



REPORT (2023) OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS

In accordance with the "Procedures for an Annual Overview of WTO Activities and for Reporting under the WTO" (WT/L/105), the Council for Trade in Goods (CTG, or the Council) is to prepare an annual report each year to the General Council on the activities in the Council as well as those in its subsidiary bodies. The reports are to be "factual in nature, containing an indication of actions and decisions taken, with cross-references to reports of subordinate bodies and could follow the model of the GATT 1947 Council reports to the CONTRACTING PARTIES".

Since its 2022 Annual Report (G/L/1463) was issued, the CTG met three times in formal session on the following dates: 3-4 April 2023¹; 6-7 July 2023²; and 30 November-1 December 2023³. Furthermore, the CTG met six times in informal mode, to consider the slate of names for the appointment of Chairpersons of the CTG's subsidiary bodies on 5 June 2023⁴; and to discuss MC12 implementation matters on 31 January 2023⁵; 27 February 2023⁶; 31 March 2023⁷; 31 May 2023⁸; and 19 September 2023.⁹

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7 See documents ICN/CTG/9, ICN/CTG/9/Add.1, ICN/CTG/9/Suppl.1, and JOB/CTG/27.

8 See documents ICN/CTG/10, ICN/CTG/10/Suppl.1 and JOB/CTG/28.

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1 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS

1.1. At its meeting of 3-4 April, the Council elected by acclamation Ambassador Dr Adamu Mohammed Abdulhamid (Nigeria) as its Chairperson for 2022-2023.

2 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE COUNCIL

2.1. At its meeting of 3-4 April, the Council suspended this agenda item pending further consultations. The process continued to be conducted by the then outgoing Chairperson of the Council for Trade in Goods, Mr Etienne Oudot de Dainville.

2.2. The Council reverted to this agenda item on 5 June¹⁰, when the Chairperson reported that consensus on the slate of names had been reached, and the Council for Trade in Goods agreed on the nominations of the following persons for election as Chairpersons of the subsidiary bodies of the Council for Trade in Goods for 2023-2024:

CTG Subsidiary Body	Candidate
Committee on Agriculture	Mr Kjetil TYSDAL (Norway)
Committee on Anti-dumping Practices	Mrs Ayşegül ŞAHINOĞLU YERDEŞ (Türkiye)
Committee on Customs Valuation	Mr Omar CISSE (Senegal)
Committee on Import Licensing	Mr Nat THARNPANICH (Thailand)
Committee on Market Access	Miss Renata CRISTALDO OVIEDO (Paraguay)
Committee on Rules of Origin	Mr Elia N. MTWEVE (Tanzania)
Committee on Safeguards	Mr Eungkil JEON (Republic of Korea)
Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	Mr Tayutic MENA RETANA (Costa Rica)
Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures	Mr James LESTER (New Zealand)
Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade	Ms Anna VITIE (Finland)
Committee on Trade Facilitation	Mr Carlos GUEVARA (Ecuador)
Committee on TRIMs	Mr Po-Feng HUANG (Chinese Taipei)
Committee of Participants on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products	Mr Don SPEDDING (Australia)
Working Party on State Trading Enterprises	Ms Laura Ulda CALLIGARO (Italy)

¹⁰ See document [G/C/M/145/Add.1](#).

3 MARKET ACCESS ISSUES

3.1 Collective waiver requests on the introduction of the Harmonized System 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017, and 2022

3.1. At its meeting of 30 November, the Council considered four requests for an extension of the collective waivers in connection with the introduction of Harmonized System 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017 and 2022 changes into WTO Schedules of Concessions. The Council approved the waiver extension requests and recommended that the draft decisions contained in documents [G/C/W/831](#), [G/C/W/832](#), [G/C/W/833](#), [G/C/W/834](#), and [G/C/W/835/Rev.1](#) be forwarded to the General Council for adoption.

4 NOTIFICATION OF REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

4.1. At its meetings of 3 April, 7 July, and 30 November, the Council was informed of the following notifications of regional trade agreements:

- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), Goods – Entry into Force for Chile ([WT/REG395/N/4](#));
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), Goods – Entry into Force for Malaysia ([WT/REG395/N/3](#));
- Free Trade Agreement between Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway and the United Kingdom, Goods – Entry into Force for Iceland ([WT/REG459/N/2](#));
- Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom, Norway and Iceland, Goods ([WT/REG430/N/2](#)) – Notification of Termination;
- Free Trade Agreement between Türkiye and the Kingdom of Denmark, Goods ([WT/REG466/N/1](#));
- Free Trade Agreement between Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway and the United Kingdom, Goods ([WT/REG459/N/1/ADD.1](#)) – Changes to Existing Agreement;
- Free Trade Agreement between El Salvador, Honduras and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu – Notification of Suspension between El Salvador and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, Goods ([WT/REG283/N/2](#));
- Free Trade Agreement between Colombia and Israel, Goods ([WT/REG468/N/1](#));
- Free Trade Agreement between Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway and the United Kingdom, Goods ([WT/REG459/N/2/ADD.1](#)) – Changes to Existing Agreement;
- Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement between India and Australia, Goods ([WT/REG473/N/1](#));
- Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and New Zealand, Goods ([WT/REG472/N/1](#));
- Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and Australia, Goods ([WT/REG471/N/1](#));
- Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Korea and Cambodia, Goods ([WT/REG470/N/1](#));
- Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between Indonesia and the Republic Of Korea, Goods ([WT/REG469/N/1](#));
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), Goods – Entry into Force for Brunei Darussalam ([WT/REG395/N/5](#));
- Free Trade Agreement between Türkiye and Georgia, Goods ([WT/REG261/N/1/ADD.1](#)) – Changes to Existing Agreement;
- Agreement on the Establishment of the Common Economic Zone, Goods – Notification of Withdrawal of Ukraine from the Agreement ([WT/REG254/N/2](#));
- Free Trade Agreement between Ukraine and North Macedonia, Goods – Changes to Existing Agreement ([WT/REG248/N/1/ADD.1](#));
- Free Trade Agreement between Türkiye and Montenegro, Goods - Changes to Existing Agreement ([WT/REG282/N/1/ADD.1](#)); and
- Free Trade Agreement between El Salvador, Honduras and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, Goods – Notification of Suspension between El Salvador and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu ([WT/REG283/N/3](#)).

5 STATUS OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENTS IN ANNEX 1A OF THE WTO AGREEMENT ([G/L/223/REV.30](#))

5.1. At its meeting of 3 April, the Council took note of document [G/L/223/Rev.30](#), informing Members about the status of notifications under the provisions of the Agreements in Annex IA of the WTO Agreement. In addition, the Chairperson drew Members' attention to the online Notifications Portal (<https://notifications.wto.org/en>), which sought to consolidate, under a single system, all general information concerning notifications and the information for the agreements on trade in goods summarized and presented following the template of document series [G/L/223/*](#).

6 MEMBERS' NON-RESPONSIVENESS TO QUESTIONS POSED BY OTHER MEMBERS AND MEMBERS' NON-NOTIFICATIONS OF ITEMS PURSUANT TO CERTAIN WTO AGREEMENTS – REQUEST FROM THE UNITED STATES

6.1. At its meetings of 3 April, 6 July, and 30 November, the United States requested the inclusion of two new agenda items, each including annexes with lists of those Members that have questions outstanding in CTG subsidiary bodies and non-notifications of items pursuant to certain WTO Agreements.¹¹ The United States reminded Members of their obligation to comply with their transparency obligations, and encouraged those Members requiring assistance and guidance to reach out to the Secretariat or other Members. The Council took note of the statements made by the various Members that took the floor.

7 MEASURES TO ALLOW GRADUATED LDCs, WITH GNP BELOW USD 1,000, BENEFITS PURSUANT TO ANNEX VII(B) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES ([WT/GC/W/752](#))

7.1. At its meeting of 6 July, the Council took note of the statements made by Bangladesh, on behalf of the LDC Group, and supported by Nepal, reiterating their request to Members to consider the proposal to allow graduated LDC Members to benefit from the exception provided under Article 27.2(a) of the SCM Agreement to developing Members listed in Annex VII(b); and clarified that the LDC Group's proposal on graduation submitted to the General Council was contained in document [WT/GC/W/807/Rev.2](#); and that the specific item on the ASCM in the LDC Graduation proposal would depend on a CTG decision. The United States noted information gaps and remained available to engage with the LDC Group, as did the European Union.

7.2. At its meeting of 30 November, the Council took note of the statements made by Djibouti, on behalf of the LDC Group, and supported by Bangladesh and Nepal, reiterating their request to Members to consider the proposal to allow graduated LDC Members to benefit from the exception provided under Article 27.2(a) of the SCM Agreement to developing Members listed in Annex VII(b). The United States reiterated that gaps in the information needed for the consideration of this proposal remained. The European Union noted that they remained available to engage with the LDC Group to explore a solution in this context.

8 PRINCIPLES GUIDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TRADE-RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES – COMMUNICATION FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP ([G/C/W/830](#))

8.1. At its meeting of 30 November, the Council took note of the communication from the African Group on Principles Guiding the Development and Implementation of Trade-Related Environmental Measures, set out in document [G/C/W/830](#). On behalf of the LDC Group, Djibouti noted that the document sets out important principles which should be recognized at the WTO in order to guarantee that efforts aimed at implementing measures in favour of trade and the environment do not lead to damaging consequences, particularly for LDCs and developing countries. Several Members thanked the African Group for their communication, expressing their interest in continuing the dialogue on trade-related environmental policies. While recognizing the importance of more transparency and dialogue on trade-related environmental policies, other Members were of the view that prescriptive principles for engagement were not necessary in the WTO, and observed that the principles referred

¹¹ [WTO/AIR/CTG/24/Rev.1](#) Annex 1 and 2; [WTO/AIR/CTG/25/Rev.1](#) Annex 1 and 2; [WTO/AIR/CTG/26/Rev.1](#) Annex 1 and 2.

to in the African Group's paper belong to different legal regimes and do not necessarily apply to every environmental policy being implemented.

