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**EUROPEAN UNION – MEASURES AFFECTING TARIFF CONCESSIONS
ON CERTAIN POULTRY MEAT PRODUCTS**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION AND CHINA

The following communication, dated 21 June 2017, from the delegation of the European Union and the delegation of China to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 21.3(b) of the DSU.

We refer to our ongoing negotiations in relation to the Reasonable Period of Time ("RPT") that the European Union will need in order to bring its measures into compliance with the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") in case DS 492 European Union – Measures Affecting Tariff Concessions On Certain Poultry Meat Products, which were adopted on 19 April 2017.

The European Union and China are seeking to mutually agree on such RPT pursuant to Article 21.3(b) of the Dispute Settlement Understanding ("DSU"), even if such agreement is reached beyond the time period provided for in Article 21.3(b) of the DSU.

With the present letter, the European Union and China confirm their common understanding that, if the matter is referred to arbitration, (i) such arbitration shall be completed no later than 60 days after the date of the appointment of the arbitrator, unless the arbitrator, following consultation with the parties, considers that additional time is required; and (ii) the award of the arbitrator (including an award which is not made within 90 days after the date of adoption of the DSB recommendations and rulings) shall be the award of the arbitrator provided for in Article 21.3(c) of the DSU.
