

REPORT (2012) OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS

In accordance with the "Procedures for an Annual Overview of WTO Activities and for Reporting under the WTO" (WT/L/105), the Council for Trade in Goods is to report each year to the General Council on the activities in the Council as well as in the subsidiary bodies. The reports are to be "factual in nature, containing an indication of actions and decisions taken, with cross references to reports of subordinate bodies and could follow the model of the GATT 1947 Council reports to the CONTRACTING PARTIES".

Since its 2011 Annual Report (G/L/978) was issued, the Council for Trade in Goods met four times in formal session on the following dates: 1 February 2012 (G/C/M/109); 30 March 2012 (G/C/M/110; G/C/M/110/Corr.1 and G/C/M/110/Add.1); 22 June 2012 (G/C/M/111); and 26 November 2012 (G/C/M/112¹).

The subject matters which were raised and/or acted upon in the Council are as follows:

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2. Appointment of Officers
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8. Argentina's Import Restricting Policies and Practices – Joint statement made by Australia, Costa Rica, the European Union, Israel, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Turkey and the United States

¹ To be issued.

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14. European Union – Restrictive Measure on Biodiesel Imports (Ministerial Order IET/822/2012, Kingdom of Spain) – Request by Argentina
15. Factual Report by the Chairperson of the Safeguards Committee regarding Article 13.1(B) of the Agreement on Safeguards (G/SG/100)
16. Indonesia's Import Restricting Policies and Practices - Request by the European Union and the United States
17. Ukraine's Article XXVIII Notification - Statements by ASEAN, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, European Union, Guatemala, Hong Kong China, Iceland, Japan, Korea, Liechtenstein, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States
18. Russian Federation - Implementation of WTO Accession Commitments - Statements by the European Union, Japan and the United States
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1. Election of Chairperson for the Council for Trade in Goods

At its meeting of 30 March, the Council elected Ambassador Tom MBOYA OKEYO (Kenya) as its Chairperson for 2012.

2. Appointment of Officers for the subsidiary bodies of the Council

At its meeting of 30 March, the Council agreed to suspend this agenda item in order for the Chairperson to continue consultations on the nomination of Chairpersons of its subsidiary bodies; it also agreed to reconvene a meeting once the process had been concluded. On 17 April the Council

reconvened to conclude on this agenda item and agreed on the nominations of the following persons as Chairpersons of its subsidiary bodies for 2012:

Committee on Market Access	Mr Bipin MENON (India)
Agriculture	Mrs Emalene MARCUS-BURNETT (Barbados)
Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	Mrs Maria Aracely ALBARECE (Philippines)
Technical Barriers to Trade	Mr Salim LAHJOMRI (Morocco)
TRIMs	Mr José Estanislau do AMARAL (Brazil)
Anti-Dumping Practices	Mr Shai MOSES (Israel)
Subsidies and Countervailing Measures	Mr Sam C.S. HUI (Hong Kong, China)
Safeguards	Ms Lillian BWALYA (Zambia)
Import Licensing	Mr Pierre-Emmanuel BRUSSELMANS (Belgium)
Rules of Origin	Mr Changsheng LI (China)
Customs Valuation	Ms Irena BANASZYNSKA (Poland)
State Trading Enterprises	Mr Ngoni Francis SENGWE (Zimbabwe) ²
Committee of Participants on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products	Mr Aaron Fowler (Canada)

At the same meeting, the Council agreed to proceed on the understanding that as concerns the Vice-Chairpersons, it would be for the subsidiary bodies to decide if they needed a Vice-Chairperson in cases where the option existed under the respective Agreement and/or rules of procedure, and for the respective Chairperson to hold the necessary consultations.

3. Matters of the Committee on Market Access

At its meetings on 22 June and 26 November, the Council took note of the periodic reports (G/MA/284 and G/MA/286) of the Committee on Market Access.

At its meeting on 22 June, the Council considered and adopted the draft "Decision on Notification Procedures for Quantitative Restrictions" as previously discussed and approved at the formal meeting of the Committee on Market Access on 19 March 2012 (G/MA/W/110). This draft Decision was circulated as document G/L/59/Rev.1.

At its meeting on 26 November, the Council considered three collective waiver requests on the introduction of Harmonized System 2002, 2007 and 2012 changes into WTO Schedules of Concessions (See Point 4 below).

