



**EUROPEAN UNION – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING
PALM OIL AND OIL PALM CROP-BASED BIOFUELS**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Thailand

The following communication, dated 26 December 2019, from the delegation of Thailand to the delegation of the European Union, and the delegation of Indonesia, 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 Indonesia in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 16 December 2019, in document WT/DS593/1 entitled *European Union – Certain Measures Concerning Palm Oil and Oil Palm Crop – Based Biofuels*.

Thailand has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. In 2018, Thailand was the world's third largest producer of palm oil and export value was around US\$ 330 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.
