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**RUSSIAN FEDERATION – MEASURES ON THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE PIGS,
PORK AND OTHER PIG PRODUCTS FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

The following communication, dated 19 May 2017, from the delegation of the Russian Federation and the delegation of the European Union to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of these delegations.

The Russian Federation and the European Union refer to their ongoing negotiations in relation to the reasonable period of time ("RPT") that the Russian Federation will need in order to bring its measures into compliance with the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") in case DS475 Russian Federation – Measures on the importation of Live Pigs, Pork and other Pig Products from the European Union, which were adopted on 21 March 2017.

The Russian Federation and the European Union are seeking to mutually agree to such RPT pursuant to Article 21.3(b) of the Dispute Settlement Understanding ("DSU"), even if such agreement is reached beyond the time period provided for in Article 21.3(b) of the DSU.

However, the Russian Federation and the European Union hereby confirm their common understanding that, if the matter is referred to arbitration and if the arbitrator informs the parties that more time is needed than the 90 days mentioned in Article 21.3(c) of the DSU in order to issue its award, the arbitrator can issue such award at the time communicated by the arbitrator and that such award will be the award provided for in Article 21.3(c) of the DSU.

We respectfully request that you circulate this communication to the Members of the DSB.
