

**INDIA – CERTAIN TAXES AND OTHER MEASURES ON
IMPORTED WINES AND SPIRITS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 2 October 2008, from the delegation of Australia to the delegation of India the delegation of the European Communities and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), Australia notifies the Government of India that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Communities in the communication entitled *India – Certain Taxes and Other Measures on Imported Wines and Spirits* and circulated to WTO Members on 25 September 2008 (WT/DS380/1).

Australia has substantial trade interests in this matter as the world's fourth largest exporter of wine and as a significant supplier of wine to India, accounting for twenty five per cent of India's total imports in 2006.

Australia looks forward to receiving your reply.
