ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA BECOMES GATT MEMBER

Antigua and Barbuda has become, with effect from 30 March, a contracting party to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Antigua and Barbuda became independent from the United Kingdom in November 1981 and has since applied the GATT rules in its trade on a de facto basis. Having now decided to seek full GATT membership, it has been able, through a simple declaration to this effect, to become a contracting party under Article XXVI of the General Agreement.

The accession of Antigua and Barbuda brings the total of GATT members to 93. In addition, one country has acceded provisionally to GATT, and 30 in practice apply the rules of GATT in their commercial policy.