



Committee on Market Access

**PROCEDURES FOR THE DERESTRICTION OF
THE URUGAY ROUND NEGOTIATING MATERIALS**

Revision

Following the discussions held by the Committee at its informal meetings of 1 February 2022 and 27 June 2022¹, the Secretariat has prepared a draft Decision (document G/MA/W/177 and Corr.1) proposing the general derestriction of the Uruguay Round bilateral negotiating materials, including an annex with the inventory of the specific documents. The documents proposed for derestriction have already been made available to Members for review.² They will remain restricted until the derestriction process has been completed.

Members shall inform the Secretariat no later than 23 September 2022 of any document in the list which they consider should remain restricted for a further period of time. In the absence of such a communication, it will be understood that all the documents listed in the inventory can be derestricted.

The draft Decision and its annex will be circulated by the Secretariat and included in the agenda of the formal meeting of the Committee, to be held on 18-19 October 2022, for Members' consideration and action. As per the usual procedures, once the Committee approves the draft Decision, it would be forwarded to the General Council, through the Council for Trade in Goods, for appropriate action. The documents authorized by the Members will only be derestricted as from the date indicated in the General Council Decision.

¹ Documents ICN/MA/6 and ICN/MA/7.

² The inventory of documents was originally circulated to Members on 26 April 2021. Members had an initial period of six months, until 31 October 2021, to review the documents. At Members' request, this deadline was extended twice (until 30 November 2021 and 28 January 2022).