

**THAILAND – CUSTOMS VALUATION OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS
FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 11 February 2008, from the delegation of the United States to the delegation of Thailand, 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.

This concerns the request for consultations by the European Communities on *Thailand – Customs Valuation of Certain Products from the European Communities*, circulated on 30 January 2008 (WT/DS370/1). My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of the United States to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

The United States has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. The United States is Thailand's fourth largest supplier of imported spirits. The United States is Thailand's fifth largest supplier of imported wines. US spirits exports to Thailand were valued at \$2.6 million for the period of January through November 2007. US wine exports to Thailand from the period of January through November 2007 were valued at \$1.8 million.
