

UPDATE: Notice of Public Meeting in the WTO Dispute:
United States — Continued Existence and Application of Zeroing Methodology (WT/DS350)

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (“USTR”) wishes to provide this update concerning the opportunity to view a live closed-circuit television broadcast of the public session of the substantive meetings of the Panel in the World Trade Organization (“WTO”) dispute *United States — Continued Existence and Application of Zeroing Methodology (WT/DS350)*. The first substantive meeting is scheduled to begin on January 29, 2008 at the WTO in Geneva, Switzerland and conclude on January 30, 2008. The second substantive meeting is scheduled to begin on April 8, 2008 at the same location and conclude on April 9, 2008. At each public session, parties will make their opening statement and may pose questions or make comments on the other party’s statement. The Panel also may pose any questions or make any comments during the public session. To the extent that the Panel or either of the parties considers it necessary, the Panel will hold a confidential session at which business confidential information (“BCI”) may be discussed. The Panel also will open a portion of the third-party session of the first substantive meeting for those third parties who have decided to make their statements publicly.

Viewing of the public session will be on the WTO premises in Geneva, Switzerland and is open to those individuals who apply and are accepted by the WTO.

USTR invites any person interested in viewing the public session to so inform USTR by e-mail at rsvp-DS350@ustr.eop.gov. USTR urges that the request be made as soon as possible and in any event no later than January 18, 2008 for the first meeting and March 28, 2008 for the second meeting. Requests will be forwarded to the WTO. Each request should indicate the person’s full name, contact information (full address, phone, and e-mail), organization (if any), and nationality, and whether the person has made any other request to view the public session (such as a request directly to the WTO or to the other party to the dispute, the European Communities).

Details about the dispute may be found at http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/cases_e/ds350_e.htm. Further information, including U.S. submissions to the Panel, may be found at http://www.ustr.gov/Trade_Agreements/Monitoring_Enforcement/Dispute_Settlement/WTO/Dispute_Settlement_Index_-_Pending.html.