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## REPORT (2003) OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE-RELATED INVESTMENT MEASURES

### I. GENERAL

1. This report is submitted pursuant to Article 7.3 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures, which requires the Committee on Trade-Related Investment Measures to report annually to the Council for Trade in Goods. The Report covers the period October 2002 – October 2003.<sup>1</sup>
2. The Committee met on 19 June 2003 under the chairmanship of Mr. Vassili Notis (Greece), and on 18 July and 3 October 2003 under the chairmanship of Mr. Sivaramen Palayathan (Mauritius). Minutes of the meetings are contained in documents G/TRIMS/M/16, G/TRIMS/M/17 and G/TRIMS/M/18, respectively. The meetings were open to Members, governments with observer status in the WTO and international intergovernmental organizations to which the Committee has accorded regular observer status (IMF, OECD, UN, UNCTAD and World Bank). Decisions on requests for observer status from several other international organizations are pending.

### II. NOTIFICATIONS

3. Article 5.1 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures requires Members to notify any trade-related investment measure ("TRIM") inconsistent with the Agreement within 90 days after the entry into force of the WTO Agreement. Article 5.2 of the Agreement gives the benefit of transition periods for the elimination of measures notified under Article 5.1 and which were in existence at least 180 days preceding the entry into force of the WTO Agreement. Pursuant to a decision adopted by the General Council in April 1995, governments eligible to become original WTO Members that accepted the WTO Agreement after 1 January 1995 had a period of 90 days after the date of their acceptance of the WTO Agreement to make the notifications foreseen in Article 5.1, with the period for the elimination of TRIMs notified under Article 5.1 being governed by reference to the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement itself.<sup>2</sup>
4. Annex 1 contains a list of all notifications of measures under Article 5.1.<sup>3</sup> In the case of some Members, notifications have been submitted later than the 90-day period foreseen.
5. Some Members have notified the Committee that they do not apply any TRIM inconsistent with the Agreement. Annex 2 lists all Members which have made such notifications.

<sup>1</sup> The previous annual report is contained in document G/L/589 of 8 November 2002.

<sup>2</sup> WT/L/64.

<sup>3</sup> Notifications under Article 5.1 circulated in 1995 have been derestricted since 28 May 1996. Following the decision taken by the General Council on 14 May 2002 on derestriction and circulation of WTO documents (WT/L/452), which abrogated the Decision of 18 July 1996, documents containing notifications under Articles 5.1, 5.5 and 6.2 are issued unrestricted.

6. Article 5.5 deals with the conditions under which, during the transition periods stipulated in Article 5.2, Members may apply TRIMs notified under Article 5.1 to new investments. While a standard format for the submission of notifications under this provision has been adopted by the Committee (G/TRIMS/3), no such notifications have been made.

7. A number of Members have submitted notifications as required under Article 6.2, which provides for notification to the Secretariat of publications in which information on TRIMs can be found. A list of these notifications has been circulated in G/TRIMS/N/2/Rev.11, dated 24 September 2003. Annex 3 lists the Members which have submitted such notifications.

### **III. SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT PROPOSALS RELATED TO THE TRIMS AGREEMENT**

8. In the context of the Work Programme on Special and Differential Treatment (S&D) under Paragraph 44 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration and Paragraph 12.1 of the Decision on Implementation-Related Issues and Concerns, on 20 May 2003 the Chairman of the General Council instructed the TRIMs Committee to consider two S&D proposals related to the TRIMs Agreement. The proposals were submitted by the African Group in document TN/CTD/W/3/Rev.2 with respect to Article 4 and Article 5.3 of the TRIMs Agreement.

9. At its meetings on 19 June and 18 July, the TRIMs Committee held substantive discussions on the proposals. In addition, an informal meeting on 12 June and several informal consultations were held on this issue. A full account of the discussions is contained in the relevant sections of the minutes of the TRIMs Committee's meeting (G/TRIMS/M/16 and G/TRIMS/M/17). The Committee was unable to arrive at a solution that would enable it to adopt the proposals or alternative compromise solutions. At its meeting on 18 July 2003, the Committee agreed on a short written report to be submitted by the Chairman of the TRIMs Committee to the General Council. The report has been circulated as document G/L/638.

