

**THAILAND – CUSTOMS AND FISCAL MEASURES ON
CIGARETTES FROM THE PHILIPPINES**

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 17 March 2010, addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated in accordance with Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

The Panel in *Thailand – Customs and Fiscal Measures on Cigarettes from the Philippines* (WT/DS371) indicated in its communication to the DSB dated 3 September 2009 (WT/DS371/5) that it expected to issue its final report to the parties to the dispute in the course of March 2010. However, due to the procedural delays caused by the administrative matters involved and the complexity of the dispute, the Panel now expects to issue its final report to the parties in the course of June 2010.
