

**NOTIFICATION OF INITIATING THE NEGOTIATIONS SET OUT IN SECTION B OF
ANNEX 5 OF THE AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE**

Communication from the Philippines

The following communication, dated 29 March 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Philippines.

1. In accordance with paragraph 8 of Annex 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the Government of the Philippines hereby notifies that it wishes to enter into negotiations on the continuation of the special treatment as set out in paragraph 7 of Annex 5.

2. For the purposes of conducting the negotiations, the Government of the Philippines requests that a WTO Member which has a substantial interest in the products indicated in the attached list which are the subject of the negotiations, should communicate its intention of participating in the negotiations in writing to the Philippines and at the same time inform the WTO Secretariat. The WTO Members concerned are advised to make such communications within ninety days following this notification.

ANNEX

Philippine Products Subject to Special Treatment
under Annex 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture

<u>HS Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
1006.10 00	Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)
1006.20 00	Husked (brown) rice
1006.30 00	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed
1006.40 00	Broken rice
