

PHILIPPINES – TAXES ON DISTILLED SPIRITS

Communication from the Appellate Body

The following communication, dated 21 November 2011, from the Chair of the Appellate Body addressed to the Chair of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 17.5 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

It is my honour to provide to you the Reports of the Appellate Body in *Philippines – Taxes on Distilled Spirits*, WT/DS396/AB/R and WT/DS403/AB/R. The two Reports will be circulated, in the form of a single document, to Members of the World Trade Organization at 4.00 p.m. today, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 17 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*. It is a confidential document until its circulation. The three Members of the Appellate Body who served on this appeal were Mr. Peter Van den Bossche, as Presiding Member, Ms. Jennifer Hillman and Mr. Ricardo Ramírez-Hernández, as Members.