4. Waivers under Article IX of the WTO Agreement

- (a) Introduction of Harmonized System 2002 changes into WTO Schedules of Tariff Concessions - Collective requests for a waiver extension (G/C/W/672/Rev.1)

At its meeting on 26 November, the Council considered a collective request for an extension of the waiver in connection with the introduction of HS2002 changes to the Schedules of Concessions. The Council approved the waiver request and recommended that the draft decision (G/C/W/672/Rev.1) be forwarded to the General Council for adoption.

² Due to Mr Sengwe's departure from Geneva, and after informal consultations held by the CTG Chairperson in May 2012, Mr Paul BATIBONAK (Cameroon) was appointed as Chairperson of the Working Party on State Trading Enterprises.

- (b) Introduction of Harmonized System 2007 changes into WTO Schedules of Tariff Concessions
- Collective request for a waiver extension (G/C/W/673)

At its meeting on 26 November, the Council considered a collective request for an extension of the waiver in connection with the introduction of HS 2007 changes to the Schedules of Concessions. The Council approved the waiver request and recommended that the draft decision (G/C/W/673) be forwarded to the General Council for adoption.

- (c) Introduction of Harmonized System 2012 changes into WTO Schedules of Tariff Concessions
- Collective request for a waiver (G/C/W/674)

At its meeting on 26 November, the Council considered a collective request for a waiver in connection with the introduction of HS 2012 changes to the Schedules of Concessions. The Council approved the waiver request and recommended that the draft decision (G/C/W/674) be forwarded to the General Council for adoption.

- (d) European Union - Request for a Waiver on Additional Autonomous Trade Preferences Granted by the European Union to Pakistan (G/C/W/640/Rev.2)

At its meeting on 1 February, the Council considered document G/C/W/640/Rev.2 which reflected the outcome of consultations held by the European Union with a number of Members that had expressed concerns regarding its waiver request on additional trade preferences to Pakistan. The Council took note of the statements made by Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, European Union, Indonesia, Pakistan, Peru and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Council approved the draft waiver decision contained in document G/C/W/640/Rev.2 and forwarded it to the General Council for adoption.

- (e) Cuba - Request for an Extension of the Waiver concerning Article XV:6 of the GATT 1994 contained in the Decision of 15 December 2006 (G/C/W/662)

At its meeting on 1 February, the Council considered document G/C/W/662, containing Cuba's request to extend the existing waiver concerning Article XV:6 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994. The Council took note of the statements made by Cuba and Ecuador, approved the draft waiver decision contained in document G/C/W/662 and forwarded it to the General Council for adoption.

- (f) Philippines – Request for a Waiver relating to Special Treatment for Rice of the Philippines (G/C/W/665 and G/C/W/665/Rev.1)

At its meetings on 30 March and 22 June, the Council considered document G/C/W/665 containing a request for a waiver submitted by the Philippines to extend the special treatment for rice, granted until 30 June 2012, according to Section B of Annex 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture. The Council took note of the statements made by Australia, Canada, El Salvador, the European Union, Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand, and the United States regarding their concerns, discussions and negotiations with the Philippines on this issue. It also took note of the information provided by the Philippines.

At the meeting on 22 June, the Chairperson indicated that on 28 June 2012, the Council would have considered this waiver request for over 90 days and that, in accordance with Article IX.3(b) of the Marrakesh Agreement, it was required to submit a report to the Ministerial Conference or, in this case, the General Council. Thus, he would provide a factual report to the General Council at its meeting on 25 July indicating that the Council would need further

time to consider the request and would report back to the General Council once its work had been completed.

At its meeting on 26 November, the Philippines informed the Council on the further consultations it had held with interested delegations and introduced a revised waiver request and draft decision (G/C/W/665/Rev.1). The Council took note of the statements made by Australia, Canada, China, El Salvador, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, the Philippines and Thailand and agreed to revert to this issue at its next meeting.

- (g) Request for an Extension of the Waiver for the Kimberly Process Certification Scheme for rough Diamonds – Collective request (G/C/W/675/Rev.1)

At its meeting on 26 November, the Council considered document G/C/W/675/Rev.1 containing a collective request and a draft decision extending the Waiver for the Kimberly Process Certification Scheme for Diamonds. The Council took note of the statements made by Botswana, the European Union, Israel, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, the United States, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Zimbabwe. The Council also agreed to forward a revised draft decision (G/C/W/675/Rev.2) to the General Council for adoption, including in its Annex as co-sponsors, the Russian Federation, Singapore, the Philippines and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

- (h) Notifications of Actions taken under the 1999 Waiver for Preferential Tariff Treatment for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) WT/L/304 (G/C/W/664 – WT/COMTD/N/40 and Corr.1; G/C/W/670)

At its meeting on 30 March, the Council took note of the notification made by Chinese Taipei in documents G/C/W/664 – WT/COMTD/N/40 and Corr.1, concerning the duty-free market access granted to LDCs. The Council took note of the statements made by Chinese Taipei and the United States and agreed to refer the notification to the Sub-Committee on Least Developed Countries for action.

