

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURE
ON FARMED SALMON FROM NORWAY**

Extension of Time Period under Article 21.3(b) of the DSU

The following communication, dated 29 February 2008, from the delegation of Norway and the delegation of the European Communities to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 21.3(b) of the DSU.

On 15 January 2008, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) adopted the Panel report in *European Communities – Anti-Dumping Measure on Farmed Salmon from Norway* (WT/DS337). At the meeting of the DSB held on 8 February, the European Communities notified the DSB that it intends to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in this dispute, and stated that it would need a reasonable period of time for implementation.

Article 21.3(b) of the DSU provides that in the absence of a time proposed by the Member concerned and approved by the DSB the reasonable period of time shall be "a period of time mutually agreed by the parties to the dispute within 45 days after the date of adoption of the recommendations and rulings." Article 21.3(c) of the DSU provides that, in the absence of an agreement between the parties on a period of time, the reasonable period of time shall be determined "through binding arbitration within 90 days after the date of adoption of the recommendations and rulings."

In order to allow sufficient time for the parties for further discussions, Norway and the EC (i) agree that any agreement between the parties on a reasonable period of time shall be considered to be an agreement under Article 21.3(b) even if concluded outside the 45 days period; (ii) equally agree that an arbitration under Article 21.3(c) of the DSU shall be completed no later than 60 days after the date of the appointment of an arbitrator, unless the arbitrator, following consultation with the parties, considers that additional time is required; and (iii) hereby confirm that any award of the arbitrator (including awards not made within 90 days after the date of adoption of the recommendations and rulings) shall be deemed to be an award of the arbitrator for the purposes of Article 21.3(c) of the DSU in determining the reasonable period of time for the EC to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB.

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