

UNITED STATES – TAX TREATMENT FOR "FOREIGN SALES CORPORATIONS"

Request for Modification of the Time-Period for Compliance

On 29 September 2000, the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body received the following communication from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

Regarding the dispute "United States – Tax Treatment for "Foreign Sales Corporations"" (WT/DS108), at the 20 March 2000 meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), the DSB established the time-period within which the United States must withdraw its measure (time-period), in accordance with the Panel's recommendation under Article 4.7 of the SCM Agreement, to end on 1 October 2000.

At the 7 April 2000 meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), the United States advised the DSB of its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in a manner consistent with its WTO obligations.

The United States recalls that a principal aim of the dispute settlement system is to provide mutually satisfactory solutions to disputes. The United States believes that an extension of the time-period promotes this aim. Accordingly, the United States proposes that the DSB modify the time-period in this dispute so as to expire on 1 November 2000.

The United States asks that the DSB approve this proposal and, to that end, requests a meeting of the DSB on 12 October 2000 to consider this matter.

The European Communities has been consulted on this initiative.
