NEW MCCABE CENTRE PAPER ON PLAIN PACKAGING
WTO DISPUTES

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On 9 June 2020, the WTO Appellate Body ended almost a decade of litigation against Australia’s tobacco plain packaging laws with a comprehensive victory in favour of Australia. The case is a landmark for the relationship between trade and public health, and we've now published a paper, The Australia – Plain Packaging disputes at the WTO: a summary and stocktake after the final Appellate Body decision, to provide our readers with a detailed guide to the WTO cases and their broader context. The paper substantially updates our previous paper on the panel report, The WTO Panel Report in Australia – Plain Packaging: Findings and Implications in light of the Appellate Body decision. It provides an overview of plain packaging laws in Australia and the legal challenges brought against them, discusses the findings of the panel and Appellate Body reports, and draws out some of the key themes of the decisions.

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