

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR MEETINGS OF
THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS

Adopted by the General Council on 31 July 1995

The Rules of Procedure for meetings of the General Council shall apply mutatis mutandis for meetings of the Council for Trade in Goods, except as provided below:

- (i) Rules 12, 13 and 14 of Chapter V (Officers) shall be modified to read as follows:

Rule 12

The Council for Trade in Goods shall elect a Chairperson* and may elect a Vice-Chairperson from among the representatives of Members. The election shall take place at the first meeting of the year and shall take effect at the end of the meeting. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall hold office until the end of the first meeting of the following year.

Rule 13

If the Chairperson is absent from any meeting or part thereof, the Vice-Chairperson shall perform the functions of the Chairperson. If no Vice-Chairperson was elected or if the Vice-Chairperson is not present the Council for Trade in Goods shall elect an interim Chairperson for that meeting or that part of the meeting.

Rule 14

If the Chairperson can no longer perform the functions of the office, the Council for Trade in Goods shall designate the Vice-Chairperson referred to in Rule 12 or, if no Vice-Chairperson was elected it shall elect an interim Chairperson to perform those functions pending the election of a new Chairperson.

- (ii) Rule 33 of Chapter VII (Decision-Making) shall be modified to read as follows:

Rule 33

Where a decision cannot be arrived at by consensus, the matter at issue shall be referred to the General Council for decision.**

- (iii) Rule 34 of Chapter VII (Decision-Making) is not applicable.

*The Council for Trade in Goods shall apply the relevant guidelines contained in the "Guidelines for Appointment of Officers to WTO Bodies" (WT/L/31).

**When an Annex 1A Agreement specifically requires a decision to be taken by consensus and the matter is referred to the General Council under this Rule, the General Council shall take the decision only by consensus.