

**UNITED STATES –ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON
OIL COUNTRY TUBULAR GOODS (OCTG) FROM MEXICO**

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 4 February 2005, addressed to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated pursuant to Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

Article 12.8 of the DSU stipulates 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 that the final report is issued to the parties, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU states 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- Anti-Dumping Measures on Oil Country Tubular Goods (OCTG) from Mexico (DS282)* was established by the DSB on 29 August 2003 and composed on 11 February 2004.

In August 2004, the Panel informed the DSB that it would not be possible for it to complete its work in six months in light of the schedule which was agreed after consultations with the parties, and indicated that it expected to complete its work in March 2005 (document WT/DS282/4, dated 18 August 2004).

It will not, however, be possible for the Panel to complete its work by March 2005 in light of subsequent delays in the proceedings due to the complexity of certain issues.

The Panel expects to complete its work in May 2005.
