



**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT BODY**

The following letter, dated 10 December 2019, from the then Chairman of the Appellate Body to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body is being circulated to all Members at the request of the then Chairman of the Appellate Body.

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Dear Ambassador Walker,

Regarding my letter to you of 3 December, 2019 (copy attached), I would like to inform you that copies have been sent to the participants and third participants in each of the three appeals to which the letter refers, that is: *Russia - Railway Equipment (DS499)*; *US - Supercalendered Paper (DS505)*; and *Australia - Tobacco Plain Packaging (DS441/DS435)*. Additionally, I ask on behalf of the Appellate Body that you please send copies of this letter to all DSB Members, if you have not already done so, and also, if not already done, that you place a copy of the letter on the DSB record.

With thanks and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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Geneva, 3 December 2019

H.E. Dr. David Walker  
Chair  
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Div. Reference: **TG/DSB**

Dear Ambassador Walker,

I write on behalf of myself and my colleagues, to inform you and Members that, pursuant to Rule 15 of the Working Procedures for Appellate Review, Mr Ujal Singh Bhatia and I will continue after our terms expire on 11 December 2019, to finish any necessary work on appeals for which oral hearings have been completed. Our colleague Mr Shree B.C. Servansing will continue to work on such appeals pursuant to a previous invocation of Rule 15. And our colleague Ms Hong Zhao will continue in the ordinary course of her work as a Member of the Appellate Body.

Of the three current appeals for which hearings have been completed, two may be fully finished by 10 December 2019, and the third, DS435 / DS441 - Australia - "Plain Packaging", is scheduled to be finished by late March 2020.

Yours sincerely,



Thomas R. Graham  
Chair  
Appellate Body