9 G20 TRADE AND INVESTMENT MINISTERS' MEETING – UPDATE INCLUDING JAIPUR CALL ON ACTION FOR MSMEs – REQUEST FROM INDIA

9.1. At its meeting of 30 November, the Council took note of the updates presented by India concerning the G20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting held in August 2023, which had resulted in a Ministerial Declaration, including the Jaipur Call for Action, for enhancing access to information for MSMEs. More information about these outcomes, and how they could be relevant to the WTO's ongoing work were presented in room documents RD/MA/120 and RD/MA/121. The European Union, Switzerland, and the United States underlined the importance and the work they are engaged in on the topic, and expressed their interest and support for the implementation of the Jaipur Call for Action and the ongoing work by the ITC in this field, together with UNCTAD and the WTO.

10 ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA AND OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC TO THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC UNION (EAEU): PROCEDURES UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII:3 OF THE GATT 1994

10.1 Accession of the Republic of Armenia to the Eurasian Economic Union: Procedures under Article XXVIII:3 of the GATT 1994 – Communication from Armenia ([G/L/1110/Add.9](#))

10.1. At its meeting of 30 November, the Council took note of the information provided by Armenia relating to its renegotiations under Article XXVIII:3 of GATT 1994, following its accession to the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), and considered the extension of the deadline set out in document [G/L/1110/Add.9](#). The Council took note of the statements made by Armenia and approved the requested extension until 2 January 2025.

10.2 Accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Eurasian Economic Union: Procedures under Article XXVIII:3 of the GATT 1994 – Communication from the Kyrgyz Republic ([G/L/1137/Add.8](#))

10.2. At its meeting of 30 November, the Council took note of the information provided by the Kyrgyz Republic relating to its renegotiations under Article XXVIII:3 of GATT 1994 following its accession to the EAEU and considered the extension of the deadline set out in document [G/L/1137/Add.8](#). The Council took note of the statement made by the Kyrgyz Republic and approved the requested extension until 12 February 2025.

11 TRADE CONCERNS

11.1. At its meeting of 3 April, 41 trade concerns were brought to the Council's attention (see Annex 1), including the following four new trade concerns:

- i. United States, Japan, Netherlands – US-Japan-Netherlands Agreement on Chip Export Restrictions – Request from China;
- ii. United States – Section 301 Tariffs on Certain Goods from China – Request from China;
- iii. United States – Disruptive and Restrictive Measures in the Name of National Security – Request from China; and
- iv. India – Implementation of Conformity Assessment Policy through Quality Control Orders (QCOs) in Various Sectors – Request from Canada and the European Union.

11.2. At its meeting of 6 July, 37 trade concerns were brought to the Council's attention, all of them previously raised concerns. The full list of trade concerns considered at the 6 July CTG meeting is provided in Annex 2.

11.3. At its meeting of 30 November, 44 trade concerns were brought to the Council's attention (see Annex 3), including the following 8 new trade concerns:

- i. India – Import Licensing Measures on PCs, Tablets, and other Electronic Products – Request from China;
- ii. European Union – The Anti-Subsidy Investigation Against the Imports of Battery Electric Vehicles from China – Request from China;
- iii. India – Quality Control Order for Chemical and Petrochemical Substances – Request from Thailand;
- iv. France – Revised Electric Vehicle (EV) Subsidy Scheme – Request from the Republic of Korea;
- v. Peru – Tax Treatment of Pisco – Request from the United Kingdom;
- vi. China; Hong Kong, China; Macao, China; and the Russian Federation – Restriction on Imports of Aquatic Products from Japan after Discharge of ALPS Treated Water into the Sea – Request from Japan;
- vii. India – Viscose Staple Fiber (VSF) Import – Request from Indonesia; and
- viii. European Union – Anti-Dumping on Fatty Acid – Request from Indonesia.

12 MC12 IMPLEMENTATION MATTERS: FUNCTIONING OF THE CTG AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND WTO RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC

12.1. The CTG has held five informal meetings to discuss CTG-related MC12 implementation matters: 31 January 2023 ([ICN/CTG/7](#), [ICN/CTG/7/Add.1](#), and [JOB/CTG/20](#)); 27 February 2023 ([ICN/CTG/8](#), [ICN/CTG/8/Suppl.1](#), and [JOB/CTG/23](#)); 31 March 2023 ([ICN/CTG/9](#), [ICN/CTG/9/Add.1](#), [ICN/CTG/9/Suppl.1](#), and [JOB/CTG/27](#)); 31 May 2023 ([ICN/CTG/10](#), [ICN/CTG/10/Suppl.1](#) and [JOB/CTG/28](#)); and 19 September 2023 ([ICN/CTG/12](#), [ICN/CTG/12/Suppl.1](#) and [JOB/CTG/37](#)).

