

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

Communication from Thailand

The following communication, dated 11 August 2011, from the delegation of Thailand to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of Thailand.

At its 15 July 2011 meeting, the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") adopted recommendations and rulings in the dispute *Thailand – Customs and Fiscal Measures on Cigarettes from the Philippines* (WT/DS371). My authorities have instructed me to advise the DSB of the intentions of Thailand with respect to implementation of the recommendations and rulings of the DSB, as is Thailand's responsibility under Article 21.3 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU"). The Philippines has agreed that Thailand would inform the DSB of Thailand's intentions by letter rather than at special meeting of the DSB.

Thailand intends to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in this dispute in a manner that respects its WTO obligations; we are consulting internally on the options for doing so. Thailand will need a reasonable period of time in which to do this. My delegation stands ready to discuss this matter with the Philippines, in accordance with Article 21.3(b) of the DSU.
