

UNITED STATES - STANDARDS FOR REFORMULATED  
AND CONVENTIONAL GASOLINE

Status Report by the United States

Addendum

The following communication, dated 13 May 1997, 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.

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Status Report Regarding Implementation of the Recommendations and Rulings in  
the Dispute Regarding *United States - Standards for Reformulated and Conventional Gasoline*  
Panel Report (WT/DS2/R) and Appellate Body Report (WT/DS2/AB/R)

In keeping with the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU"), the United States is obliged to inform the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") on the status of implementation of the recommendations and rulings in the dispute regarding *United States - Standards for Reformulated and Conventional Gasoline*. This matter will again be on the agenda of the DSB on 23 May 1997, and, as provided for in Article 21:6 of the DSU, the United States presents its fifth report.

As we advised the DSB at its 30 April meeting, on 29 April the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued for comment a proposed revision to its gasoline rule. The proposed rule was published in our Federal Register on 6 May 1997. Consistent with normal U.S. regulatory procedures, EPA has invited all interested parties to comment on the specifics of its proposal. A public hearing on the proposal will be held on 20 May 1997 if requested. All written comments must be received by EPA by 19 June 1997 if a hearing is requested or 5 June 1997 if a hearing is not requested. All comments will be considered prior to the regulation being finalized. Copies of the proposal are available at our offices in Geneva and through the Internet (<http://www.epa.gov>). Our Embassies have also directly provided copies to gasoline-exporting WTO Members.