12.2. At its formal meetings of 3 April, 6 July and 30 November, the Chairperson reported on the work undertaken in this area.¹²

12.3. Regarding the **functioning of the CTG and its subsidiary bodies**, the CTG agreed to implement 27 changes with a view to improving its functioning, including 13 adopted through formal decisions¹³ and 14 where the Secretariat introduced changes to the way in which it supports the work of the Council following discussions with Members. The CTG's 14 subsidiary bodies submitted written reports summarizing their discussions and describing the improvements made since the conclusion of MC12. These reports have been collected and consolidated into a comprehensive draft report for the Goods area overall in document [JOB/CTG/39/Rev.3](#). At its formal meeting of 30 November, the Council considered the draft report and agreed to transmit this report to the General Council for consideration at its December meeting. The adopted version of the report was circulated in document [G/L/1523](#).

¹² See CTG Minutes of meetings in [G/C/M/145](#) section 7; [G/C/M/146](#) section 4; and G/C/M/147 (to be issued).

¹³ (i) An extension to 15 calendar days for requesting the inclusion of an agenda item; (ii) separating the trade concerns in the agenda as new and previously raised; (iii) including CTG trade concerns in the Trade Concerns Database; (iv) the introduction of the eAgenda on a trial basis; (v) the preparation of an annotated agenda for the 30 November meeting; (vi) default option for statements in the eAgenda; (vii) online availability of all documents in all three WTO languages for consideration during a meeting; (viii) encouraged online availability of presentations in all three WTO languages for consideration during a meeting; and (ix) annual WTO Digital Tools Overview Session. At the formal meeting of 30 November, it agreed new improvements relating to (i) the information regarding informal meetings; (ii) the Chairperson's follow-up note on actions following formal meetings; (iii) the CTG information hub; and (iv) the format and contents of the convening notice (Airgram). See [G/C/M/145](#) section 7, [JOB/CTG/27](#) and [JOB/CTG/28](#); [G/L/1481](#); [G/C/M/146](#) Section 4; [JOB/CTG/38](#); [G/L/1490](#), [GL/1522](#) and G/C/M/147 (to be issued).

12.4. Regarding the **WTO Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**, the Secretariat prepared a draft report in [JOB/CTG/35](#) at the request of the Chairperson of the Council for Trade in Goods further to the Council's informal meeting of 31 May 2023¹⁴, and followed the template proposed in [RD/CTG/20](#). The Chairperson of the CTG also conveyed these discussions to the Chairpersons of the CTG's 14 subsidiary bodies and invited them to a meeting that was held on 30 June 2023, where he explained the status of current work, and coordinated on how best to advance it.¹⁵

12.5. Further to discussions at the informal meeting of 19 September 2023 and comments from Members, a second revision was circulated in document [JOB/CTG/35/Rev.2](#) and [JOB/CTG/35/Rev.2/Add.1](#). At its formal meeting of 30 November, the Council considered the report and agreed to transmit this report to the General Council for consideration at its December meeting. The adopted version of the report was circulated in document [G/L/1521](#).

13 CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS

13.1. At its meeting of 30 November, the Council took note of the annual reports of its subsidiary bodies.

CTG Subsidiary Body	Report (Document Symbol)
Committee on Agriculture (COA)	G/L/1520
Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices (ADP)	G/L/1501
Committee on Customs Valuation (CV)	G/L/1516
Committee on Import Licensing (IL)	G/L/1512
Committee on Market Access (CMA)	G/L/1507
Committee on Rules of Origin (ROO)	G/L/1499
Committee on Safeguards (SG)	G/L/1503
Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS)	G/L/1519
Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (SCM)	G/L/1506
Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)	G/L/1518
Committee on Trade Facilitation (TF)	G/L/1514
Committee on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs)	G/L/1492
Committee of Participants on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products (ITA)	G/L/1510
Pre-shipment Inspection and Independent Entity	G/L/1517
Working Party on State Trading Enterprises (STEs)	G/L/1496

¹⁴ [JOB/CTG/33](#) and [JOB/CTG/37](#).

¹⁵ See document [JOB/CTG/33](#).

ANNEX 1
LIST OF TRADE CONCERNS CONSIDERED AT THE
CTG MEETING OF 3-4 APRIL 2023
(IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

