

**THAILAND – CUSTOMS AND FISCAL MEASURES ON CIGARETTES
FROM THE PHILIPPINES**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 20 February 2008, from the delegation of the European Communities to the delegation of Thailand, the delegation of the Philippines and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the European Communities hereby notifies the Government of Thailand, the Government of the Philippines and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of the systemic interest of the European Communities of the matters in this dispute, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the Philippines in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 12 February 2008 (WT/DS371/1, G/L/847, G/VAL/D/11) entitled *Thailand – Customs and Fiscal measures on cigarettes from the Philippines*.

The European Communities has a systemic trade interest in the application of the Thai measures at issue and of the correct application of the GATT and the *Customs Valuation Agreement*, as evidenced by its own request for consultations (WT/DS370/1).
