

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

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Canada*

The following communication, dated 26 March 2012, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of Australia, the delegation of Ukraine and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the Government of Canada hereby notifies its desire to join in the consultations requested by Ukraine pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU, Article 64.1 of the *Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights*, Article 14.1 of the *Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade* and Article XXII of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994* with respect to certain Australian laws and regulations that impose trademark restrictions and other plain packaging requirements on tobacco products and packaging.

The relevant communication to the Permanent Mission of Australia from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine, dated 13 March 2012, was circulated to WTO Members on 15 March 2012 as *Australia – Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging* (WT/DS434/1, G/L/985).

Canada has a substantial trade interest in these proceedings as an importer of tobacco products, and the interpretation of WTO obligations in this dispute could materially affect Canadian domestic measures. Accordingly, Canada requests to join in these consultations.

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