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**UNITED STATES — SAFEGUARD MEASURES ON IMPORTS OF LARGE  
RESIDENTIAL WASHERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL**

The following communication, dated 9 December 2019, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body.

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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 accordingly and indicate the reasons, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel in *United States — Safeguard Measures on Imports of Large Residential Washers* (DS546) was established by the DSB on 26 September 2018 and composed on 1 July 2019.

The beginning of the Panel's work was delayed due to the lack of available experienced lawyers in the Secretariat. The Panel expects to issue its final report to the parties in the first quarter of 2021.

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