

**UNITED STATES – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON
CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN**

Status Report by the United States

The following communication, dated 19 September 2002, from the Permanent Mission of the United States 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
*United States – Anti-Dumping Measures on
Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Products from Japan*
(WT/DS184)

The United States submits this report in accordance with Article 21.6 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

On 23 August 2001, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) adopted its recommendations and rulings in *United States - Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Products from Japan* (WT/DS184). At the following DSB meeting on 10 September 2001, the United States informed the DSB of its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in connection with this matter. At that time, the United States also advised the DSB that a "reasonable period of time" would be required to complete this process. On 19 February 2002, an arbitrator found that 15 months, or until 23 November 2002, constituted a reasonable time for implementation.

As the United States explained to the arbitrator, implementation of the DSB recommendations and rulings in this dispute has both administrative and statutory aspects. On 15 August 2002, the US Department of Commerce published a proposed change to its "arm's-length" test in the *Federal Register*, 67 Fed. Reg. 53339, and requested comments from the public by 30 August 2002, with rebuttal comments by 6 September 2002. The US Department of Commerce intends to apply any test adopted to the products involved in the investigation underlying this dispute in a manner implementing the recommendations and rulings of the DSB. At that time, the Department of Commerce intends also to implement the other recommendations and rulings of the DSB with respect to the respondents in that investigation. With respect to the statutory aspects, the United States Administration has held consultations with the US Congress concerning appropriate statutory measures and continues to work with the Congress on resolving the dispute.
