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Circulation of the WTO Appellate Body Report
on Anti-Dumping Procedures (Zeroing) of the United States

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1. Today, the Appellate Body Report was circulated to the WTO Members with regard to “Zeroing” in the anti-dumping procedures of the United States, which has been examined by the WTO.
2. The Panel Report issued last September concluded that the use of zeroing in some procedures was inconsistent with the WTO agreement, but it did not conclude that zeroing in the rest of the procedures violated the agreement.
3. However, the Appellate Body overruled the Panel’s conclusion, and concluded that zeroing was inconsistent with the WTO agreement throughout the anti-dumping procedures, not only for some of the procedures. The Appellate Body fully accepted the claims Japan has been making consistently together with the EU, etc.
4. This Appellate Body Report restrains any restriction by the United States of trade through unfair imposition of anti-dumping duties, and it can be highly evaluated as contributing to the maintenance and development of free trade.
5. Japan strongly expects the United States to promptly implement the recommendation of this report and to abolish zeroing.