

**UNITED STATES – CERTAIN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELLING (COOL)
REQUIREMENTS**

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 21 August 2012, from the delegation of the United States to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated at the request of the United States.

At its meeting on 23 July 2012, the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") adopted its recommendations and rulings in the disputes *United States – Certain Country of Origin Labelling (COOL) Requirements* (DS384/DS386). 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"). Canada and Mexico have agreed that the United States would inform the DSB of its 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 these disputes in a manner that respects its 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. The United States stands ready to discuss this matter with Canada and Mexico, in accordance with Article 21.3(b) of the DSU.

The United States respectfully requests that you circulate this communication to the Members of the DSB.
