

KOREA – TAXES ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Surveillance of Implementation of Recommendations and Rulings

Request for Arbitration by the European Communities

The following communication, dated 9 April 1999, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.3(b).

On 17 February 1999, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) adopted recommendations and rulings in respect of the panel and Appellate Body reports in "Korea - Taxes on Alcoholic Beverages". In view of the impossibility to reach an agreement with Korea on the duration of the period required for the implementation of those recommendations and rulings, the European Communities hereby request that such period be determined by binding arbitration pursuant to Article 21.3(b) of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

Pursuant to footnote 12 of the DSU, the representatives of the European Communities will immediately open discussions with the other Members concerned with a view to achieving agreement on an arbitrator within the next ten days.
