

**UNITED STATES – CONTINUED DUMPING AND SUBSIDY
OFFSET ACT OF 2000**

Request by the United States for Arbitration under Article 22.6 of the DSU

The following communication, dated 23 January 2004, from the delegation of the United States to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 22.6 of the DSU.

Regarding the dispute *United States - Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000* (WT/DS217), my authorities have instructed me to inform you that, pursuant to Article 22.6 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU"), the United States objects to the level of suspension of tariff concessions and related obligations under GATT 1994 proposed by the European Communities (the "EC") in document WT/DS217/22, including that the EC's request fails to specify a level of suspension and is inadequate for the arbitrator to perform the functions provided under Article 22.7 of the DSU.

Accordingly, as required by Article 22.6 of the DSU, "the matter shall be referred to arbitration".
