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REPORT (2024) OF THE COMMITTEE ON MARKET ACCESS TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS

1. Since the last review¹, the Committee on Market Access held two formal meetings (25-26 March and 19-20 November) and four informal meetings (25 January, 18 March, 11 June, and 9 December). The annotated agendas of the formal meetings were circulated in documents [JOB/MA/175](#) and [JOB/MA/177](#), and the minutes are contained in documents [G/MA/M/80](#) and [G/MA/M/81](#) (to be issued). In addition, the Committee organised two thematic sessions on supply chain resilience, one thematic session on visualising a greener Harmonized System (HS), and the third feedback session on WTO publications and online tools to disseminate tariff and import data (see below).

2. At its formal meeting of 25-26 March, the Committee took note that the consultations in the Council for Trade in Goods concerning the election of the Chairpersons of the subsidiary bodies remained ongoing and agreed that the Secretariat would send a written communication with the proposed candidate and set a deadline for objections. On 29 May, the Secretariat informed Members that Ms. Nicola Waterfield (Canada) had been appointed as Interim Chairperson. At its meeting of 19-20 November, the Committee took note that the Chairperson would continue consultations on the appointment of a vice-chairperson and would update the Committee as appropriate.

HS RELATED WAIVERS

3. At its formal meeting of 19-20 November, the Committee approved the extension of the HS2002 "collective" waiver ([G/C/W/849](#)), the HS2007 "collective" waiver ([G/C/W/850](#)), the HS2012 "collective" waiver ([G/C/W/851](#)), the HS2017 "collective" waiver ([G/C/W/852](#)), and the HS2022 "collective" waiver ([G/C/W/853](#)). The Committee agreed to forward the draft waiver decisions to the General Council, through the Council for Trade in Goods, for appropriate action.

INTRODUCTION OF HARMONIZED SYSTEM CHANGES TO SCHEDULES OF CONCESSIONS

4. At its formal meetings, the Committee took note of a revised report by the Secretariat ([G/MA/W/158/Rev.8](#) and [G/MA/W/158/Rev.9](#)) with a broad overview of all HS transposition exercises.²

Introduction of Harmonized System 1996 (HS1996) changes to Schedules of concessions

5. At its meetings in 2024, the Committee took note of the status of work concerning the introduction of HS96 changes to Schedules of concessions. The Chairperson informed that the technical work under the previous transposition procedures (GATT document [L/6905](#)) remained pending for one Member.

Introduction of Harmonized System 2002 (HS2002) Changes to Schedules of concessions

6. At its meetings in 2024, the Committee took note of the status of work concerning the introduction of HS2002 changes to Schedules of concessions using the CTS database ([WT/L/605](#) and [WT/L/807](#)), as well as the outcomes of the informal dedicated sessions of the Committee during which the files containing the HS2002 changes of Members had been examined. At the formal meeting of 19-20 November, the Chairperson announced that 116 Schedules of concessions had been transposed into HS2002 and circulated for certification. Technical work remained pending for one Member.

¹ [G/L/1507](#), dated 30 October 2023.

² See also Goods Schedules e-Library <https://goods-schedules.wto.org/>.

Introduction of Harmonized System 2007 (HS2007) changes to Schedules of concessions

7. At its meetings in 2024, the Committee took note of the status of work concerning the introduction of HS2007 changes to Schedules of concessions using the CTS database ([WT/L/673](#) and [WT/L/830](#)), as well as the outcomes of the informal dedicated sessions of the Committee during which the files containing the HS2007 changes of Members had been examined. At the formal meeting of 19-20 November, the Chairperson announced that 112 Schedules of concessions had been transposed into HS2007 and circulated for certification.

Introduction of Harmonized System 2012 (HS2012) changes to Schedules of concessions

8. At its meetings in 2024, the Committee took note of the status of work concerning the introduction of HS2012 changes to Schedules of concessions using the CTS database ([WT/L/831](#)), as well as the outcomes of the informal dedicated sessions of the Committee during which the files containing the HS2012 changes of Members had been examined. At the formal meeting of 19-20 November, the Chairperson announced that 104 Schedules of concessions had been transposed into HS2012 and circulated for certification.

Introduction of Harmonized System 2017 (HS2017) changes to Schedules of concessions

9. At its meetings in 2024, the Committee took note of the status of work concerning the introduction of HS2017 changes to Schedules of concessions using the CTS database ([WT/L/995](#)), as well as the outcomes of the informal dedicated sessions of the Committee during which the files containing the HS2017 changes of Members had been examined. At the formal meeting of 19-20 November, the Chairperson announced that 89 Schedules of concessions had been transposed into HS2017 and circulated for certification.

Introduction of Harmonized System 2022 (HS2022) changes to Schedules of concessions

10. At its formal meeting of 19-20 November, the Committee took note that work concerning the introduction of HS2022 changes to Schedules of concessions using the CTS database ([WT/L/1123](#)) had started with the preparation of draft HS2022 transposition files.

