

**SLOVAK REPUBLIC – MEASURE AFFECTING IMPORT
DUTY ON WHEAT FROM HUNGARY**

Request for the Establishment of a Panel by Hungary

The following communication, dated 8 October 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Hungary to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 6.2 of the DSU.

Hungary requested consultations with the Slovak Republic on 18 September 1998 under Article 4.8 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Article XXIII:1(a) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 and Article 19 of the Agreement on Agriculture regarding import measures imposed on wheat originating in Hungary.

On 28 September 1998, consultations were held between the two parties. Unfortunately, up till now the consultations did not lead to a mutually satisfactory solution.

Hungary hereby requests that a panel be established at the next meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) pursuant to Articles 4.9 and 6 of the DSU and Article XXIII:2 of GATT 1994.

Hungary claims that the Slovak Republic, by increasing the import duties on wheat (HS 1001.1000, 1001.90) originating in Hungary above the respective bound rates, has acted inconsistently with Articles I and II of GATT 1994 and Article 4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, therefore nullifying or impairing the benefits accruing to Hungary under GATT 1994 and the Agreement on Agriculture.

Hungary requests that the Panel be established with standard terms of reference as set out in Article 7 of the DSU.
