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CHINA - CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING IMPORTS OF SUGAR

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Thailand

The following communication, dated 31 October 2018, from the delegation of Thailand to the delegation of China, and the delegation of Brazil, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of Thailand's desire, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, to be joined in the consultations requested by Brazil in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 22 October 2018, in document WT/DS568/1 entitled *China – Certain Measures Concerning Imports of Sugar*.

Thailand has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. In 2017, Thailand was the world's second largest exporter of sugar with export value of over US\$ 1.35 billion and China was Thailand's fifth largest export destination for sugar with exports to China valued at US\$ 181.76 million. As a result of this substantial trade interest, Thailand respectfully requests that it be permitted to join the consultations in this dispute.

Thailand looks forward to acceptance of this request and advice regarding the date and venue of the consultations.
