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**EUROPEAN UNION – COUNTERVAILING AND ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON
STAINLESS STEEL COLD-ROLLED FLAT PRODUCTS FROM INDONESIA**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 6 December 2024, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB).

Article 12.8 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides that the period in which a panel shall conduct its examination, from the date that the composition and terms of reference of the panel have been agreed upon until the date the final report is issued to the parties to the dispute, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in writing accordingly and indicate the reasons, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on *European Union – Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties on Stainless Steel Cold-Rolled Flat Products from Indonesia* was established by the DSB on 30 May 2023 and composed on 13 September 2023.

On 8 March 2024, the Panel communicated to the DSB that as: (a) constraints pertaining to the availability of a member of the Panel and the scheduling of the 13th Ministerial Conference in February 2024 precluded the first substantive meeting with the parties from being scheduled before April 2024, and (b) particularly voluminous submissions were received from the parties on a range of issues, the Panel did not expect to issue its final report to the parties before the end of 2024 at the earliest. In view of this, the complexity and number of claims at issue, and taking account of the availability of the members of the Panel, including one panelist who is also engaged in a separate ongoing dispute settlement proceeding involving Indonesia and the European Union which precluded the second substantive meeting with the parties from being held before December 2024, the Panel hereby informs the DSB that it does not expect to issue its final report to the parties in this matter before the third quarter of 2025.

The report will only be available to the public once it is circulated to the Members in all three working languages of the WTO. The date of circulation depends on completion of translation and the Panel is not in a position to provide an estimated circulation date at this time.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this letter to the DSB.