UNITED STATES - MEASURES AFFECTING ALCOHOLIC AND MALT BEVERAGES

Follow-up on the Panel report

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 6 May 1994, 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 I.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 in "United States - Measures Affecting Alcoholic and Malt Beverages."

The state of Utah\(^1\) enacted House Bill No. 82, which entered into effect on 3 May 1994. This legislation equalized distribution opportunities for domestic and foreign beer producers.

The states of Florida\(^2\) and Minnesota failed to pass proposed corrective legislation in the 1994 session. Both states expressed plans to re-introduce the legislation in the next session.

\(^1\)It should be noted that Florida and Utah are states for which the Panel report rejected assertions concerning the applicability of the Protocol of Provisional Application. The United States entered a reservation concerning this aspect of the report when the report was adopted.

\(^2\)Idem.