At its meeting on 22 June, the Council took note of the notification made by Korea in document G/C/W/670 on preferential treatment for LDCs. This notification had also been made to the Committee on Trade and Development (CTD) and had been considered by the Sub-Committee on Least Developed Countries on 16 April 2012. The Council took note of Korea's notification and of the statements made by Korea and the European Union.

5. European Union enlargement: Procedures under Article XXVIII:3 of GATT 1994 (G/L/695/Add.15; G/L/695/Add.16; G/L/821/Add.10; G/L/821/Add.11)

At its meetings on 30 March and 26 November, the Council agreed to the extension of the deadlines set out in the communications from the European Union (G/L/695/Add.15; G/L/821/Add.10; G/L/695/Add.16; and G/L/821/Add.11).

6. Notification of Regional Trade Agreements

At its meetings on 30 March, 22 June and 26 November, the Council was informed of the following notifications on regional trade agreements:

- (a) Trade Agreement between Chile and Honduras (WT/REG303/N/1)
(b) Free Trade Agreement between Peru and Chile (WT/REG304/N/1)

- (c) Free Trade Agreement between the Dominican Republic and Central America (WT/REG305/N/1)
- (d) Free Trade Agreement between New Zealand and Malaysia (WT/REG306/N/1)
- (e) Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Eastern and Southern African States (WT/REG307/N/1)
- (f) Trade Integration Agreement between Peru and Mexico (WT/REG308/N/1)
- (g) Economic Partnership Agreement between Japan and Peru (WT/REG309/N/1)
- (h) Free Trade Agreement between China and Costa Rica (WT/REG310/N/1)
- (i) Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Korea and the United States (WT/REG311/N/1)
- (j) Free Trade Agreement between Chile and Guatemala (Central America) (WT/REG312/N/1)
- (k) Free Trade Agreement between Peru and Panama (WT/REG313/N/1/REV/1)
- (l) Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Colombia (WT/REG314/N/1)
- (m) Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Ukraine (WT/REG315/N/1)
- (n) Free Trade Agreement between Colombia and the Northern Triangle - El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras (WT/REG316/N/1)
- (o) Free Trade Agreement between the Russian Federation and Azerbaijan (WT/REG317/N/1)
- (p) Free Trade Agreement between the Russian Federation and Belarus (WT/REG318/N/1)
- (q) Free Trade Agreement between the Russian Federation and Kazakhstan (WT/REG319/N/1)
- (r) Free Trade Agreement between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Moldova (WT/REG320/N/1)
- (s) Free Trade Agreement between the Russian Federation and Tajikistan (WT/REG321/N/1)
- (t) Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Hong Kong, China (WT/REG322/N/1)
- (u) Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Montenegro (WT/REG323/N/1)
- (v) Trade Promotion Agreement between the United States and Panama (WT/REG324/N/1)

7. Notifications

7.1 Status of notifications under the provisions of the Agreements in Annex 1A of the WTO Agreement

At its meeting on 30 March, the Council took note of the latest revision of the status of notifications contained in document G/L/223/Rev.19 and G/L/223/Rev.19/Corr.1. The Council also agreed to request the Secretariat to prepare a revised format, of a technical nature, only containing notifications of the preceding year under the different provisions in the Agreements in Annex A of the Marrakesh Agreement, with references to previous documents and revisions.

At its meeting on 22 June, the Chairperson introduced the revised format prepared by the Secretariat which preserved the structure of the current document (G/L/223 and Revisions) but only contained notifications of the preceding three years; this format was to be discussed informally.

At its meeting on 26 November, the Chairperson informed the Council of the informal discussion that had taken place on this issue and invited delegations to explore ways of finding the right balance between transparency and the cost saving recommendations endorsed by the General Council at its meeting in November 2011.

7.2 Frequency of Notifications of State Trading Enterprises under Article XVII of GATT 1994 and the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XVII of GATT 1994 (G/STR/8)

At its meeting on 22 June, the Council took note of the statement sent to it by the Chairperson of the Working Party on State Trading Enterprises on the frequency of notifications. The Council also approved the recommendation adopted by the Working Party in document G/STR/8 on the indefinite extension of the current frequency of notifications.

