

**INDIA – ADDITIONAL AND EXTRA-ADDITIONAL DUTIES ON
IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 21 March 2007, from the delegation of Australia to the delegation of India, the delegation of the United States 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 United States in the communication entitled *India – Additional and Extra-Additional Duties on Imports from the United States* and circulated to WTO Members on 12 March 2007 (WT/DS360/1).

Australia has substantial trade interests in this matter. The volume and value of Australian wine exports to India are increasing significantly. In volume terms, exports have increased from around 62,000 litres in 2000 to around 255,000 litres in 2005. In value terms, exports have increased from around \$A 205,000 in 2000 to around \$A 1.796 million in 2005. Australia's market share of India's wine imports is also growing, from 1.6% in 2000 to 11.9% in 2005. The Australian wine industry is heavily export-oriented, with 60.1% of wine production (by volume) exported in 2005 and around 50% of Australian wineries involved in export trade.

Australia looks forward to receiving your reply.