Harmonized System "multiple transposition" procedures

11. At its formal meeting of 25-26 March, the Committee approved *ad referendum* the draft decision on the "Procedure for the introduction of multiple changes to the Harmonized System to Schedules of concessions using the Consolidated Tariff Schedules (CTS) database" ([JOB/MA/172/Rev.2](#)), and agreed to forward it to the General Council, through the Council for Trade in Goods, for adoption.³

DECISION ON NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ("QR DECISION")

12. At its meetings in 2024, the Committee examined quantitative restrictions (QR) notifications which had been submitted by 26 Members: Argentina; Australia; Cambodia; Canada; China; Cuba; Ecuador; European Union; Japan; Kazakhstan; Korea; Kyrgyz Republic; Macao, China; Malaysia; Mauritius; Moldova; Mongolia; Morocco; Montenegro; Philippines; Saudi Arabia; Singapore; Thailand; Ukraine; United Kingdom; and United States. Most of these notifications were complete notifications of all QRs in force for the biennial period 2024-2026, and some of them were submitted for the first time through the new online system for QR notifications.⁴ The Committee also took note of the Secretariat's factual analysis of all notified QRs ([G/MA/W/114/Rev.6](#)) that were recorded in the QR database⁵ and of the report with the status of QR notifications ([G/MA/QR/14](#)).

³ The draft decision was adopted by the General Council on 22 July 2024 and circulated in document [WT/L/1200](#).

⁴ [QR Notification Portal](#).

⁵ <https://QR.wto.org/>.

DATABASES

13. At its formal meetings in 2024, the Secretariat reported on the status of work concerning the Integrated Data Base (IDB) and the Consolidated Tariff Schedules (CTS) database. The reports provided information on, *inter alia*: the use of information in the databases; the Members that have concluded an agreement for the automatic transmission of data; the status of software development and technical assistance. The Committee also took note of the documents which reflected the status of submissions to the IDB ([G/MA/IDB/2/Rev.59](#), and [G/MA/IDB/2/Rev.60](#)).

14. At its meetings of 2024, the Committee took note of a report prepared by the Secretariat pursuant to paragraph 16 of the IDB Decision ([G/MA/367](#)), which requires the Secretariat to maintain a list of Members' official websites in which tariff information or import data are publicly available ([G/MA/IDB/W/13/Rev.10](#) and [G/MA/IDB/W/13/Rev.11](#)).⁶

15. In 2024, the Secretariat released a new database that allows Members to submit QR notifications online (<https://qr-notification.wto.org/en>).

THEMATIC SESSIONS

16. At its formal meeting of 25-26 March 2024, the Committee agreed on a workplan of thematic sessions for 2024. Two thematic sessions on supply chain resilience took place on 6 May and 18 October, based on a proposal from the delegation of the United Kingdom. A first exploratory thematic session on visualising a greener HS and the linkages with the WTO took place on 11 June, in collaboration with the World Customs Organization, based on a proposal by the delegation of Ecuador. At its formal meeting of 19-20 November, the Committee took note of a report by the interim Chairperson and agreed on a workplan for future sessions.

MC12 IMPLEMENTATION MATTERS – UPDATES ON IMPROVING THE FUNCTIONING OF THE COMMITTEE

17. At its formal meeting of 19-20 November, the Committee took note of the interim Chairperson's report ([JOB/MA/176](#)) on the most recent improvements to the functioning of the Committee that were implemented by the Secretariat in 2024, based on proposals by Members.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

18. On 9 October 2024, the Committee held the third feedback session on WTO publications and online tools to disseminate tariff and import data, pursuant to paragraph 15 and paragraph 14 of Annex 4 of the "Decision on Modalities and Operation of the Integrated Database (IDB)" ([G/MA/367](#)). At the session, the Secretariat presented the main publications and tools used to disseminate IDB and CTS Data, including their main features and collected feedback from Members on these areas.⁷

19. At its formal meetings in 2024, the Committee took note of the statements by a representative of the World Customs Organization (WCO) on the meetings of the Harmonized System Committee (HSC) and the HS Review Sub-Committee where negotiations were ongoing with respect to the classification proposals of certain COVID-19 essential goods based on the communication sent by the CMA to the HSC.⁸

TRADE CONCERNS

20. At its formal meetings in 2024, the Committee took note of the following trade concerns⁹:

⁶ See also https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/markacc_e/tariffandimpofwebsites_e.htm.

⁷ See document [G/MA/W/144/Add.2](#), to be issued.

⁸ [G/MA/406](#) of 30 May 2022.

⁹ The concerns are listed in alphabetical order.

