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NOTIFICATION OF REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENT

1. Member(s) notifying: Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam
2. Date of notification: 8 April 2010
3. Notification pursuant to <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Article XXIV:7(a) of GATT 1994 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Article V:7(a) of GATS <input type="checkbox"/> Paragraph 4(a) of the Enabling Clause
4. Parties to the Agreement: Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam
5. Date of signature: 27 February 2009
6. Date(s) of entry into Force: 1 January 2010 for Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Myanmar New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam; 12 March 2010 for Thailand. For the rest of the Parties, entry into force would be in accordance with Chapter 18, Article 7(3) of the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area

7. Brief description of the Agreement:

The Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area represents a comprehensive Agreement that will deepen economic integration between the Parties. The Agreement covers trade in goods; rules of origin; customs procedures; sanitary and phytosanitary measures; standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures; safeguard measures; trade in services; movement of natural persons; electronic commerce; investment; economic cooperation; intellectual property; competition; consultations and dispute settlement.

The Agreement includes commitments for high levels of tariff elimination to be achieved according to the timeline, as set out in tariff schedules annexed to the Agreement. The least developed country Parties have a longer transition period in which to reduce and eliminate tariffs.

8. Text and related schedules, annexes and protocols are:

[] submitted to the WTO Secretariat (electronic format)

[X] available from the following official Internet link(s):

<http://www.asean.org/22258.htm>

<http://www.asean.fta.govt.nz>

<http://www.dfat.gov.au/trade/fta/asean/aanzfta/index.html>

<http://www.miti.gov.my>

<http://www.fta.gov.sg>