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**UNITED STATES – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES APPLYING DIFFERENTIAL PRICING  
METHODOLOGY TO SOFTWOOD LUMBER FROM CANADA**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL**

The following communication, dated 9 November 2018, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body.

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Article 12.8 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides 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 the final report is issued to the parties to the dispute, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in writing accordingly and indicate the reasons, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on *United States – Anti-Dumping Measures Applying Differential Pricing Methodology to Softwood Lumber from Canada* (DS534) was established by the DSB on 9 April 2018 and composed on 22 May 2018.

In light of the partial timetable adopted thus far in consultation with the parties, the Panel estimates that the expected timing of the issuance of its final report to the parties will be within the first half of 2019.

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