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**THE EUROPEAN UNION'S MODEL CERTIFICATES FOR COMPOSITE PRODUCTS –
SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERN 504**

SUBMISSION BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The following submission, received on 20 July 2021, is the statement made by the United States of America at the 14-16 July 2021 WTO SPS Committee, and is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

1. The United States thanks Australia for raising this issue and wishes to highlight our concerns that the proposed model certificates notified under [G/SPS/N/EU/401](#), [G/SPS/N/EU/402](#), and [G/SPS/N/EU/403](#) will negatively affect supply chains and trade.

2. As we have stated in previous meetings of the SPS Committee, these measures pertain to a broad spectrum of products. While the European Union has engaged with the United States in continuing discussions and negotiations around the new animal health certificate requirements, a great deal of work remains to be done in order to ensure that these measures do not overly or unnecessarily restrict trade.

3. We reiterate the request that we jointly submitted with Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, and Viet Nam in April 2021 that the European Union delay the 21 August 2021 implementation of its animal health certificates. This would allow additional time to address key questions, such as overlapping regulatory jurisdictions in third country markets and appropriately accounting for regulatory oversight that achieves a level of protection at least equivalent to the EU level of protection.
