

**INDIA – PATENT PROTECTION FOR PHARMACEUTICAL AND
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL PRODUCTS**

Status Report by India

Addendum

The following communication, dated 15 April 1999, from the Permanent Mission of India to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations and Rulings in the
dispute regarding India – Patent Protection for Pharmaceutical and
Agricultural Chemical Products

In the light of the request of the Dispute Settlement Body to India to bring its legal regime for patent protection of pharmaceutical and agricultural chemical products into conformity with India's obligations under Articles 70.8 and 70.9 of the TRIPS Agreement, the Government of India had introduced a Bill in the Indian Parliament to effect certain Amendments to the Patents Act, 1970. These Amendments to the Patents Act, 1970, as passed by both Houses of Parliament, have been approved by the President of India and notified in the Gazette of India on 26 March 1999 as the Patents (Amendment) Act, 1999. India has thus fully complied with the recommendation of the DSB in the dispute "India – Patent Protection for Pharmaceutical and Agricultural Chemical Products".

In this context, India would also like to recall that the DSB has made a similar request to India, i.e. to bring its transitional regime for patent protection of pharmaceutical and agricultural chemical products into conformity with India's obligations under the TRIPS Agreement in the dispute "India – Patent Protection for Pharmaceutical and Agricultural Chemical Products: Complaint by the European Communities and its member States". With the notification of the Patents (Amendment) Act, 1999, India has also complied with the recommendation of the DSB in the dispute initiated against India by the European Communities and its member States.
