

**JAPAN – MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION OF APPLES**

Communication from the Appellate Body

The following communication, dated 26 November 2003, from Mr. James Bacchus, Chairman of the Appellate Body, addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is being circulated in accordance with Article 17.5 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

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It is my honour to provide to you the Report of the Appellate Body in *Japan – Measures Affecting the Importation of Apples*, WT/DS245/AB/R. It will be circulated to Members of the World Trade Organization today, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 17 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*. It is a confidential document until its circulation. The three Members of the Appellate Body who served on this appeal were: Mr. John Lockhart, as Presiding Member; Mr. Luiz Olavo Baptista and Mr. Giorgio Sacerdoti, as Members.

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