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## **REPORT (2017) OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE FACILITATION TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS**

1. Following the Trade Facilitation Agreement's entry into force on 22 February 2017, a Committee on Trade Facilitation (TFC) was established in line with Article 23:1 of the Agreement.
2. At a meeting on 7 April 2017, the General Council (GC) took note of a statement by the GC Chair, informing delegations of the consensus on the appointment of Ambassador Daniel Blockert from Sweden as Chairperson of the TFC.
3. On 16 May 2017, the TFC held its inaugural session. The sole agenda item was the confirmation of the Chairperson-designate. Members formally elected Ambassador Blockert as the first TFC Chair. Ambassador Blockert announced his intention to consult delegations on the Committee's rules of procedure and the organization of work.
4. The TFC met for a second time on 19 July 2017. Members considered a proposal by Argentina, Norway and Japan (G/TFA/W/2 and G/TFA/W/2/Add.1) on the Committee's rules of procedure. The meeting had been preceded by an informal consultation process on the matter, including a Chair-led informal open-ended session ahead of the TFC meeting. In addition, Members were updated by the Secretariat on the state of the ratification and of the notification processes as well as on activities of the Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility.
5. The third and final meeting of the TFC in 2017 took place on 3 November 2017. The agenda of the meeting included the following items:
  - i. notifications from Members to the Committee under Articles 1:4, 10:4:3, 10:6:2, 12:2:2, 15, 16 and 22 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (see Annex I on page 2);
  - ii. an update by the Secretariat on activities of the Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility;
  - iii. a report by the TFC Chair on work related to the rules of procedure of the Trade Facilitation Committee with a focus on an informal, open-ended meeting that had taken place on the matter on 13 October 2017;
  - iv. a reminder by the Secretariat of upcoming deadlines for the notification of definitive implementation dates as mandated by Article 16:4 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement;
  - v. the draft report of the TFC for 2017 to the Council for Trade in Goods (G/TFA/W/3/Rev.1).

**ANNEX I: NOTIFICATIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE  
SINCE THE TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO FORCE ON  
22 FEBRUARY 2017 UP UNTIL 3 NOVEMBER 2017**

**1. Notifications under Articles 15 and 16 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement**

MEMBER	DOCUMENT NUMBER	AREAS COVERED	DATE OF ISSUANCE
Burkina Faso	G/TFA/N/BFA/1	Category A	09/03/2017
Argentina	G/TFA/N/ARG/1	Category B	15/03/2017
Brazil	G/TFA/N/BRA/1	Categories A & B	17/03/2017
Mozambique	G/TFA/N/MOZ/1	Categories A, B & C	10/04/2017
Tonga	G/TFA/N/TON/1	Categories A, B & C	12/04/2017
Thailand	G/TFA/N/THA/1	Category B	24/05/2017
Botswana	G/TFA/N/BWA/1	Category B	31/05/2017
Montenegro	G/TFA/N/MNE/1	Categories A, B & C	31/05/2017
China	G/TFA/N/CHN/1	Category B	06/06/2017
Nigeria	G/TFA/N/NGA/1	Category B	14/06/2017
Pakistan	G/TFA/N/PAK/1 + Corr.1	Categories B &C	15/06/2017
Seychelles	G/TFA/N/SYC/1	Categories B & C	25/07/2017
Nicaragua	G/TFA/N/NIC/1	Categories B & C	27/07/2017
Guyana	G/TFA/N/GUY/1	Categories A, B & C	28/07/2017
Swaziland	G/TFA/N/SWZ/1	Categories A, B & C	03/08/2017
Armenia	G/TFA/N/ARM/1	Categories A, B & C	17/08/2017
Saint Kitts and Nevis	G/TFA/N/KNA/1	Categories A, B & C	17/08/2017
Cambodia	G/TFA/N/KHM/1	Categories A, B & C	31/08/2017
Brunei Darussalam	G/TFA/N/BRN/1 + Add.1	Categories A & B	12/09/2017
Jamaica	G/TFA/N/JAM/1	Categories B & C	12/10/2017
Mali	G/TFA/N/MLI/1	Categories A, B & C	27/10/2017

**2. Notifications under Articles 1:4, 10:4:3, 10:6:2 and 12:2:2 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement**

MEMBER	DOCUMENT NUMBER	AREAS COVERED	DATE OF ISSUANCE
Brazil	G/TFA/N/BRA/2	Art. 1.4 of the TFA	17/03/2017
Hong Kong, China	G/TFA/N/HKG/1	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2., 12.2.2 of the TFA	12/05/2017
United States of America	G/TFA/N/USA/1	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2., 12.2.2 of the TFA	13/06/2017
New Zealand	G/TFA/N/NZL/1	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2., 12.2.2 of the TFA	27/06/2017
Canada	G/TFA/N/CAN/1	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2., 12.2.2 of the TFA	03/07/2017
Switzerland	G/TFA/N/CHE/2	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2., 12.2.2 of the TFA	14/07/2017
European Union	G/TFA/N/EU/1	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2., 12.2.2 of the TFA	20/07/2017
Korea, Republic of	G/TFA/N/KOR/1	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2., 12.2.2 of the TFA	24/07/2017

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Japan	G/TFA/N/JPN/2	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2., 12.2.2 of the TFA	10/08/2017
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	G/TFA/N/MKD/1	Art. 1.4 of the TFA	22/09/2017
China	G/TFA/N/CHN/2	Art. 1.4 of the TFA	1/11/2017

### 3. Notifications under Article 22 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement

MEMBER	DOCUMENT NUMBER	AREAS COVERED	DATE OF ISSUANCE
Norway	G/TFA/N/NOR/1	Art. 22:1 & 2 of the TFA	11/05/2017
United States of America	G/TFA/N/USA/2	Art. 22:1 & 2 of the TFA	13/06/2017
Japan	G/TFA/N/JPN/1 + Rev.1	Art. 22:1 & 2 of the TFA	16/06/2017 + 27/06/2017
Switzerland	G/TFA/N/CHE/1	Art. 22:1 & 2 of the TFA	30/06/2017
Canada	G/TFA/N/CAN/2	Art. 22:1 & 2 of the TFA	03/07/2017
European Union	G/TFA/N/EU/2	Art. 22:1 & 2 of the TFA	20/07/2017
New Zealand	G/TFA/N/NZL/1	Art. 22:1 & 2 of the TFA	11/08/2017

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