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**UNITED STATES – CERTAIN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELLING
(COOL) REQUIREMENTS**

RECOURSE TO ARTICLE 21.5 OF THE DSU BY CANADA AND MEXICO

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 26 March 2014, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body.

Article 21.5 of the Understanding on the Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides that the panel shall circulate its reports within 90 days after the date of referral of the matter to it.

Article 21.5 of the DSU further provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot provide its reports within this time frame, it shall inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in writing of the reasons together with an estimate of the period within which it will submit its reports.

On 25 September 2013, the DSB referred the disputes *United States – Certain Country of Origin Labelling (COOL) Requirements - Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Canada and Mexico* (WT/DS384 and WT/DS386) to the original panel, if possible. The Panel was composed on 27 September 2013.¹

The Panel expects to issue its final reports to the parties towards the end of July 2014, in accordance with the timetable adopted after consultation with the parties.

¹ See WT/DS384/27 (Canada) and WT/DS386/26 (Mexico).