8. Argentina's Import Restricting Policies and Practices

At its meeting on 30 March, the Council took note of the joint statement made by the United States on its own behalf and that of Australia, the European Union, Israel, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, and Turkey regarding their continued concerns over the nature and application of trade-restrictive measures taken by Argentina (G/C/W/667). The Council also took note of the statements made by Chile, China, Colombia, Malaysia, Panama, Peru and Singapore echoing these concerns, and of the statement and responses of Argentina (G/C/W/668).

At its meeting on 22 June, the Council took note of the statements made by Japan and the United States reiterating their concerns on Argentina's import restricting policies and practices. The Council also took note of the statements made by Australia, Colombia, the European Union, Hong Kong China, Israel, Malaysia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei and Turkey who shared the same concerns, and of Argentina's statement indicating that this issue had been clarified at the March meeting (G/C/W/668) and that Members should follow Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council.

9. Ecuador Mixed Tariffs - Questions from the United States, the European Union, Canada, Japan and Panama (G/C/W/639)

At its meeting on 30 March, the Council took note of the following: statements made by Canada, Cuba, the European Union, Japan, the United States, and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Ecuador's statement regarding its responses in document G/C/W/645 to the written questions posed to it (G/C/W/639); and the additional information Ecuador had provided on the changes introduced to its schedule of tariff concessions.

At its meeting on 22 June, the Council took note of the statements made by Ecuador, the European Union, Japan, Switzerland and the United States on the follow up of the additional information provided by Ecuador in document G/C/W/669.

At its meeting on 26 November, the Council took note of the statements by Canada, the European Union, Japan and the United States, and those by Ecuador, Cuba and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

10. Ukraine's Implementation of Customs Valuation Legislation – European Union

At its meeting on 30 March, under the agenda item "Other Business", the Council took note of the statements made by the European Union, Norway, the United States and Switzerland, and Ukraine's responses, regarding certain practices of the Ukrainian customs authorities such as the non-acceptance of the declared value and the use of minimum prices.

11. Chinese Taipei's Subsidies for the Purchase of Domestic Electronic Appliances – Statement by Korea

At its meetings on 1 February and 30 March, the Council took note of the following: statements made by the European Union, Korea and the United States; and the responses from Chinese Taipei, regarding its measure for providing subsidies for the purchase of domestic electric appliances domestically manufactured.

12. Brazil's Increase of the Industrial Product Tax on the Automotive Sector

On 1 February, under the agenda item "Other Business", the Council took note of the statements made by Australia, Colombia, the European Union, Hong Kong China, Japan, Korea and the United States; and of the responses by Brazil, on the announcement by the Brazilian authorities in December 2011 of the increase in industrial tax rates on both, imported and domestically produced motor vehicles, with an exemption for domestically assembled vehicles.

At its meeting on 30 March, under the agenda item "Brazil's Increase of the Industrial Product Tax on the Automotive Sector – Statement by Australia", the Council took note of the statements made by Australia, Canada, the European Union, Hong Kong China, Japan, Korea and the United States; and of the responses by Brazil on the implementation of the increased tax on both imported and domestically produced motor vehicles, which also affected automotive parts and services.

At its meeting on 26 November, under the agenda item "Domestic Content Requirements in Brazil's IPI Tax – Statements by Australia, The European Union and Japan", the Council took note of the statements by Australia, Canada, Chinese Taipei, the European Union, Hong Kong China, Japan, Korea and the United States and of the responses by Brazil, on the domestic content requirements and their implications on Brazil's IPI tax, and the INOVAR AUTO Programme which linked the amount of the tax to the percentage of parts manufactured in Brazil.

13. Ruling of the European Court of Justice of 6 September 2011 (Case C-422/09) Issued in the Framework of Proceedings for the Interpretation of Community Laws Following the Detection in Honey of Pollen containing Genetically Modified Maize MON810 – Request by Argentina

At its meeting on 22 June, the Council took note of the following: statements made by Argentina, Canada, Mexico, the United States and Uruguay; and the responses by the European Union on the interpretation of the ruling of the European Court of Justice on the detection in honey of pollen containing genetically modified maize which indicated that pollen was now an ingredient of honey and not a natural component.

14. European Union – Restrictive Measure on Biodiesel Imports (Ministerial Order IET/822/2012, Kingdom of Spain) – Request by Argentina

At its meeting on 22 June, the Council took note of the following: joint statement made by Argentina and Indonesia; statements made by Brazil, Cuba, Indonesia and Uruguay; and the responses by the European Union on the concerns also raised in the TBT and SPS Committees on the measures establishing a system for the allocation of biodiesel production volumes for the purpose of computing compliance with mandatory biofuel computing targets.

