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BELGIUM – ADMINISTRATION OF MEASURES ESTABLISHING CUSTOMS DUTIES FOR RICE

Notification of Mutually Agreed Solution

The following communication, dated 18 December 2001, from the Permanent Mission of the United States and the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 3.6 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 3.6 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the United States of America and the European Communities wish to inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) that on 16 November 2001 the Belgian authorities, acting under EC law, redetermined the duties in dispute on the basis of new evidence produced. The Parties agree that this resolves the matter raised in "Belgium – Administration of Measures Establishing Customs Duties for Rice" (WT/DS210). The Parties ask that you circulate this notification to the relevant Councils and Committees as well as to the DSB. This notification is without prejudice to the rights and obligations of any of the Parties under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.

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