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Consultations Scheduled in U.S.

Challenge to China's Export Subsidies

The United States and China have scheduled dispute settlement consultations for November 6 - 7, 2012, as a result of China's acceptance of the U.S. request for consultations to address China's extensive subsidies to domestic auto and auto manufacturers located in "export bases" regions throughout the country.

The initial request for consultations was announced by United States Trade Representative Ron Kirk on September 17, 2012. The subsidies, which have collectively totaled at least \$1 billion between 2009 and 2011, appear to be prohibited export subsidies, which can severely distort trade and competition, and provide an unfair advantage to auto producers in China.

October - November Enforcement Update:

U.S. Wins Steel Dispute with China

October 18 - On October 18, the WTO Appellate Body issued its report finding in favor of the United States in its challenge to China's imposition of duties on U.S. exports of grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel (GOES). GOES is a high-tech specialty steel that is manufactured by AK Steel Corporation, an Ohio based company.

United States Trade Representative Ron Kirk stated that **"this is a victory for the United States as well as for American workers and manufacturers."** The Ambassador further emphasized that this victory is another **"step necessary to ensure that China plays by the rules and does not unfairly restrict exports of U.S. products."** After consultations in September 2010 failed to resolve the dispute, a panel was established in March 2011. In June 2012, a WTO panel report sided with the U.S. on the matter, after which the Appellate Body rejected China's appeal and upheld the panel's findings. The panel and Appellate Body reports will be adopted within 30 days by the WTO Dispute Settlement Body, after which China will be expected to take appropriate steps to amend its WTO-inconsistent duties.

Panel Established to address China's Duties on Autos

October 23 - On October 23, the World Trade Organization (WTO) established a dispute settlement panel to address China's imposition of anti-dumping and countervailing duties on automobiles manufactured in the United States. The panel was established in response to U.S. allegations that China had unfairly imposed duties on U.S. vehicles sold in the Chinese market, affecting more than \$3 billion of American-produced automobiles.

Ambassador Kirk said that the United States refuses to

"stand idly by while China misuses trade remedy procedures and puts American jobs at risk." WTO consultations were held in August 2012 but failed to resolve the dispute.

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