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Arbitrator Issues Award in China GOES Dispute

On May 3, 2013, an arbitrator issued an award to the United States establishing a reasonable period of time (RPT) of eight and a half months for China to comply with the Dispute Settlement Body's (DSB) recommendations and rulings in the grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel (GOES) dispute. GOES is a high tech specialty steel that is manufactured by AK Steel Corporation, an Ohio-based company, and Allegheny Ludlum, a Pennsylvania-based company. The RPT expires July 31, 2013.

Earlier this year, the United States and China held consultations regarding the length

USTR ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

U.S. Complies On Time in COOL Case

May 23 - On May 23, 2013, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a final rule bringing U.S. Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) requirements into compliance with U.S. World Trade Organization (WTO) obligations by the deadline established by the WTO. The final rule requires the origin designations of muscle cut meats to include information about where each of the production steps (i.e., born, raised, slaughtered) occurred, which will ensure that consumers are provided with more accurate origin information. These changes bring the COOL requirements into compliance with U.S. WTO obligations, allow consumers to make more informed purchasing decisions, and improve the overall operation of the program.

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of the RPT, but failed to reach agreement, and as a result, the United States requested that the DSB refer the matter to an arbitrator under Article 21.3(c) of the DSU. The United States participated in an oral hearing in early April 2013 as part of the arbitration to determine the RPT.

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