

UNITED STATES - IMPORT PROHIBITION OF
CERTAIN SHRIMP AND SHRIMP PRODUCTS

Constitution of the Panel Established at the Requests of
Malaysia, Thailand, Pakistan and India

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its meeting on 25 February 1997, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) established a Panel in accordance with the request made by Malaysia and Thailand in document WT/DS58/6. At the same meeting, the DSB established a Panel in accordance with the request made by Pakistan in document WT/DS58/7. It also agreed that the two Panels would be consolidated in a single Panel, pursuant to Article 9.1 of the DSU with standard terms of reference (WT/DSB/M/29).
2. At its meeting on 10 April 1997, the DSB established a Panel in accordance with the request made by India in document WT/DS58/8. The DSB also agreed that this Panel would be consolidated with the Panel already established at the request of Malaysia, Thailand, Pakistan on 25 February 1997.
3. The parties to the dispute agreed that the Panel should have standard terms of reference:

"To examine, in the light of the relevant provisions of the covered agreements cited by Malaysia and Thailand in document WT/DS58/6, Pakistan in document WT/DS58/7 and India in document WT/DS58/8, the matter referred to the DSB by Malaysia, Thailand, Pakistan and India in these documents and to make such findings as will assist the DSB in making the recommendations or in giving the rulings provided for in those agreements".
4. On 15 April 1997, the parties to the dispute agreed on the following composition of the Panel:

Chairman: Mr. Michael Cartland

Members: Mr. Carlos Cozende
Mr. Kilian Delbrück
5. As of 15 April 1997, Australia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, the European Communities, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, the Philippines, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Venezuela had reserved their third-party rights to participate in the panel proceedings.