

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

Communication from the Chairperson of the Panel

The following communication, dated 4 July 2011, addressed to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated in accordance with Article 12.12 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

The Panel recalls its letter of 21 April 2011 informing the DSB that it would issue its final report to the parties no later than 31 August 2011.

On 28 June 2011, the Panel received a letter from Canada requesting the Panel to suspend its proceedings in accordance with Article 12.12 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), until further notice. Upon invitation from the Panel, Korea informed the Panel on 1 July 2011 that it agrees with Canada's request.

Article 12.12 of the DSU provides that the Panel may suspend its work at any time at the request of the complaining party for a period not exceeding 12 months. This provision also indicates that if the work of the Panel has been suspended for more than 12 months, the authority for establishment of the Panel shall lapse.

The Panel hereby informs the DSB of its decision of 4 July 2011 to grant Canada's request and suspend its work.