No.	Agenda item	Trade concern	Member(s) raising the concern	Other Member(s) intervening
1	18	Australia – Discriminatory Market Access Prohibition on 5G Equipment – Request from China	China	
2	31	Australia, Canada, European Union, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and United States – Unilateral Trade Restrictive Measures – Request from the Russian Federation	Russian Federation	Korea, Republic of; Norway; Ukraine; Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
3	33	China – Administrative Measures for Registration of Overseas Producers of Imported Foods – Request from Australia and the United States	Australia; United States	Canada; European Union; Japan; Korea, Republic of; Chinese Taipei; United Kingdom
4	25	China – Cosmetics Supervision and Administration Regulations (CSAR) – Request from Australia, the European Union, Japan, and the United States	Australia; European Union; Japan; United States	Republic of Korea; New Zealand
5	42	China – Draft of Chinese Recommended National Standard for Office Devices – Request from Japan	Japan	European Union
6	43	China – Draft Revision of Chinese Government Procurement Law – Request from Japan	Japan	
7	41	China – Export Control Law – Request from Japan	Japan	Australia; European Union; United Kingdom
8	40	China – Implementation of Trade Disruptive and Restrictive Measures – Request from Australia	Australia	Canada; European Union; Japan; New Zealand; Chinese Taipei; United Kingdom; United States
9	34	China – Subsidy Transparency and China's Publication and Inquiry Point Obligations under China's Protocol of Accession – Request from Australia, Canada, the European Union, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States	Australia; Canada; European Union; Japan; United Kingdom; United States	New Zealand
10	35	Egypt – Halal Certification Measure, Based on Egyptian Standard ES 4249/2014 General Requirements for Halal Food According to Islamic Sharia – Request from Canada and the United States	Canada; United States	European Union; New Zealand; Paraguay; United Kingdom
11	47	Egypt – Mandatory Use of Letter of Credit as Payment Condition for Imports – Request from the European Union	European Union	Norway
12	19	European Union – Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism – Request from China, Indonesia, and the Russian Federation	China; Indonesia; Russian Federation	Brazil; Egypt; India; Japan; Kazakhstan; Korea, Republic of; Paraguay; Thailand; Türkiye
13	20	European Union – Deforestation-Free Commodities – Request from Indonesia and the Russian Federation	Indonesia; Russian Federation	Brazil; Paraguay; Türkiye
14	32	European Union – Draft Commission Regulation Amending Annexes II and V to Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as Regards Maximum Residue Levels for Clothianidin and Thiamethoxam in or on Certain Products – Request from the United States	United States	Argentina; Brazil; Colombia; Ecuador; Guatemala; India; Japan; New Zealand; Paraguay; Uruguay
15	8	European Union – Implementation of Non-Tariff Barriers on Agricultural Products – Request from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the United States, and Uruguay (G/C/W/767/Rev.1)	Australia; Brazil; Canada; Colombia; Costa Rica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Guatemala; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; United States; Uruguay	India; Japan
16	9	European Union – Proposed Modification of TRQ Commitments: Systemic Concerns – Request from Uruguay	Uruguay	Brazil; Paraguay
17	11	European Union – Quality Schemes for Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs – The Registration of Certain Terms of Cheese as Geographical Indications – Request from New Zealand and Uruguay	New Zealand; Uruguay	
18	48	European Union – Regulation (EU) 2017/2321 and Regulation (EU) 2018/825 – Request from the Russian Federation	Russian Federation	

No.	Agenda item	Trade concern	Member(s) raising the concern	Other Member(s) intervening
19	17	European Union – Sweden's Discriminatory Market Access Prohibition on 5G Equipment – Request from China	China	
20	21	European Union – The European Green Deal – Request from the Russian Federation	Russian Federation	
21	46	India – Implementation of Conformity Assessment Policy through Quality Control Orders (QCOs) in Various Sectors – Request from Canada and the European Union	Canada; European Union	Japan; United Kingdom
22	12	India – Import Policies on Tyres – Request from Canada; the European Union; Indonesia; the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; and Thailand	Canada; European Union; Indonesia; Chinese Taipei; Thailand	Thailand
23	13	India – Import Restriction on Air Conditioners – Request from Japan and Thailand	Japan; Thailand	Korea, Republic of
24	36	India – Order Related to Requirement of Non-GM cum GM free Certificate Accompanied with Imported Food Consignment – Request from the United States	United States	Argentina; Canada; Japan; Paraguay; Uruguay
25	28	India – Restrictions on Imports of Certain Pulses – Request from Australia, Canada, the European Union, and the United States	Australia; Canada; European Union; United States	Argentina
26	26	Indonesia – Commodity Balance Mechanism – Request from the European Union	European Union	Japan; Korea, Republic of; Switzerland; United States
27	27	Indonesia – Import and Export Restricting Policies and Practices – Request from the European Union, Japan, and New Zealand	European Union; Japan; New Zealand	Canada; India; Switzerland; United States
28	39	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, the State of Kuwait, Oman, and Qatar – Selective Tax on Certain Imported Products – Request from Switzerland and the United States	Switzerland; United States	European Union
29	37	Mexico – Conformity Assessment Procedure under Mexican Official Standard NOM-223-SCFI/SAGARPA-2018, "Cheese Names, Specifications, Commercial Information, and Test Methods", published on 31 January 2019 – Request from the United States	United States	New Zealand
30	14	Nepal – Import Ban on Energy Drinks – Request from Thailand	Thailand	
31	30	Pakistan – Import Restrictions and Discriminatory Treatment on Foodstuffs and Consumer Goods – Request from the European Union	European Union	
32	38	Panama – Onions and Potatoes Harvest Life and Sprouting Requirements – Request from Canada and the United States	Canada; United States	
33	10	United Kingdom – Draft Goods Schedule and Proposed UK TRQ Commitments: Systemic Concerns – Request from Uruguay	Uruguay	
34	22	United Kingdom – UK Environmental Act: Forest Risk Commodities – Request from Indonesia	Indonesia	
35	16	United States – A Series of Disruptive Policy Measures on the Global Semiconductor Industry Chain and Supply Chain – Request from China	China	
36	44	United States – Discriminatory Arrangements on Steel and/or Aluminum – Request from China	China	Türkiye
37	45	United States – Disruptive and Restrictive Measures in the Name of National Security – Request from China	China	
38	29	United States – Import Restrictions on Apples and Pears – Request from the European Union	European Union	
39	24	United States – Section 301 Tariffs on Certain Goods from China – Request from China	China	
40	23	United States–Japan–Netherlands – Agreement on Chip Export Restrictions – Request from China	China	
41	15	United States – Trade Distorting and Discriminatory Subsidies Measures of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 – Request from China	China	Russian Federation; Switzerland

