

**ARGENTINA – MEASURES AFFECTING THE EXPORT OF BOVINE HIDES
AND THE IMPORT OF FINISHED LEATHER**

Surveillance of Implementation of Recommendations and Rulings

*Agreement on an Arbitrator under Article 21.3(c) of the
Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*

The following communication, dated 12 June 2001, from the Permanent Mission of Argentina and the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to Mr. Florentino P. Feliciano, is circulated to WTO Members.

We refer you to the communication from the European Communities (WT/DS155/6 of 17 May 2001), requesting binding arbitration under Article 21.3(c) of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU") to determine the reasonable period of time for Argentina to implement the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") in the matter *Argentina – Measures Affecting the Export of Bovine Hides and the Import of Finished Leather* (WT/DS155).

The parties to the dispute, Argentina and the European Communities, have agreed on an Arbitrator, pursuant to Footnote 12 to Article 21.3(c) of the DSU. We are writing to convey our request for you to act as Arbitrator in this matter.

By communication from Argentina and the European Communities (WT/DS155/7 of 23 May 2001), the parties to this dispute, have already agreed to extend the period of time for this binding arbitration, which shall be completed no later than 90 days after the date of the appointment of the arbitrator. We can confirm that the award of the arbitrator, made within the agreed time period, shall be deemed to be the award of the arbitrator for the purposes of Article 21.3(c) of the DSU in determining the reasonable period of time for Argentina to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB.