ID ¹⁰	Title	Member(s) raising the concern ¹¹
ID 46	Angola – Import restricting practices	European Union
ID 94	Australia – Maturation requirements for imported alcohol ¹²	Brazil
ID 39	Australia – Discriminatory market access prohibition on 5G equipment	China
ID 79	Canada – Discriminatory market access prohibition on 5G equipment	China
[tbd]*	Canada – New tariffs on certain goods from China	China
[tbd]*	Canada – Tariff Rate Quota for Cheeses of All Types	United Kingdom
ID 58	China – Trade disruptive and restrictive measures	Australia
ID 80	China – Draft of Chinese recommended national standards (GB/T) for office devices (information security technology-security specification for office devices)	Japan
ID 81	China – Draft revision of Chinese government procurement law	Japan
ID 107	China – Export control law and restrictions on trade in strategic products	European Union, Japan
ID 106	China; Hong Kong, China; Macao, China – Restriction on imports of aquatic products from Japan after the discharge of ALPS treated water into the sea	Japan
ID 82	Dominican Republic – Discriminatory taxation on some food imported products	European Union United Kingdom
ID 69	European Union – Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism	China, Russian Federation
ID 84	European Union – Deforestation-Free Commodities (DFC)	Brazil Colombia Indonesia Panama Paraguay Russian Federation
ID 86	European Union – MRL reduction of certain substances to meet environmental objectives in third countries (G/TBT/N/EU/908)	Australia Colombia Indonesia Paraguay
ID 96	European Union – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on shipments of waste and amending Regulation (EU) No. 1257/2013 and (EU) No. 2020/1056	Indonesia
	European Union – Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the making available on the Union market and the export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation and repealing Regulation No 995/2010 ¹³	Indonesia
ID 36	India – Quantitative restrictions on imports of certain pulses (G/MA/QR/N/IND/2 , G/MA/QR/N/IND/2/Add.1)	Australia Canada European Union
ID 87	India – Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on solar photovoltaic cells and modules	China
ID 88	India – Approved list of models and manufacturers (ALMM) of solar photovoltaic modules	China
ID 61	India – Import policies on tyres	European Union Indonesia Chinese Taipei Thailand
ID 62	India – Import restriction on air conditioners	Japan Thailand
ID 105	India – Import restrictions on pcs, tablets, and other electronic products	China
ID 98	India – Quality Control Order for chemical and petrochemical substances	Indonesia
	India – Medical Textiles (Quality Control) Order, 2023 ¹⁴	Indonesia
	India – Viscose Staple Fibres (Quality Control) Order, 2022 ¹⁴	Indonesia

¹⁰ For more information see also <https://tradeconcerns.wto.org/en>.

¹¹ The column lists the Member(s) that raised the issue in any or all the formal meetings that are covered by this report.

¹² At the formal meeting of 25-26 March, Brazil requested to withdraw this item from the agenda as the concern had been resolved.

¹³ At the formal meeting of 19-20 November, Indonesia requested to withdraw this item from the agenda.

¹⁴ At the formal meeting of 19-20 November, Indonesia requested to withdraw these items from the agenda and merge them into a single new trade concern entitled "India – Quality Control Order".

ID ¹⁰	Title	Member(s) raising the concern ¹¹
	India - Plywood and Wooden flush door shutters (Quality Control) Order, 2023 ¹⁴	Indonesia
	India - Footwear made from Leather and other materials (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2024 ¹⁴	Indonesia
	India - Viscose Rayon Cut Staple Spun Yarn (Quality Control) Order, 2024 ¹⁴	Indonesia
	India - Dyed knitted or crochet fabric made from synthetic fibres (Quality Control) Order, 2024 ¹⁴	Indonesia
[tbd]*	India - Measures that may have unintended results equivalent to quantitative restrictions on the import of copper, wooden boards, and tyres	Thailand
ID 99	Indonesia – Commodity balance mechanism and other import measures	European Union
ID 42	Indonesia - Customs duties on certain telecommunication products	United States
[tbd]*	Kazakhstan - Quantitative restrictions on imports of apples	European Union
ID 35	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, the State of Kuwait, Oman, and Qatar - Selective tax on certain imported products (G/MA/W/140 , G/MA/W/169)	European Union, Switzerland, United States
ID 64	Mexico – Import quota on glyphosate	United States
	Mongolia – Amendment to the Excise Tax Law on Spirits	United Kingdom
ID 50	Nepal - Import ban on energy drinks	Thailand
ID110	Pakistan – Automobile industry development policy	Japan
ID 111	Panama - Quantitative restrictions on imports of pork	Canada
ID 108	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu– Industrial relevance policies in the offshore wind sector	European Union
ID 104	Thailand- Licensing regime for wheat	European Union
ID 100	Türkiye – Discriminatory additional tariffs on electric vehicles	China
ID 101	United States – Disruptive and restrictive measures in the name of national security	China
ID 102	United States, Japan, Netherlands - US-Japan-Netherlands agreement on chip export restrictions	China
ID 103	United States – A series of disruptive policy measures on the global semiconductor industry chain and supply chain	China
ID 90	United States – Section 301 tariffs on certain goods from China	China
[tbd]*	United States - New Section 301 Tariffs on Certain Goods from China and New Investigation on Maritime, Logistics, and Shipbuilding Industry of China	China
ID 91	United States – Quantitative restrictions on imports of sturgeon	European Union
ID 109	Viet Nam – Marketing authorization for pharmaceutical products	Thailand

* ID to be defined.