

PHILIPPINES – TAXES ON DISTILLED SPIRITS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the European Union

The following communication, dated 27 January 2010, from the delegation of the European Union to the delegation of the Philippines, the delegation of the United States and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU)*, the European Union hereby notifies the Governments of the Philippines and the United States of America, as well as the Dispute Settlement Body that it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in the document circulated to WTO Members on 18 January 2010 (WT/DS403/1) entitled "*Philippines – Taxes on distilled spirits (United States)*". The European Union's request is premised on its substantial trade interest as an exporter of distilled spirits to the Philippines as well as its systemic interest in the correct application of the GATT 1994.

The European Union looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
