

TURKEY – MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION OF RICE

Status Report by Turkey

The following communication, dated 9 October 2008, from the delegation of Turkey to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report Regarding Implementation of the
DSB Recommendations and Rulings in the Dispute
Turkey – Measures Affecting the Importation of Rice
(WT/DS334)

Turkey submits this report in accordance with Article 21.6 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU").

On 22 October 2007, the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") adopted its recommendations and rulings in the dispute *Turkey – Measures Affecting the Importation of Rice* (WT/DS334). In a communication dated 20 November 2007, Turkey informed the DSB of its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in this dispute (WT/DS334/10).

On 9 April 2008, Turkey and the United States informed the DSB that, pursuant to Article 21.3(b) of the DSU, they had agreed that the reasonable period of time for Turkey's implementation of the DSB's recommendations and rulings would be 6 months, expiring on 22 April 2008. This notification was circulated to WTO Members on 11 April 2008 (WT/DS334/12).

By communication of 7 May 2008, Turkey and the United States informed the DSB about the agreement between parties regarding procedures under Articles 21 and 22 of the DSU. This notification was circulated in the document WT/DS334/13.

Turkey has already complied with the recommendation of the DSB and constructive discussions aiming to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States are still in progress. To this end, some technical meetings have been scheduled.
