

**UNITED STATES – SAFEGUARD MEASURES ON IMPORTS OF FRESH, CHILLED
OR FROZEN LAMB MEAT FROM NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA**

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 14 June 2001, from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of the United States.

At the 16 May 2001 meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), the DSB adopted its recommendations and rulings in the dispute "United States – Safeguard Measures on Imports of Fresh, Chilled or Frozen Lamb Meat from New Zealand and Australia" (WT/DS177 and 178). My authorities have instructed me to advise the DSB of the intentions of the United States with respect to implementation of the recommendations and rulings of the DSB, as is our responsibility under Article 21.3 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU). Australia and New Zealand have agreed that the United States would inform the DSB of the US intentions by letter rather than at a special meeting of the DSB.

It is the intention of the United States to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in this dispute in a manner that respects US WTO obligations, and we have begun to evaluate options for doing so. The United States will need a reasonable period of time in which to do this. My delegation stands ready to discuss this matter with New Zealand and Australia, in accordance with Article 21.3(b) of the DSU.
