

UNITED STATES - STANDARDS FOR REFORMULATED  
AND CONVENTIONAL GASOLINE

Status Report by the United States

Addendum

The following communication, dated 20 August 1997, from the United States to the Permanent Missions of Brazil and Venezuela and to 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)

The United States is pleased to provide the following final report under Article 21.6 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU") regarding implementation of the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body in the dispute concerning *United States - Standards for Reformulated and Conventional Gasoline*

On 19 August 1997 the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") signed a final regulation amending the regulations which were at issue in the above-referenced dispute. This regulation fulfils the commitment made by the United States at the June 1996 meeting of the DSB that the United States would meet its obligations under the WTO with respect to this matter. U.S. adoption of these implementation measures brings to a close in this matter the requirements in DSU Article 21.6. As agreed with Venezuela, the United States has completed the implementation process in 15 months.

A copy of the EPA regulation is enclosed with this letter and copies have been provided to the governments of Brazil and Venezuela. The regulation has been sent for publication to the U.S. Federal Register. Pre-publication copies have been made available for all interested parties and for the public.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Copies of the regulation are available for consultation in the Legal Affairs Division of the Secretariat.