



## INFORMAL WORKING GROUP ON MSMEs

### MSMEs AND TRADE STATISTICS

The following communication, dated 12 November 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Coordinator of the Informal Working Group on MSMEs. The purpose of this submission is to kick-off discussions on the importance of trade statistics linked to firm-size characteristics for understanding MSME-trade with the view of developing possible language for a Ministerial Declaration.

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#### DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON CYBERSECURITY FOR MSME TRADERS

*Recognizing* that current trade data has limitations for analysing MSME-specific participation in international trade;

*Acknowledging* that value chains are an important entry point for MSME international trade integration;

*Seeking* a better understanding of the role of MSMEs in global value chains;

*Desiring* increased coordination and granularity of trade data;

*Recommends* that:

1. Members encourage national efforts to gather trade statistics that include enterprise characteristics (such as information on firm size) to better understand MSMEs' roles in global value chains and the impact of policies aimed at increasing MSME integration in international trade.
  2. Members support efforts at the OECD to expand the TiVA database to include more detailed statistics, including enterprise characteristics.
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