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**CHINA – ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY MEASURES
ON WINE FROM AUSTRALIA****SUSPENSION OF THE PANEL'S WORK****COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL**

The following communication, dated 30 October 2023, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB).

The Panel Report in *China – Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duty Measures on Wine from Australia* (WT/DS602) was scheduled to be circulated on 10 November 2023. On 30 October 2023, the parties jointly requested the Panel to suspend its work until 31 March 2024, pursuant to Article 12.12 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU).

The parties also confirmed that any such suspension would be "without prejudice to the parties' right to appeal under the terms of the agreed Procedures for Arbitration under Article 25 of the DSU in this dispute notified jointly by the parties on 16 December 2021 (WT/DS602/3)."

Article 12.12 of the DSU provides that the Panel may suspend its work at any time at the request of the complaining party for a period not exceeding 12 months.

In view of this, on 30 October 2023 the Panel decided to grant the suspension requested by the parties, until 31 March 2024.

The Panel hereby informs the Dispute Settlement Body of this suspension and asks that this communication be circulated to Members.
