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CANADA – MEASURES GOVERNING THE SALE OF WINE

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

Addendum

The following communication, dated 30 July 2020, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body.

Paragraph 2(5) of the Working Procedures for the Panel proceedings in the dispute *Canada – Measures Governing the Sale of Wine (DS537)* provides:

The Panel shall circulate its Working Procedures and timetable, and any amendments thereto, to WTO Members through the DS document series for this dispute.

Accordingly, please find enclosed an amendment to paragraph 33 of the Panel's Working Procedures adopted by the Panel on 29 July 2020. This amendment reflects the transition from the Digital Dispute Settlement Registry (DDSR) to the Disputes Online Registry Application (DORA) system as from 1 August 2020.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this document to the DSB.

WORKING PROCEDURES OF THE PANEL

Paragraph 33, as amended on 29 July 2020**Service of documents**

33. The following procedures regarding service of documents apply to all documents submitted by parties and third parties during the proceeding:

- a. Each party and third party shall submit all documents to the Panel by submitting them via the WTO e-filing system¹ by 5.00 p.m. (Geneva time) on the due dates established by the Panel. The electronic version uploaded into the WTO e-filing system shall constitute the official version for the purposes of submission deadlines and the record of the dispute. Upload of a document into the WTO e-filing system shall constitute electronic service on the Panel, the other party, and the third parties.
- b. By 5.00 p.m. (Geneva time) the next working day following the electronic submission, each party and third party shall submit one paper copy of all documents it submits to the Panel, including the exhibits, with the DS Registry (office No. 2047). The DS Registrar shall stamp the documents with the date and time of the submission. If any documents are in a format that is impractical to submit as a paper copy, then the party may submit such documents by email or on a CD-ROM, DVD or USB key.
- c. The Panel shall provide the parties with the Descriptive Part of the Report, the Interim Report and the Final Report, as well as all other documents or communications issued by the Panel during the proceeding, via the WTO e-filing system.
- d. If the parties or third parties have any questions or technical difficulties relating to the WTO e-filing system, they are invited to contact the DS Registry (DSRegistry@wto.org).
- e. If any party or third party is unable to meet the 5.00 p.m. deadline because of technical difficulties in uploading these documents into the WTO e-filing system, the party or third party concerned shall inform the DS Registry without delay and provide an electronic version of all documents to be submitted to the Panel by email including any exhibits. The email shall be addressed to DSRegistry@wto.org, the Panel Secretary, the other party and, if appropriate, the third parties. The documents sent by email shall be submitted no later than 5.30 p.m. on the due date established by the Panel. If the file size of specific exhibits makes transmission by email impossible, or it would require more than five email messages, owing to the number of exhibits to be filed, to transmit all of them by email, the specific large file size exhibits, or those that cannot be attached to the first five email messages, shall be filed with the DS Registry (office No. 2047) and provided to the other party and, if appropriate, the third parties by no later than 9.30 a.m. the next working day on a CD-ROM, DVD, or USB stick. In that case, the party or third party concerned shall send a notification to the DS Registrar, copying the Panel Secretary, the other party, and the third parties, as appropriate, via email, identifying the numbers of the exhibits that cannot be transmitted by email.
- f. In case any party or third party is unable to access a document filed through the WTO e-filing system because of technical difficulties, it shall promptly, and in any case no later than 5.00 p.m. on the next working day after the due date for the filing of the document, inform the DS Registrar, the Panel Secretary, and the party or third party that filed the document, of the problem by email and shall, if possible, identify the relevant document(s). The DS Registrar will promptly try to identify a solution to the technical problem. In the meantime, the party or third party that filed the document(s) shall, promptly after being informed of the problem, provide an electronic version of the relevant document(s) to the affected party or third party by email, with a copy to the DS Registry (DSRegistry@wto.org) and the Panel Secretary to allow access to the document(s) while

¹ In this dispute, the phrase "WTO e-filing system" refers to the Digital Dispute Settlement Registry (DDSR) until 31 July 2020, and to the Disputes Online Registry Application (DORA) system as from 1 August 2020.

the technical problem is being addressed. The DS Registrar may provide an electronic version of the relevant document(s) by email if the affected party or third party so requests. The DS Registrar shall in that case copy the party or third party that filed the document(s) on the email message.
