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**RUSSIAN FEDERATION – MEASURES ON THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE PIGS,
PORK AND OTHER PIG PRODUCTS FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION**

RECOURSE TO ARTICLE 21.5 OF THE DSU BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 25 March 2019, addressed to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated in accordance with Article 21.5 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

Article 21.5 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides that the panel shall circulate its report within 90 days after the date of referral of the matter to it.

Article 21.5 of the DSU further provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot provide its report within this time frame, it shall inform the DSB in writing of the reasons together with an estimate of the period within which it will submit its report.

On 21 November 2018, the DSB referred the dispute *Russian Federation – Measures on the Importation of Live Pigs, Pork and Other Pig Products from the European Union – Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by the European Union* (DS475) to the original panel, if possible. The panel was composed on 5 December 2018.¹

The Panel expects to issue its final report, based on the timetable adopted after consultation with the parties, in the first quarter of 2020.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this letter to the Members of the DSB.

¹ See WT/DS475/22.