### **IV. TRANSITIONAL REVIEW MECHANISM PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 18 OF THE PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

10. Pursuant to paragraph 18 of China's Protocol of Accession, the TRIMs Committee undertook the second annual review of China's implementation of its commitments under the TRIMs Agreement and related provisions of the Protocol of Accession. Comments and questions in connection with China's Transitional Review Mechanism were received from the European Communities (G/TRIMS/W/31) and the United States (G/TRIMS/W/32). China submitted information on Annex 1A of its Protocol of Accession in the context of the Transitional Review Mechanism. This submission was circulated as document G/TRIMS/W/34, dated 2 October 2003.

11. The review took place at the meeting of 3 October 2003. A full account of the discussions is contained in the minutes of the meeting (G/TRIMS/M/18). The Committee adopted *ad referendum* a Report of the Chairman on the results of the review. The report was forwarded to the Council for Trade in Goods as document G/L/648.

ANNEX 1

Members which have Submitted Notifications under Article 5.1  
of the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures

<u>Member</u>	<u>Document Symbol</u>	<u>Date of Communication</u>
Argentina	G/TRIMS/N/1/ARG/1	30 March 1995
Argentina	G/TRIMS/N/1/ARG/1/Add.1	21 March 1997
Barbados	G/TRIMS/N/1/BRB/1	31 March 1995
Bolivia <sup>4</sup>	G/TRIMS/N/1/BOL/1	24 June 1998
Chile	G/TRIMS/N/1/CHL/1	14 December 1995
Colombia	G/TRIMS/N/1/COL/1	31 March 1995
Colombia	G/TRIMS/N/1/COL/1/Add.1	4 June 1995
Colombia	G/TRIMS/N/1/COL/2	31 July 1995
Colombia	G/TRIMS/N/1/COL/2/Corr.1	30 September 1996
Costa Rica <sup>5</sup>	G/TRIMS/N/1/CRI/1	30 March 1995
Cuba <sup>6</sup>	G/TRIMS/N/1/CUB/1	18 July 1995
Cyprus <sup>7</sup>	G/TRIMS/N/1/CYP/2	30 October 1995
Dominican Republic	G/TRIMS/N/1/DOM/1	26 April 1995
Ecuador	G/TRIMS/N/1/ECU/1	20 March 1996
Egypt	G/TRIMS/N/1/EGY/1	29 September 1995
India	G/TRIMS/N/1/IND/1	31 March 1995
India	G/TRIMS/N/1/IND/1/Add.1	22 December 1995

<sup>4</sup> Bolivia subsequently submitted a notification indicating that it does not apply any trade-related investment measures that are not in conformity with the Agreement (G/TRIMS/N/1/BOL/1/Add.1).

<sup>5</sup> Costa Rica subsequently submitted a notification indicating that it intended to eliminate measures notified under Article 5.1 in advance of the expiry of the transition period (G/TRIMS/N/1/CRI/1/Add.1).

<sup>6</sup> Cuba subsequently informed the Committee that the measures notified by Cuba under Article 5.1 are no longer in force (G/TRIMS/M/3, paragraph 5).

<sup>7</sup> This notification superseded Cyprus' previous one (G/TRIMS/N/1/CYP/1) of 29 June 1995; Cyprus subsequently submitted a notification indicating that it has eliminated measures notified under Article 5.1 (G/TRIMS/N/1/CYP/2/Add.1).

<u>Member</u>	<u>Document Symbol</u>	<u>Date of Communication</u>
India	G/TRIMS/N/1/IND/1/Add.1/Corr.1	18 March 1996
India	G/TRIMS/N/1/IND/1/Add.2	11 April 1996
Indonesia	G/TRIMS/N/1/IDN/1	23 May 1995
Indonesia	G/TRIMS/N/1/IDN/1/Add.1	28 October 1996
Malaysia	G/TRIMS/N/1/MYS/1	31 March 1995
Malaysia	G/TRIMS/N/1/MYS/1/Rev.1	14 March 1996
Mexico	G/TRIMS/N/1/MEX/1	31 March 1995
Mexico	G/TRIMS/N/1/MEX/1/Rev.1 <sup>8</sup>	31 March 1995
Nigeria <sup>9</sup>	G/TRIMS/N/1/NGA/1	17 July 1996
Pakistan	G/TRIMS/N/1/PAK/1	30 March 1995
Peru	G/TRIMS/N/1/PER/1	3 March 1995
Philippines	G/TRIMS/N/1/PHL/1	31 March 1995
Poland <sup>10</sup>	G/TRIMS/N/1/POL/1	28 September 1995
Romania	G/TRIMS/N/1/ROM/1	31 March 1995
South Africa	G/TRIMS/N/1/ZAF/1	19 April 1995
Thailand	G/TRIMS/N/1/THA/1	30 March 1995
Uganda	G/TRIMS/N/1/UGA/1	17 June 1997
Uruguay	G/TRIMS/N/1/URY/1	31 March 1995
Uruguay	G/TRIMS/N/1/URY/1/Add.1	30 August 1995
Venezuela	G/TRIMS/N/1/VEN/1	31 March 1995

<sup>8</sup> English only.

