

**UNITED STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES AFFECTING IMPORTS
OF POULTRY FROM CHINA**

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 23 March 2010, addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated in accordance with Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

Article 12.8 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides 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 the final report is issued to the parties to the dispute, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the Dispute Settlement Body (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 *United States – Certain Measures Affecting Imports of Poultry from China* (WT/DS392) was established by the DSB on 31 July 2009, and composed on 23 September 2009.

The Panel wishes to inform the DSB that it would not be able to complete its work within six months from the date of the Panel's composition due to the technical complexity of the matter and the Parties' requests to postpone a number of deadlines during the proceedings. The Panel estimates that it will issue its final report to the parties by July 2010.
