

**UNITED STATES – MEASURES AFFECTING IMPORTS OF CERTAIN
PASSENGER VEHICLE AND LIGHT TRUCK TYRES FROM CHINA**

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 31 May 2010, addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated pursuant to Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

Article 12.8 of the DSU stipulates that the period in which a panel shall conduct its examination, from the date that the composition and terms of reference of the panel have been agreed upon until the date that the final report is issued to the parties, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU states that when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, 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.

The Panel on *United States – Measures Affecting Imports of Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tyres from China* (DS399) was established by the DSB on 19 January 2010 and composed on 12 March 2010.

It will not, however, be possible for the Panel to complete its work in six months in light of scheduling conflicts.

The Panel expects to complete its work in November 2010.
