



**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 |