

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

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Norway

The following communication, dated 25 July 2012, from the delegation of Norway to the delegation of Australia, the delegation of the Dominican Republic and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

My authorities have instructed me to request, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, that Norway be joined in the consultations requested by the Dominican Republic on 18 July 2012 in a communication circulated to Members on 23 July 2012 entitled *Australia – Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks, Geographical Indications and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging* (WT/DS441/1).

Norway is currently in the process of implementing revisions to its own tobacco policy, and has already introduced a number of measures in order to reduce smoking. Norway thus has a substantial trade interest in this dispute.

Norway looks forward to receiving Australia's reply to this request.
