

UNITED STATES – CERTAIN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELLING (COOL) REQUIREMENTS

Constitution of the Panel Established at the Requests of Canada and Mexico

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its meeting on 19 November 2009, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) established a single panel pursuant to the requests of Canada in document WT/DS384/8 and Mexico in document WT/DS386/7 and Corr.1, in accordance with Article 9.1 of the DSU (WT/DSB/M/276).
2. The Panel's terms of reference are the following:

"To examine, in the light of the relevant provisions of the covered agreements cited by the parties to the dispute, the matter referred to the DSB by Canada in document WT/DS384/8 and Mexico in document WT/DS386/7 and Corr.1, and to make such findings as will assist the DSB in making the recommendations or in giving the rulings provided for in those agreements."
3. On 30 April 2010, Canada and Mexico requested the Director-General to determine the composition of the panel, pursuant to paragraph 7 of Article 8 of the DSU. This paragraph provides:

"If there is no agreement on the panelists within 20 days after the date of the establishment of a panel, at the request of either party, the Director-General, in consultation with the Chairman of the DSB and the Chairman of the relevant Council or Committee, shall determine the composition of the panel by appointing the panelists whom the Director-General considers most appropriate in accordance with any relevant special or additional rules or procedures of the covered agreement or covered agreements which are at issue in the dispute, after consulting with the parties to the dispute. The Chairman of the DSB shall inform the Members of the composition of the panel thus formed no later than 10 days after the date the Chairman receives such a request."
4. On 10 May 2010, the Director-General accordingly composed the Panel as follows:

Chairman: Mr Christian Häberli

Members: Mr Manzoor Ahmad
Mr João Magalhães
5. Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada (for WT/DS386), China, Colombia, European Union, Guatemala, India, Japan, Korea, Mexico (for WT/DS384), New Zealand, Peru and Chinese Taipei have reserved their rights to participate in the Panel proceedings as third parties.