Pursuant to paragraph I.3 of the 1989 Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures (BISD 36S/61), the United States advises contracting parties on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the report of the panel in "United States - Measures Affecting Alcoholic and Malt Beverages".

Since the last report by the United States, officials of the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) consulted with twenty states concerning progress on implementation of GATT-compliant legislation. USTR offered and provided assistance in outlining options to the states that would satisfy the GATT panel report.

Specific new developments included:

- Montana and Indiana enacted legislation allowing small foreign breweries, like small domestic breweries, to sell directly to retailers.

- Legislation in Massachusetts designed as a step toward eliminating differential treatment between in-state and out-of-state producers in the distribution system was reported out of committee and is proceeding on schedule through the legislative process.

- West Virginia reported that it had introduced legislation to address the Panel’s finding regarding the exception available to in-state wine producers to the requirement to sell through wholesalers, but that the legislation did not complete the legislative process in the 1993 legislative session; state officials plan to reintroduce legislation in 1994.