

JAPAN - MEASURES AFFECTING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Constitution of a Panel Established at the Request of the United States

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its meeting on 18 November 1997 the DSB established a panel pursuant to the request of the United States (WT/DS76/2), in accordance with Article 6 of the DSU.
2. In accordance with Article 7.1 of the DSU, the terms of reference of the Panel are the following:

"To examine, in the light of the relevant provisions of the covered agreements cited by the United States in document WT/DS76/2, the matter referred to the DSB by the United States in that document and to make such findings as will assist the DSB in making the recommendations or in giving the rulings provided for in those agreements".
3. On 18 December 1997, the Panel was constituted with the following composition:

Chairman: Mr. Kari Bergholm

Panelists: Mr. Germain Denis
Mr. Eiríkur Einarsson
4. The European Communities, Hungary and Brazil reserved their right to participate in the Panel proceedings as third-parties.