

**EUROPEAN UNION – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON
CERTAIN FOOTWEAR FROM CHINA**

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 8 April 2011, addressed to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated pursuant to Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

Article 12.8 of DSU provides that the period in which a panel shall conduct its examination, from the date that the composition and terms of reference of the panel have been agreed upon until the date the final report is issued to the parties to the dispute, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the DSB in writing of the reasons for the delay, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on *European Union – Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Footwear from China* (WT/DS405) was established by the DSB on 18 May 2010 and composed on 5 July 2010.

Due to the great number of claims and arguments involved in the dispute, as well as the length of the submissions presented by the parties, it will not be possible for the Panel to complete its work within the time frame originally contemplated, that is, June 2011.

Absent any further delays beyond the control of the Panel, the Panel expects to complete its work in July 2011.
