

**KOREA – MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION OF BOVINE MEAT
AND MEAT PRODUCTS FROM CANADA**

Communication from the Chairperson of the Panel

The following communication, dated 21 April 2011, addressed to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated in accordance with Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

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 of the reasons for the delay, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on *Korea – Measures Affecting the Importation of Bovine Meat and Meat Products from Canada* (WT/DS391) was established by the DSB on 31 August 2009 and composed on 13 November 2009.

The Panel recalls its letter to the DSB in February informing the DSB that it would issue its final report by April 2011. However, due to the complexity of the dispute and the voluminous materials to be examined, the Panel needs more time to complete its work. The Panel expects to issue its final report to the parties no later than 31 August 2011.
