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CANADA – MEASURES GOVERNING THE SALE OF WINE

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 7 May 2019, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body.

Paragraph 2(5) of the Working Procedures for the Panel proceedings in the dispute *Canada – Measures Governing the Sale of Wine (DS537)* provides:

The Panel shall circulate its Working Procedures and timetable, and any amendments thereto, to WTO Members through the DS document series for this dispute.

Accordingly, please find enclosed the additional Working Procedures on open panel meetings adopted by the Panel today.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this document to the DSB.

ADDITIONAL WORKING PROCEDURES FOR THE PANEL: OPEN MEETINGS

Adopted on 7 May 2019

1. Subject to the availability of suitable WTO meeting rooms, the Panel will open its first and second substantive meetings with the parties to the public ("open session") pursuant to paragraph 10(1) of its Working Procedures.¹
2. If the Panel or any of the parties considers it necessary to close any part of the substantive meetings ("closed session"), the Panel shall close the meeting immediately or convene a closed session at a time to be determined by the Panel.
3. The Panel will invite the parties to introduce the members of their delegations in a closed session at the beginning of the substantive meetings. The Panel will then start the open session with the parties' opening statements. After the parties' opening statements, each party will be given the opportunity to pose questions or make comments, through the Panel, on the other party's statement. The Panel may subsequently pose questions to the parties. Once the questioning has concluded, the Panel shall afford each party an opportunity to present a brief closing statement.
4. The Panel will start the third party session of its first substantive meeting with a session open to the public ("open third party session"). Each third party wishing to make its statement in the open third party session shall do so. After such third parties have made their statements, the parties will be given the opportunity, through the Panel, to pose questions on any matter raised in these third parties' submissions or statements. The Panel may subsequently pose questions to these third parties. If any of the third parties wishes to make its statement in a closed session ("closed third party session"), such session will be held immediately after the open third party session. The procedures for the open third party session will equally apply to the closed third party session.
5. During the first and second substantive meetings, the following persons shall be admitted into the meeting room:
 - Members of the Panel;
 - Members of the delegations of the parties;
 - Members of the delegations of the third parties, unless a party requests otherwise; and
 - WTO Secretariat staff assisting the Panel.
6. During the third party session of the first substantive meeting, the following persons shall be admitted into the meeting room:
 - Members of the Panel;
 - Members of the delegations of the parties;
 - Members of the delegations of the third parties; and
 - WTO Secretariat staff assisting the Panel.
7. Subject to the availability of suitable WTO meeting rooms, the open sessions of the substantive meetings and the open third party session of the first substantive meeting will be open to other WTO Members, Observers, staff members and registered members of the public *via* a live closed-circuit television broadcast to a separate viewing room in the WTO. The closed sessions of the meetings will not be filmed.
8. The viewings will be open to officials of WTO Members, Observers and staff members of the WTO Secretariat upon presentation of their official badges. No later than four weeks before the substantive meetings, the WTO Secretariat will place a notice on the WTO website informing the public of the open sessions. The notice shall include a link through which members of the public, including accredited journalists and representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations (NGOs), can register directly with the WTO. The date of the

¹ The Working Procedures of the Panel were circulated as document WT/DS537/10.

deadline for public registration will be communicated to the parties as soon as it has been established.
