

**CHILE – PRICE BAND SYSTEM AND SAFEGUARD MEASURES
RELATING TO CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Argentina

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 13 November 2006, addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 21.5 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding.

Article 21.5 of the DSU stipulates that a panel established under that provision shall circulate its report within 90 days after the date of referral of the matter to it.

Article 21.5 of the DSU further stipulates that when a panel considers that it cannot provide its report within that timeframe, it shall inform the DSB in writing of the reasons for the delay, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

On 20 January 2006, the DSB agreed to refer the dispute *Chile – Price Band System and Safeguard Measures Relating to Certain Agricultural Product: Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Argentina* (WT/DS207) to the original Panel, if possible. The parties agreed on the composition of the Panel on 4 April 2006.

On 23 October 2006, the Panel issued its final report to the parties in the dispute. Due to the time required for the translation of the report into French and Spanish, the Panel will not be able to circulate the report to the Members within the 90-day period foreseen in Article 21.5 of the DSU.

The Panel expects to circulate its report to Members by mid-December 2006, at the latest.