ANNEX 2
LIST OF TRADE CONCERNS CONSIDERED AT THE
CTG MEETING OF 6-7 JULY 2023
(IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

No.	Agenda item	Trade concern	Member(s) raising the concern	Other Member(s) intervening
		A. NEW TRADE CONCERNS		
		Nil		
		B. PREVIOUSLY RAISED TRADE CONCERNS		
1	23	Australia – Discriminatory Market Access Prohibition on 5G Equipment – Request from China	China	
2	44	Australia, Canada, European Union, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and United States – Unilateral Trade Restrictive Measures – Request from the Russian Federation	Russian Federation	Korea, Republic of; Moldova, Republic of; Norway; Ukraine
3	11	China – Administrative Measures for Registration of Overseas Producers of Imported Foods – Request from Australia, the European Union, and the United States	Australia; European Union; United States	Canada; Japan; Korea, Republic of; Chinese Taipei; United Kingdom
4	12	China – Cosmetics Supervision and Administration Regulations (CSAR) – Request from Australia, the European Union, Japan, and the United States	Australia; European Union; Japan; United States	Korea, Republic of; New Zealand
5	30	China – Draft of Chinese Recommended National Standard for Office Devices – Request from Japan	Japan	European Union; Philippines
6	31	China – Draft Revision of Chinese Government Procurement Law – Request from Japan	Japan	
7	32	China – New Export Control Law in Draft – Request from the European Union and Japan	European Union; Japan	Australia; Canada; Korea, Republic of; Switzerland; United Kingdom
8	9	China – Implementation of Trade Disruptive and Restrictive Measures – Request from Australia	Australia	Canada; European Union; Japan; New Zealand; Chinese Taipei; United Kingdom; United States
9	13	China – Subsidy Transparency and China's Publication and Inquiry Point Obligations under China's Protocol of Accession – Request from Australia, Canada, the European Union, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States	Australia; Canada; European Union; Japan; United Kingdom; United States	New Zealand
10	16	Egypt – Halal Certification Measure, Based on Egyptian Standard ES 4249/2014 General Requirements for Halal Food According to Islamic Sharia – Request from Canada, the European Union, and the United States	Canada; European Union; United States	New Zealand; Paraguay
11	22	European Union – Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism – Request from Brazil, China, Indonesia, and the Russian Federation	Brazil; China; Indonesia; Russian Federation	India; Japan; Kazakhstan; Korea, Republic of; Paraguay; Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of; Thailand; Türkiye
12	39	European Union – Deforestation-Free Commodities – Request from Brazil, Indonesia and the Russian Federation	Brazil; Indonesia; Russian Federation	Argentina; Ecuador; India; Paraguay; Peru; Türkiye
13	10	European Union – Draft Commission Regulation Amending Annexes II and V to Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as Regards Maximum Residue Levels for Clothianidin and Thiamethoxam in or on Certain Products – Request from the United States	Australia; Brazil; United States	Argentina; Costa Rica; Ecuador; India; Japan; New Zealand; Paraguay; Uruguay
14	8	European Union – Implementation of Non-Tariff Barriers on Agricultural Products – Request from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Panama, Paraguay, the United States, and Uruguay (G/C/W/767/Rev.1)	Australia; Brazil; Canada; Costa Rica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Guatemala; Panama; Paraguay; United States; Uruguay	Argentina; India; Japan
15	33	European Union – Renegotiation of Tariff Rate Quota Commitments in Response to BREXIT: Systemic Concerns – Request from Uruguay	Uruguay	Paraguay

