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## REPORT (2020) OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE-RELATED INVESTMENT MEASURES

(ADOPTED 15 SEPTEMBER 2020)

### 1 GENERAL

1.1. This report is submitted pursuant to Article 7.3 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures ("TRIMs Agreement"), which requires the Committee on Trade-Related Investment Measures (the "Committee") to report annually to the Council for Trade in Goods. The Report covers the period 14 November 2019 – 15 September 2015.

1.2. The Committee met formally on 15 September 2020<sup>1</sup>. The meeting was chaired by Ms Tiziana ZUGLIANO (Italy). The minutes of this meeting may be found in documents G/TRIMS/M/48. The meeting was open to all 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 made by several other international organizations are pending.

### 2 NOTIFICATIONS

2.1. Pursuant to Article 5.1 of the TRIMs Agreement, Members were required 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 allows for 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 of the General Council in April 1995, governments eligible to become original WTO Members that accepted the WTO Agreement after 1 January 1995 had 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 governed by reference to the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement.<sup>2</sup> Annex 1 lists all notifications of measures under Article 5.1. In the case of some Members, notifications have been submitted later than the 90-day period foreseen. Some Members have notified that they do not apply any TRIM inconsistent with the Agreement. Annex 2 lists all Members that have made such notifications.

2.2. Article 6.2 provides for notification of publications in which information on TRIMs can be found. Annex 3 lists the Members that have submitted such notifications. Since the last report, notifications were received from Vanuatu and Myanmar. As agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 20 May 2009, the Secretariat has circulated a reminder<sup>3</sup> containing guidance regarding the requirements of Article 6.2 and its related decision. The reminder also requests all Members that have never notified such publications to do so without delay and that all Members that previously

<sup>1</sup> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the spring meeting of the Committee, which was scheduled to be held on 27 May 2020, did not take place. A communication to this effect was sent to Members on 6 May 2020. The Chair of the Committee, Ms Tiziana Zugliano, consulted with Members to explore possibilities for conducting work remotely/and or through a written question and answer procedure on at least some of the agenda items that should have been discussed at the spring Regular meeting, but no consensus could be reached. A second communication regarding the date of the September meeting was sent to Members on 30 June 2020.

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

<sup>3</sup> The reminder for 2020 was circulated in document G/TRIMS/W/168.

notified to update their notifications, if appropriate, without delay. The latest updated list of notifications has been circulated in document G/TRIMS/N/2/Rev.29.

### **3 COMMUNICATIONS BY MEMBERS AND RELATED DISCUSSIONS**

3.1. During this reporting period, the Committee held discussions on two (2) issues already discussed in previous reporting periods.

3.2. Issues raised in previous meetings of the Committee: (i) Indonesia – Comprehensive Review of Localization Measures, item requested by the United States, the European Union and Japan; (ii) Russian Federation – Measures implementing Russia's import substitution policy, item requested by the United States and the European Union.<sup>4</sup>

### **4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

4.1. At its meeting of 15 September 2020, the Committee elected Mr Manuel Chacón (Colombia) as Chair for the period 2020 - 2021. At the same meeting, Mr Robert Cook (United Kingdom) was elected as Vice-Chair for the same period.

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<sup>4</sup> G/TRIMS/Q/RUS/4, G/TRIMS/Q/RUS/5, G/TRIMS/Q/RUS/6, G/TRIMS/Q/RUS/7, G/TRIMS/Q/RUS/8, G/TRIMS/Q/RUS/9, G/TRIMS/Q/RUS/10.

