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

Communication from Australia and New Zealand

The following communication, dated 28 September 2001, from the Permanent Mission of Australia and the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of those delegations.

Australia and New Zealand welcome the notification made by the United States dated 27 September 2001 informing the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of the United States' decision to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in the matter of "United States – Safeguard Measures on Imports of Fresh, Chilled or Frozen Lamb Meat from New Zealand and Australia" by ending the safeguard measure on imports of lamb meat, effective from 15 November 2001. Australia and New Zealand also note the advice of the United States that it has begun to take the necessary steps to implement the decision.

Accordingly, Australia and New Zealand agree that the reasonable period of time for the implementation of the DSB recommendations and rulings in this matter will expire on 15 November 2001.