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## UNITED STATES – MEASURES CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION, MARKETING AND SALE OF TUNA AND TUNA PRODUCTS

## STATUS REPORT BY THE UNITED STATES

The following communication, dated 11 April 2013, from the delegation of the United States to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report Regarding Implementation of the DSB Recommendations and Rulings in the Dispute United States – Measures Concerning the Importation, Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna Products
(WT/DS381)

The United States submits this report in accordance with Article 21.6 of the *Understanding* on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes.

On 13 June 2012, the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") adopted its recommendations and rulings in *United States – Measures Concerning the Importation, Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna Products* (WT/DS381). At the following DSB meeting, the United States informed the DSB of its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in connection with this matter.

The United States and Mexico agreed that the reasonable period of time ("RPT") for the United States to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB would end on 13 July 2013, and jointly notified the DSB of this agreement on 17 September 2012.

On 5 April 2013, the United States published in the *Federal Register* a proposed rule related to the US dolphin-safe labeling requirements subject to the recommendations and rulings of the DSB.<sup>1</sup> The United States will continue to work to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB by the end of the RPT.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Enhanced Document Requirements to Support Use of the Dolphin Safe Label on Tuna Products, 78 Fed. Reg. 20604 (proposed Apr. 5, 2013) (to be codified at 50 CFR pt.216).