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Council for Trade in Goods

NOTIFICATION FORMAT FOR REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

<u>Adopted by the Council for Trade in Goods on 19 March 2007</u>

Newly concluded regional trade agreements (RTAs) are notified as follows:

- Council for Trade in Goods (CTG): customs unions, free-trade areas and interim agreements, notified under Article XXIV:7(a) of the GATT 1994;

- Council for Trade in Services (CTS): economic integration agreements, notified under Article V:7(a) of the GATS;

- Committee on Trade and Development (CTD): regional or global arrangements entered into amongst developing countries, notified under paragraph 4(a) of the Decision on Differential and More Favourable Treatment, Reciprocity and Fuller Participation of Developing Countries (Enabling Clause).

The Committee on Regional Trade Agreements (CRTA) agreed, on 13 October 2006, to recommend to the CTG the adoption of a common format for such notifications, as contained in the Annex to this document.

The proposed format would facilitate the task of the parties to comply with the requirement to notify an RTA while making available to other WTO Members the necessary basic elements in a systematic and coherent way. The notification would be reproduced, as appropriate, in a multi-symbol official WTO document.

The nature of this proposal is procedural and its implementation would not entail any change in Members' legal rights and obligations.

ANNEX

NOTIFICATION OF REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENT

1.	**Member(s) notifying:**
2.	**Date of notification:**
3.	**Notification pursuant to:** [ ] **Article XXIV:7(a) of GATT 1994** [ ] **Article V:7(a) of GATS** [ ] **Paragraph 4(a) of the Enabling Clause**
4.	**Parties to the Agreement:**
5.	**Date of signature:**
6.	**Date(s) of entry into Force:**
7.	**Brief description of the Agreement:**
8.	**Text and related schedules, annexes and protocols are:** [ ] **submitted to the WTO Secretariat (electronic format)** [ ] **available from the following official Internet link(s):**

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