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16	35	European Union – Quality Schemes for Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs – The Registration of Certain Terms of Cheese as Geographical Indications – Request from New Zealand and Uruguay	New Zealand; Uruguay	Argentina
17	43	European Union – Regulation (EU) 2017/2321 and Regulation (EU) 2018/825 – Request from the Russian Federation	Russian Federation	
18	21	European Union – Sweden's Discriminatory Market Access Prohibition on 5G Equipment – Request from China	China	
19	40	European Union – The European Green Deal – Request from the Russian Federation	Russian Federation	Uruguay
20	26	India – Implementation of Conformity Assessment Policy through Quality Control Orders (QCOs) in Various Sectors – Request from Canada and the European Union	Canada; European Union	Japan; United Kingdom
21	25	India – Import Policies on Tyres – Request from Canada; the European Union; Indonesia; the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; and Thailand	Canada; European Union; Indonesia; Chinese Taipei; Thailand	
22	29	India – Import Restriction on Air Conditioners – Request from Japan and Thailand	Japan; Thailand	Korea, Republic of
23	14	India – Order Related to Requirement of Non-GM cum GM Free Certificate Accompanied with Imported Food Consignment – Request from the United States	United States	Argentina; Canada; Japan; Paraguay; Uruguay
24	15	India – Restrictions on Imports of Certain Pulses – Request from Australia, Canada, the European Union, and the United States	Australia; Canada; European Union; United States	Argentina
25	36	Indonesia – Commodity Balance Mechanism – Request from the European Union and Japan	European Union; Japan	Korea, Republic of; Switzerland; United Kingdom; United States
26	27	Indonesia – Import and Export Restricting Policies and Practices – Request from the European Union, Japan, and New Zealand	European Union; Japan; New Zealand	Canada; Switzerland; United States
27	18	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, the State of Kuwait, Oman, and Qatar – Selective Tax on Certain Imported Products – Request from the European Union, Switzerland and the United States	European Union; Switzerland; United States	
28	24	Mexico – Conformity Assessment Procedure under Mexican Official Standard NOM-223-SCFI/SAGARPA-2018, "Cheese Names, Specifications, Commercial Information, and Test Methods", published on 31 January 2019 – Request from the United States	United States	New Zealand
29	42	Nepal – Import Ban on Energy Drinks – Request from Thailand	Thailand	
30	17	Panama – Onions and Potatoes Harvest Life and Sprouting Requirements – Request from Canada and the United States	Canada; United States	
31	41	Sri Lanka – Import Ban on Various Products – Request from Thailand	Thailand	
32	34	United Kingdom – Draft Goods Schedule and Proposed UK TRQ Commitments: Systemic Concerns – Request from Uruguay	Uruguay	Paraguay
33	20	United States – A Series of Disruptive Policy Measures on the Global Semiconductor Industry Chain and Supply Chain – Request from China	China	Russian Federation
34	38	United States – Disruptive and Restrictive Measures in the Name of National Security – Request from China	China	
35	28	United States – Import Restrictions on Apples and Pears – Request from the European Union	European Union	
36	37	US-Japan-Netherlands Agreement on Export Controls for Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment – Request from China	China	
37	19	United States – Trade Distorting and Discriminatory Subsidies Measures of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 – Request from China	China	Russian Federation

ANNEX 3
LIST OF TRADE CONCERNS CONSIDERED AT THE
CTG MEETING OF 30 NOVEMBER–1 DECEMBER 2023
(IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

No.	Agenda item	Trade concern	Member(s) raising the concern	Other Member(s) intervening
A. NEW TRADE CONCERNS				
1	17	China; Hong Kong, China; Macao, China; and the Russian Federation – Restriction on Imports of Aquatic Products from Japan after Discharge of ALPS Treated Water into the Sea	Japan	Canada; United Kingdom; United States
2	19	European Union - Anti-Dumping on Fatty Acid	Indonesia	
3	13	European Union – The Anti-Subsidy Investigation Against the Imports of Battery Electric Vehicles from China	China	
4	15	France – Revised Electric Vehicle (EV) Subsidy Scheme	Republic of Korea	China; Japan
5	12	India – Import Licensing Measures on PCs, Tablets, and other Electronic Products	China	Korea, Republic of; Chinese Taipei; United States
6	14	India - Quality Control Order for Chemical and Petrochemical Substances	Thailand	
7	18	India – Viscose Staple Fiber (VSF) Import	Indonesia	
9	15	Peru – Tax Treatment of Pisco	United Kingdom	European Union
B. PREVIOUSLY RAISED TRADE CONCERNS				
10	36	Australia, Canada, European Union, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States – Unilateral Trade Restrictive Measures Against Russia (ID 189)	Russian Federation	Republic of Korea; Ukraine
11	20	China – Administrative Measures for Registration of Overseas Producers of Imported Foods (ID 174)	Australia; United States	Canada; European Union; Japan; Korea, Republic of; Chinese Taipei
12	21	China – Cosmetics Supervision and Administration Regulations (CSAR) (ID 169)	European Union; Japan; United States	Korea, Republic of; New Zealand
13	51	China – Draft of Chinese Recommended National Standard (GB/T) for Office Devices (Information Security Technology-Security Specification for Office Devices) (ID 201)	Japan	
14	50	China – Draft Revision of Chinese Government Procurement Law (ID 202)	Japan	
15	52	China – Export Control Law and Restrictions on Trade in Strategic Products (ID 112)	European Union; Japan	Australia; Canada; Korea, Republic of; Switzerland; United Kingdom; United States
16	47	China – Implementation of Trade Disruptive and Restrictive Measures (ID 152)	Australia	Canada; European Union; Japan; New Zealand; Chinese Taipei; United Kingdom; United States
17	34	China – Subsidy Transparency and China's Publication and Inquiry Point Obligations Under China's Protocol of Accession (ID 170)	Australia; Canada; Japan; United Kingdom; United States	European Union; New Zealand
18	22	Egypt – Halal Certification Requirements for Imported Food and Beverage Products (ID 191)	European Union; United States	Canada; New Zealand; Paraguay; Switzerland
19	38	European Union – Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (ID 148)	China; Indonesia; Russian Federation	Brazil; India; Japan; Korea, Republic of; Paraguay; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; South Africa; Chinese Taipei; Türkiye; Uruguay;
20	35	European Union – Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/334 Regarding Maximum Residue Levels for Clothianidin and Thiamethoxam in or on Certain Products (ID 200)	Australia; United States	Argentina; Brazil; Canada; Ecuador; India; New Zealand; Paraguay; Uruguay
21	39	European Union – Deforestation Free Commodities (ID 203)	Colombia; Indonesia; Paraguay; Russian Federation	Argentina; Brazil; Ecuador; Guatemala; India; Peru; South Africa; Türkiye; United States

