

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURE
ON FARMED SALMON FROM NORWAY**

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 31 May 2007, addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated pursuant to Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

Article 12.8 of the DSU stipulates that the period in which a panel shall conduct its examination, from the date that the composition and terms of reference of the panel have been agreed upon until the date that the final report is issued to the parties, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU states that, when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the DSB in writing of the reasons for the delay, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on *European Communities – Anti-Dumping Measure on Farmed Salmon from Norway (DS337)* was established by the DSB on 22 June 2006, and the Director-General composed the Panel on 2 August 2006.

It will not be possible for the Panel to complete its work within six months of the date of composition, *inter alia*, due to the nature and scope of the issues in dispute.

The Panel hopes to complete its work by the end of September 2007.
