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**KOREA – IMPORT BANS, AND TESTING AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR RADIONUCLIDES**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 28 September 2017, 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 accordingly and indicate the reasons, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on *Korea – Import Bans, and Testing and Certification Requirements For Radionuclides* (DS495) was established by the DSB on 28 September 2015 and composed on 8 February 2016.

Due to the complex procedural and factual nature of the case as well as scheduling conflicts, the Panel will be unable to finish its work by the date estimated in our last letter WT/DS495/5. Following consultations with the parties, the Panel now expects to issue its final report to the parties in October 2017. The report will only be available to the public once it is circulated to the Members in all three official languages of the WTO. The date of circulation depends on completion of translation and the Panel is not in a position to provide an estimated circulation date at this time.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this letter to the Members of the DSB.
