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**CHINA – COUNTERVAILING AND ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON  
GRAIN ORIENTED FLAT-ROLLED ELECTRICAL STEEL  
FROM THE UNITED STATES**

**REQUEST BY THE UNITED STATES FOR ARBITRATION  
UNDER ARTICLE 21.3(C) OF THE DSU**

The following communication, dated 8 February 2013, from the delegation of the United States to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of that delegation.

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On 16 November 2012, the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") adopted its recommendations and rulings in the dispute *China – Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties on Grain Oriented Flat-Rolled Electrical Steel from the United States* (DS414). In its statement at the meeting of the DSB held on 30 November 2012, China announced its intention to implement the DSB's recommendations and rulings in this dispute and stated that it would need a reasonable period of time in which to do so.

Pursuant to Article 21.3(b) of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU") the United States has held consultations with China regarding the length of the reasonable period of time. However, the parties have not been able to reach an agreement. As a result, the United States requests that the reasonable period of time be determined through binding arbitration pursuant to Article 21.3(c) of the DSU.

The United States stands ready to enter into consultations with China on the appointment of the arbitrator within the next ten days, pursuant to footnote 12 of the DSU.

We respectfully request that you circulate this notification to the Members of the DSB.

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