

UNITED STATES - STANDARDS FOR REFORMULATED
AND CONVENTIONAL GASOLINE

Status Report by the United States

Addendum

The following communication, dated 12 June 1997, from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of the United States.

Status Report Regarding Implementation of the Recommendations and Rulings in
the Dispute Regarding *United States - Standards for Reformulated and Conventional Gasoline*
Panel Report (WT/DS2/R) and Appellate Body Report (WT/DS2/AB/R)

In keeping with the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU"), the United States is obliged to inform the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") on the status of implementation of the the recommendations and rulings in the dispute regarding *United States - Standards for Reformulated and Conventional Gasoline*. This matter will again be on the agenda of the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") on June 25, 1997 and, as provided for in Article 21:6 of the DSU, the United States presents its sixth report.

As we advised the DSB at its April meeting, on April 29 the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued for comment a proposed revision to its gasoline rule. The proposed rule was published in our Federal Register on May 6, 1997. Consistent with normal U.S. regulatory procedures, EPA has invited all interested parties to comment on the specifics of its proposal. In this connection, a public hearing on the proposal was held on May 20, 1997. All written comments must be received by EPA by June 19, 1997. Once the comment period closes, EPA will carefully consider all the comments it has received and then prepare a final rule.