

**TURKEY – MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION OF RICE**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Thailand*

The following communication, dated 16 November 2005, from the delegation of Thailand to the delegation of Turkey, 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.

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Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the Kingdom of Thailand hereby notifies the consulting parties and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 7 November 2005 (WT/DS334/1).

As a significant global exporter of rice, including to the Turkish market, the Kingdom of Thailand has a substantial trade and systemic interest in the subject of the United States' consultations request. It is the Kingdom of Thailand's understanding that its exports of rice to the Turkish market are being affected by the measures cited by the United States in its request for consultations. Hence, the Kingdom of Thailand requests to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in this matter.

I look forward to receiving confirmation of receipt and acceptance of this request, and advice regarding the timing and venue for these consultations.

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