



**Council for Trade in Goods
Committee on Trade-Related Investment Measures**

WTO RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC

**REPORT TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS
BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE-RELATED INVESTMENT MEASURES**

The following report is being submitted by the Chairperson of the Committee on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs Committee), Mrs Debora PONCE, at the request of the Chairperson of the Council for Trade in Goods¹, and was prepared with the assistance of the Secretariat.

1 INFORMATION FOR THE CTG REPORT ON COVID-19 RELATED ACTIONS

1.1 Committee work

At the 17 April 2020 meeting of the Heads of Delegations, the DG urged Chairs to consult with Members on how to proceed with the work of the regular Committees in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Upon the call by the DG, the Chairperson of the TRIMs Committee initiated informal consultations with Members.

During these consultations the Chair (i) explained that she was reaching out to see how to proceed with the work of the Committee; and (ii) informed Members about the items on the agenda and asked whether it would be agreeable to have virtual meetings to discuss any, some, or all of these items or to have a written process for certain agenda items.

On 6 May 2020, however, the Chairperson of the Committee informed Members² that the Committee meeting scheduled for 27 May 2020 was cancelled and that she would continue consulting Members on possible ways to deal with the items on the agenda. She encouraged Members to continue submitting questions, so the Committee could review them at the earliest opportunity.

As the sanitary situation improved, the Committee held its first (and only) meeting of 2020 on 15 September 2020. Since then, the TRIMs Committee meetings have taken place in hybrid mode, with some delegates attending in person and others joining via a virtual platform.

1.2 Transparency

No notification or counter-notification of TRIMs directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic was placed on the agenda of the TRIMs Committee by Members.

1.3 Dedicated COVID-19 related activities or discussions in the Committee

The Committee did not undertake activities dedicated to COVID-19.

¹ JOB/CTG/18.

² Communication sent by the Chairperson of the Committee dated 6 May 2020.