**ANNEX 1****MEMBERS THAT HAVE SUBMITTED NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 5.1  
OF THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE-RELATED INVESTMENT MEASURES**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Document Symbol</b>	<b>Date of Communication</b>
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, Plurinational State of <sup>1</sup>	G/TRIMS/N/1/BOL/1	24 June 1998
Chile <sup>2</sup>	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 <sup>3</sup>	G/TRIMS/N/1/COL/2	31 July 1995
Colombia	G/TRIMS/N/1/COL/2/Corr.1	30 September 1996
Costa Rica <sup>4</sup>	G/TRIMS/N/1/CRI/1	30 March 1995
Cuba <sup>5</sup>	G/TRIMS/N/1/CUB/1	18 July 1995
Cyprus <sup>6</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
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
Kazakhstan	G/TRIMS/N/1/KAZ/1	21 April 2016
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 <sup>7</sup>	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
Russian Federation	G/TRIMS/N/1/RUS/1	23 January 2013
Russian Federation	G/TRIMS/N/1/RUS/1/Add.1	11 February 2013
Romania	G/TRIMS/N/1/ROM/1	31 March 1995

<sup>1</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>2</sup> Chile subsequently submitted a notification indicating that it has eliminated measures notified under Article 5.1 (G/TRIMS/N/1/CHL/1/Add.1).

<sup>3</sup> Colombia subsequently submitted a notification indicating that it had issued Decree No. 1473 of 10 May 2004, whereby Decree No. 2439 of 1994 establishing import control mechanisms for certain agricultural products had been repealed (G/TRIMS/N/1/COL/3).

<sup>4</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>5</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>6</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).

<sup>7</sup> Mexico subsequently submitted a notification indicating that all provisions under the Automotive Decree had ceased to be operative as of 1 January 2004 (G/C/42).

<sup>8</sup> In 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).

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Document Symbol</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Communication</u></b>
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, Bolivarian Republic of	G/TRIMS/N/1/VEN/1	31 March 1995

**ANNEX 2****NOTIFICATIONS INDICATING THAT NO TRIMS INCONSISTENT WITH THE AGREEMENT  
ON TRADE-RELATED INVESTMENT MEASURES ARE MAINTAINED**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Document Symbol</b>	<b>Date of Communication</b>
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	G/TRIMS/N/1/BOL/1/Add.1	4 March 1999
Costa Rica	G/TRIMS/N/1/CRI/1/Add.1 <sup>1</sup>	16 September 1999
Cyprus	G/TRIMS/N/1/CYP/2/Add.1	26 May 2000
El Salvador	G/TRIMS/N/1/SLV/1	5 November 2003
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
Kuwait, the State of	G/TRIMS/N/1/KWT/1	10 November 2015
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
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	G/TRIMS/N/1/SAU/1	3 October 2006
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
Chinese Taipei	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>1</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 THAT HAVE SUBMITTED NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 6.2  
OF THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE-RELATED INVESTMENT MEASURES**

Afghanistan	Lesotho
Albania	Liberia
Angola	Liechtenstein
Argentina	Macao, China
Armenia	Madagascar
Australia	Malawi
Bahrain, Kingdom of	Malaysia
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Maldives
Botswana	Mali
Brazil	Mauritius
Brunei Darussalam	Mexico
Burkina Faso	Moldova, Republic of
Burundi	Mongolia
Cambodia	Montenegro
Cameroon	Myanmar
Canada	Namibia
Chad	New Zealand
Chile	Nicaragua
China	Nigeria
Colombia	Norway
Congo	Oman
Costa Rica	Panama
Côte d'Ivoire	Paraguay
Cuba	Peru
Dominica	Philippines
Dominican Republic	Qatar
Ecuador	Russian Federation
El Salvador	Samoa
European Union (including the member States)	Senegal
Fiji	Seychelles
Gabon	Singapore
The Gambia	South Africa
Georgia	Sri Lanka
Ghana	Suriname
Guatemala	Switzerland
Haiti	Chinese Taipei
Honduras	Thailand
Hong Kong, China	Togo
Iceland	Trinidad and Tobago
India	Tunisia
Indonesia	Turkey
Israel	Uganda
Jamaica	Ukraine
Japan	United Arab Emirates
Jordan	United States of America
Kazakhstan	Uruguay
Korea, Republic of	Vanuatu
Kuwait, the State of	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
Kyrgyz Republic	Zambia
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Zimbabwe