

**ARGENTINA – MEASURES AFFECTING IMPORTS OF FOOTWEAR,
TEXTILES, APPAREL AND OTHER ITEMS**

Status Report by Argentina

Addendum

The following communication, dated 9 February 1999, from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations and Rulings in
the Dispute Regarding Argentina – Measures Affecting Imports of Footwear,
Textiles, Apparel and Other Items

In accordance with Article 21, paragraph 6, of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Argentina is submitting its status report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) regarding the dispute "Argentina – Measures Affecting Imports of Footwear, Textiles, Apparel and Other Items".

On 20 May 1998, Argentina informed the DSB in writing that it intended to implement the rulings and recommendations contained in the Report of the Panel and amended by the Report of the Appellate Body. At the meeting of the DSB held on 22 June 1998, the parties to this dispute informed the DSB of their agreement on the reasonable period of time for implementation.

Argentina implemented the DSB's recommendations on specific duties on textiles and apparel by issuing Resolution No. 806/98 of the Ministry of the Economy, Public Works and Services, dated 3 July 1998, which provides that the amount obtained as a result of applying the specific duties in question may not exceed the amount obtained by applying the equivalent *ad valorem* import duty bound by Argentina at 35 per cent of the customs value of the goods. This measure has been applied in Argentina as a whole since 3 October 1998.

With regard to the DSB's recommendation on the statistical tax, Argentina reduced the rate from 3 per cent to 0.5 per cent in Decree No. 37 of 9 January 1998 and adopted the relevant budgetary estimates in conformity with paragraph B.2 of Argentina's proposal on the implementation of the recommendations of the DSB, which forms part of the agreement in document WT/DS56/14.

Argentina and the United States have held discussions concerning Argentina's implementation of the rulings and recommendations of the DSB concerning the statistical tax.

Argentina and the United States have agreed that Argentina will complete the implementation of the above-mentioned rulings regarding the statistical tax no later than 30 May 1999 by imposing a maximum ceiling on the tax in the manner set forth WT/DS56/14.

Argentina has also agreed that a decree reflecting the above referenced agreement on implementation will be submitted for signature before 25 February and subsequently will be signed by the President and published in the Boletín Oficial de la República Argentina.
