

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – CUSTOMS CLASSIFICATION OF
FROZEN BONELESS CHICKEN CUTS**

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

Note by the Secretariat

By joint letter dated 9 December 2005 from Brazil and the European Communities, and joint letter dated 13 December 2005 from the European Communities and Thailand, Mr. James Bacchus, former Member of the Appellate Body, was requested to act as arbitrator pursuant to Article 21.3(c) of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* in the matter *European Communities – Customs Classification of Frozen Boneless Chicken Cuts* (WT/DS269; WT/DS286). On 14 December 2005, Mr. Bacchus informed Brazil, the European Communities and Thailand in writing that he accepts the appointments to serve as arbitrator and that he proposes to conduct both proceedings simultaneously.
