



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

### RECOURSE TO ARTICLE 22.6 OF THE DSU BY THE UNITED STATES

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE ARBITRATOR

##### *Note by the Secretariat*

1. On 22 June 2015, the United States, in a communication addressed to the DSB (WT/DS386/36), pursuant to Article 22.6 of the DSU, objected to the level of suspension of concessions or other obligations proposed by Mexico in document WT/DS386/35. The parties agree that the matter has been referred to arbitration under Article 22.6 of the DSU.

2. Article 22.6 of the DSU provides as follows:

When the situation described in paragraph 2 occurs, the DSB, upon request, shall grant authorization to suspend concessions or other obligations within 30 days of the expiry of the reasonable period of time unless the DSB decides by consensus to reject the request. However, if the Member concerned objects to the level of suspension proposed, or claims that the principles and procedures set forth in paragraph 3 have not been followed where a complaining party has requested authorization to suspend concessions or other obligations pursuant to paragraph 3(b) or (c), the matter shall be referred to arbitration. Such arbitration shall be carried out by the original panel, if members are available, or by an arbitrator<sup>15</sup> appointed by the Director-General and shall be completed within 60 days after the date of expiry of the reasonable period of time. Concessions or other obligations shall not be suspended during the course of the arbitration.

(original footnote) <sup>15</sup> The expression "arbitrator" shall be interpreted as referring either to an individual or a group.

3. The arbitration will be carried out by the original panelists as follows:

Chairperson: Mr Christian Häberli

Members: Mr Manzoor Ahmad  
Mr João Magalhães

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