

**UNITED STATES – EQUALIZING EXCISE TAX IMPOSED BY FLORIDA
ON PROCESSED ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT PRODUCTS**

Notification of Mutually Agreed Solution

The following communication, dated 28 May 2004, from the Permanent Mission of the United States and the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 3.6 of the DSU.

In accordance with Article 3.6 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*, Brazil and the United States of America wish to notify the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) that we have reached a mutually satisfactory solution to the matter raised by the Government of Brazil in WT/DS250/1, dated 26 March 2002, and WT/DS250/2, dated 19 August 2002, concerning the "Equalizing Excise Tax" imposed by the State of Florida, in the United States, on the processing of imported citrus products.

Following rounds of consultations between the two governments, and consultations between the Florida industry and the State of Florida, the Florida Legislature on 30 April 2004 passed SB 96, which amended provisions of section 601.155, Florida Statutes, concerning the Equalizing Excise Tax. The Governor of Florida signed the amendment into law as Chapter 2004-36, Laws of Florida, on 12 May 2004.

Based on these developments, Brazil and the United States have agreed that a mutually satisfactory solution has been reached to the matter raised by Brazil. We would ask you to circulate this notification to the relevant Councils and Committees, as well as to the DSB.

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