15. Factual Report by the Chairperson of the Safeguards Committee regarding Article 13.1(B) of the Agreement on Safeguards (G/SG/100)

At its meeting on 22 June, the Chairperson informed Members that the Chairperson of the Committee on Safeguards had submitted, under her own responsibility, a factual report contained in document G/SG/100, regarding Article 13.1(B) of the Agreement on Safeguards. This report had been considered informally by the Committee on Safeguards on 16 April 2012. The Council took note of the statements made by Colombia and Ecuador and of the factual report contained in document G/SG/100.

16. Indonesia's Import Restricting Policies and Practices - Request by the European Union and the United States

At its meeting on 22 June, the Council took note of the following: statements made by Argentina, Australia, Canada, the European Union, Japan, Korea, New Zealand and the United States; and of the responses by Indonesia, on the new trade and investment restrictions - import licensing requirements, trading rights limitations, pre-shipment inspection requirements, local content and domestic manufacturing requirements, including those in the energy sector and export restrictions, taxes and prohibitions - which affected imports into the Indonesian market, particularly horticultural products, animal and animal products.

At its meeting on 26 November, the Council took note of the statements made by Australia, Canada, the European Union, Japan, New Zealand, Thailand and the United States, and of the responses by Indonesia.

17. Ukraine's Article XXVIII Notification - Statements by ASEAN, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, European Union, Guatemala, Hong Kong China, Iceland, Japan, Korea, Liechtenstein, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States

At its meeting on 26 November, the Council took note of a joint statement (G/C/W/678) delivered by Australia on its own behalf and that of Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, the European Union, Guatemala, Hong Kong China, Iceland, Japan, Korea, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Switzerland, Paraguay, Singapore, Turkey and the United States concerning Ukraine's notification (G/SECRET/34) made under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994. The Council also took note of the statements made by China, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Honduras, Israel, Pakistan, Peru, Singapore (on behalf of the ASEAN) and Uruguay, and of the response by Ukraine.

18. Russian Federation - Implementation of WTO Accession Commitments - Statements by the European Union, Japan and the United States

At its meeting on 26 November, the Council took note of the statements made by the European Union, Japan, Norway and the United States; and of the response by the Russian Federation concerning the measures adopted by the latter and referring to the applied recycling fee legislation for imported cars and to sanitary and phyto-sanitary related issues such as the import ban on live animals and the implementation of the international standards, harmonization and scientific based analysis.

19. Ecuador – MFN Applied Tariffs

At its meeting on 22 June, under the agenda item "Other Business", the Council took note of the information provided by Ecuador concerning the modification of 15 subheadings of Annex I of its national import tariffs according to Resolution 53.

20. Work Programme on Electronic Commerce

At its meetings on 30 March and 22 June, the Council took note of the statements made by Argentina, Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua the United States and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on their support for the reinvigoration of the Work Programme. At the meeting on 22 June, the Chairperson also indicated that he would make, under his own responsibility, a report to the General Council at its meeting of 25 July 2012.

At the meeting of 26 November, the Chairperson informed the Council that his statement to the General Council on E-commerce was contained in document G/C/49. The Council took note of this information and the statements made by Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on the forthcoming workshop on "E-commerce, Development and Small and medium-sizes enterprises (SMEs)". The Chairperson also indicated that he would make, under his own responsibility, a factual report to the General Council on the discussions that had taken place in this Council in 2012.

21. Consideration of annual reports of subsidiary bodies of the Council for Trade in Goods

At its meeting on 26 November, the Council took note of the annual reports of its subsidiary bodies.³

22. Adoption of the Annual Report of the Council for Trade in Goods to the General Council

At its meeting on 26 November, the Council adopted its Annual Report (2012) to the General Council.

23. Ukraine's Recycling Fee Draft Law – Request by the European Union

At its meeting on 26 November, under agenda item "Other Business", the Council took note of the statement made by the European Union, and of the response by Ukraine, on the measures that Ukraine intended to adopt which differentiated between locally produced vehicles and imported vehicles and which could also affect second-hand vehicles.

³ See documents G/L/993; G/L/1003; G/L/1005; G/L/1006 and G/L/1006/Corr.1; G/L/1007; G/L/1009; G/L/1010; G/L/1011; G/L/1012; G/L/1013; G/L/1014; G/L/1015; and G/L/1016. The report from the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade will be submitted directly to the General Council.