

**ARGENTINA – MEASURES AFFECTING THE EXPORT OF BOVINE HIDES  
AND THE IMPORT OF FINISHED LEATHER**

Surveillance of Implementation of Recommendations and Rulings

*Acceptance of the Appointment as Arbitrator under Article 21.3(c) of the  
Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*

The following communication, dated 12 June 2001, from Mr. Florentino P. Feliciano to the Permanent Mission of Argentina and the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, is circulated to WTO Members.

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Further to your joint letter, dated 12 June 2001, in which you indicate your agreement to appoint me as arbitrator pursuant to Article 21.3(c) of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (the "DSU") to determine the reasonable period of time for Argentina to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in *Argentina – Measures Affecting the Export of Bovine Hides and the Import of Finished Leather* (WT/DS155), I am writing to inform you that I accept the appointment.

I take note of your communication WT/DS155/7, dated 17 May 2001, explaining in writing that both parties, Argentina and the European Communities, have agreed to extend the deadline for arbitration allotted by Article 21.3(c) of the DSU, and requesting that this arbitration be completed no later than 90 days after the date of the appointment of the arbitrator.

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