 21.6 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

On 13 June 2012, the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") adopted its recommendations and rulings in *United States – Measures Concerning the Importation, Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna Products* (WT/DS381). At the following DSB meeting, the United States informed the DSB of its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in connection with this matter.

The United States and Mexico agreed that the reasonable period of time ("RPT") for the United States to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB would end on 13 July 2013, and jointly notified the DSB of this agreement on 17 September 2012.

On 9 July 2013, the United States published in the *Federal Register* a final rule related to the US dolphin-safe labeling requirements subject to the recommendations and rulings of the DSB.¹ The US dolphin-safe labeling regulation now requires captains – and where available, qualified and approved observers – to certify that no dolphins were killed or seriously injured during fishing operations occurring outside the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. The final rule is effective 13 July 2013, and – within the RPT – brings the US dolphin-safe labeling regime into compliance with the recommendations and rulings of the DSB.

¹ *Enhanced Document Requirements to Support Use of the Dolphin Safe Label on Tuna Products: Final Rule*, 78 Fed. Reg. 40997 (9 July 2013) (to be codified at 50 CFR pt.216).