

**UNITED STATES - SUNSET REVIEW OF ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON
CORROSION-RESISTANT CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN**

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 9 January 2003, addressed to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated in accordance with Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

Article 12.8 of the DSU stipulates 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 that the final report is issued to the parties, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU states that, when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the 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 "*United States – Sunset Review of Anti-Dumping Duties on Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Japan*" was established by the DSB on 22 May 2002 and composed on 17 July 2002.

It will not, however, be possible for the Panel to complete its work within six months due to the timetable adopted after having heard the parties' views and based on the time periods prescribed in Appendix 3 of the DSU.

The Panel expects to complete its work by April 2003.
