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THAILAND – CUSTOMS AND FISCAL MEASURES ON CIGARETTES FROM THE PHILIPPINES

STATUS REPORT BY THAILAND

Addendum

The following communication, dated 13 May 2013, from the delegation of Thailand to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report Regarding Implementation of the

DSB Recommendations and Rulings in the Dispute

Thailand – Customs and Fiscal Measures on Cigarettes from the Philippines

(WT/DS371)

Thailand submits this report in accordance with Article 21.6 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU"). At its meeting on 15 July 2011, the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") adopted the Appellate Body report on *Thailand – Customs and Fiscal Measures on Cigarettes from the Philippines* (WT/DS371/AB/R) and the panel report (WT/DS371/R), as modified by the Appellate Body report.

On 23 September 2011, pursuant to Article 21.3(b) of the DSU, Thailand and the Philippines notified the DSB that they had mutually agreed on the reasonable period of time for Thailand to comply with the recommendations and rulings of the DSB. With respect to the DSB's recommendations and rulings regarding paragraphs 8.3(b) and (c) of the panel report, the reasonable period of time to comply shall be 15 months, expiring on 15 October 2012. With respect to the DSB's recommendations and rulings regarding all other measures, the reasonable period of time to comply shall be 10 months, expiring on 15 May 2012.

Article 21.6 of the DSU provides that the issue of implementation of the recommendations or rulings shall be placed on the agenda of the DSB meeting after six months following the date of establishment of the reasonable period of time pursuant to paragraph 3 and shall remain on the DSB's agenda until the issue is resolved. Accordingly, Thailand hereby provides the following status report of its progress in the implementation of the DSB's recommendations and rulings.

On 10 April 2012, Thailand submitted to the DSB its first status report under Article 21.6 of the DSU on its progress in the implementation of the DSB's recommendations and rulings in this matter. This report was circulated to Members as document WT/DS371/15, dated 13 April 2012. Since then, Thailand has submitted monthly status reports to the DSB on this matter. Thailand's most recent status report was submitted on 11 April 2013 and was circulated to Members as document WT/DS371/15/Add.12, dated 12 April 2013.

Since the last status report, Thailand has continued to engage with the Philippines in discussions on issues of concern to the Philippines. Additional informal consultations requested by the Philippines with several Thai government agencies took place in Bangkok on 3-4 May. In Thailand's view, these consultations were productive and provide the best means of resolving this dispute. Thailand looks forward to achieving a mutually satisfactory outcome to the dispute.