No.	Agenda item	Trade concern	Member(s) raising the concern	Other Member(s) intervening
22	19	European Union – Implementation of Non-Tariff Barriers on Agricultural Products (ID 137)	Australia; Canada; Colombia; Costa Rica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Guatemala; Paraguay; United States; Uruguay	Argentina; Brazil; India; Japan; Panama
23	53	European Union – Proposed Modification of TRQ Commitments: Systemic Concerns (ID 127)	Uruguay	Paraguay
24	31	European Union – Quality Schemes for Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs – The Registration of Certain Terms of Cheese as Geographical Indications (ID 119)	New Zealand; Uruguay	Argentina
25	46	European Union – Regulation (EU) 2017/2321 and Regulation (EU) 2018/825 (ID 144)	Russian Federation	
26	40	European Union – The European Green Deal (ID 171)	Russian Federation	Paraguay
27	29	India – Implementation of Conformity Assessment Policy Through Quality Control Orders (QCOs) in Various Sectors (ID 206)	Canada; European Union	Japan; United Kingdom
28	37	India – Import Policies on Tyres (ID 165)	European Union; Indonesia; Chinese Taipei; Thailand	Canada
29	41	India – Import Restriction on Air Conditioners (ID 161)	Japan; Thailand	Korea, Republic of
30	23	India – Order Related To Requirement of Non-GM Cum GM Free Certificate Accompanied with Imported Food Consignment (ID 175)	United States	Argentina; Canada; Japan; Paraguay; Uruguay
31	27	India – Restrictions on Imports of Certain Pulses (ID 125)	Australia; Canada; European Union; United States	Argentina
32	32	Indonesia – Commodity Balance Mechanism (ID 173)	European Union; Japan; United States	Korea, Republic of; Switzerland; United Kingdom
33	30	Indonesia – Import and Export Restricting Policies and Practices (ID 51)	European Union; Japan; New Zealand	Canada; United States
34	25	Mexico – Conformity Assessment Procedure Under Mexican Official Standard NOM-223-SCFI/SAGARPA-2018, "Cheese Names, Specifications, Commercial Information, and Test Methods," Published on 31 January 2019 (ID 162)	United States	New Zealand
35	42	Nepal – Import Ban on Energy Drinks (ID 181)	Thailand	
36	24	Panama – Onions and Potatoes Harvest Life and Sprouting (ID 177)	United States	Canada
37	26	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, the State of Kuwait, Oman, and Qatar – Selective Tax on Certain Imported Products (ID 120)	European Union; Switzerland; United States	
38	43	Sri Lanka – Import Ban on Various Products (ID 157)	Thailand	
39	54	United Kingdom – Draft Goods Schedule and Proposed UK TRQ Commitments: Systemic Concerns (ID 145)	Uruguay	Paraguay
40	48	United States – A Series of Disruptive Policy Measures on the Global Semiconductor Industry Chain and Supply Chain (ID 195)	China	
41	49	United States – Disruptive and Restrictive Measures in the Name of National Security (ID 205)	China	
42	28	United States – Import Restrictions on Apples and Pears (ID 146)	European Union	
43	33	United States, Japan, Netherlands – US-Japan-Netherlands Agreement on Chip Export Restrictions (ID 204)	China	
44	44	United States – Section 301 Tariffs on Certain Goods From China (ID 117)	China	
45	45	United States – Trade Distorting and Discriminatory Subsidies Measures of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (ID 194)	China	