

LAUNCH OF THE ON-LINE WTO DIRECTORY – THE E-DIRECTORY

Today, the WTO Secretariat is launching an on-line version of its WTO directory (Ver.1). This initiative is part of the Secretariat's efforts to move towards a paperless secretariat and thus contribute to reducing the carbon footprint of the Organization. The reproduction and distribution of the hard copy of the Directory, better known as the "Blue Book", will be discontinued with immediate effect. It is also part of a wider project that would provide for the online accreditation and registration of Members and Observers and further improve the Secretariat's operational services to the membership.

The new E-Directory will be available on the WTO Members' site.¹

<http://members.wto.org>

These projects will rely on the assistance by delegation coordinators nominated by Members and Observers. Once all delegation coordinators have been nominated, they will be able to provide updates of their respective data in the E-Directory directly. In this way, the E-Directory gives access to the latest available information which should greatly facilitate communication between Members, Observers and the Secretariat.

Delegations that have not already done so are encouraged to nominate their delegation coordinators as soon as possible, as requested in document WT/INF/160.

¹ Access using the official Documents Online password.