<sup>9</sup> Nigeria subsequently submitted a notification indicating that the Nigerian Enterprises Promotion Act of 1989 has been repealed and replaced with the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Decree 1995 (G/TRIMS/N/1/NGA/1/Add.1).

<sup>10</sup> Poland subsequently submitted a notification indicating that it has eliminated measures notified under Article 5.1 (G/TRIMS/N/1/POL/1/Add.1).

## ANNEX 2

### Notifications Indicating that No TRIMs Inconsistent with the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures are Maintained

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Document Symbol</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Communication</u></b>
Bolivia	G/TRIMS/N/1/BOL/1/Add.1	4 March 1999
Costa Rica	G/TRIMS/N/1/CRI/1/Add.1 <sup>11</sup>	16 September 1999
Cyprus	G/TRIMS/N/1/CYP/2/Add.1	26 May 2000
Haiti	G/TRIMS/N/1/HTI/1	27 February 1998
Honduras	G/TRIMS/N/1/HND/1	7 July 1995
Israel	G/TRIMS/N/1/ISR/1	24 October 1996
Jamaica	G/TRIMS/N/1/JAM/1	9 June 1998
Jordan	G/TRIMS/N/1/JOR/1	22 May 2000
Maldives	G/TRIMS/N/1/MLV/1	30 September 1999
Mali	G/TRIMS/N/1/MLI/1	27 May 1997
Mauritius	G/TRIMS/N/1/MUS/1	27 March 1995
New Zealand	G/TRIMS/N/1/NZL/1	20 May 1999
Nicaragua	G/TRIMS/N/1/NIC/1	18 July 1996
Oman	G/TRIMS/N/1/OMN/1	20 December 2000
Saint Lucia	G/TRIMS/N/1/LCA/1	14 February 1996
Singapore	G/TRIMS/N/1/SGP/1	9 October 1996
Slovenia	G/TRIMS/N/1/SVN/1	27 March 1995
Sri Lanka	G/TRIMS/N/1/LKA/1	14 March 2000
Switzerland	G/TRIMS/N/1/CHE/1	8 August 1995
Taipei, Chinese	G/TRIMS/N/1/TPKM/1	27 May 2002
Trinidad & Tobago	G/TRIMS/N/1/TTO/1	1 April 1996
Zambia	G/TRIMS/N/1/ZMB/1	13 April 1995

<sup>11</sup> A Corrigendum to the English version was issued in G/TRIMS/N/1/CRI/1/Add.1/Corr.1, dated 26 October 1999.

### ANNEX 3

#### Members which have Submitted Notifications under Article 6.2 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures

Argentina  
Australia  
Brazil  
Brunei Darussalam  
Bolivia  
Bulgaria  
Burundi  
Cameroon  
Canada  
Chad  
Chile  
China  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Croatia  
Cuba  
Czech Republic  
Dominica  
Ecuador  
Estonia  
European Community (including the member States)  
Fiji Islands, Rep. of the  
Gabon  
Georgia  
Ghana  
Haiti  
Hong Kong, China  
Iceland  
India  
Indonesia  
Israel  
Jamaica  
Japan  
Korea  
Kyrgyz Republic  
Latvia  
Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Macau, China  
Madagascar  
Maldives  
Mali  
Malta  
Mauritius  
Mexico  
Moldova  
Mongolia

Namibia  
New Zealand  
Nicaragua  
Norway  
Panama  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Philippines  
Poland  
Qatar  
Romania  
Singapore  
Slovak Republic  
Slovenia  
South Africa  
Sri Lanka  
Suriname  
Switzerland  
Taipei, Chinese  
Thailand  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Tunisia  
Uganda  
United States  
Uruguay  
Venezuela, Bolivarian Rep. of  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

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