UNITED STATES - MEASURES AFFECTING ALCOHOLIC AND MALT BEVERAGES

Follow-up on the Panel report

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 13 September 1993, has been received from the Office of the United States Trade Representative in Geneva with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

Pursuant to paragraph 1.3 of the 1989 Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures (BISD 36S/61), the United States advises contracting parties of the status of implementation of the recommendations of the report of the Panel on "United States - Measures Affecting Alcoholic and malt Beverages."

Officials of the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) continued their efforts to encourage implementation of the Panel's recommendations by the states. In July, a USTR official held discussions with state legislators representing a majority of US states. The official answered questions concerning the Panel report, stressed the importance of continued action to implement the Panel’s findings, and suggested ways states might accomplish this.

In Minnesota, legislation introduced in 1993 to extend excise tax credits to imported beer was not voted on prior to the conclusion of the 1993 legislative session. Minnesota officials intend to introduce similar legislation at the start of the 1994 legislative session.