

**AUSTRALIA - CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING TRADEMARKS AND  
OTHER PLAIN PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO  
TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from El Salvador*

The following communication, dated 19 April 2012, from the delegation of El Salvador to the delegation of Australia, the delegation of Honduras and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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In accordance with the provisions of Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), El Salvador hereby notifies its wish to be joined in the consultations requested by the Government of Honduras (DS435).<sup>1</sup> The consultations were requested by means of the corresponding communications circulated to WTO Members on 10 April 2012 under the title *Australia - Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging*.

El Salvador considers that it has a substantial trade interest in this dispute, as well as a systemic interest in the proper implementation of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT Agreement) and the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement), and in the scope of the rights and obligations of Members with respect to the regulation of tobacco legislation and the protection of health.

Accordingly, El Salvador requests Australia to accept its claim of a substantial trade interest and its request to be joined in the consultations.

Pending your reply, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> Document WT/DS435/1, IP/D/31, G/TBT/D/40, G/L/986.