



WORKSHOP ON AGRICULTURE NOTIFICATIONS

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, 22-24 SEPTEMBER 2009

ROOM CR-I

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 22 September	
8:00-8:30	REGISTRATION
8:30-9:00	OPENING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Valeria Csukasi, Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture (regular session)- Mr. Clem Boonekamp, Director, Agriculture and Commodities Division (AGCD)
9:00-9:30	OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS <p><i>The notification requirements and formats adopted by the Committee in 1995 will be introduced in each substantive area, based on documents G/AG/2 and G/AG/2/Add.1.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Majda Petschen, Counsellor, AGCD; Secretary, Committee on Agriculture (regular session)
9:30-10:30	PRESENTATION OF EXISTING TOOLS: SCHEDULES, DOCS ONLINE, ETC. <p><i>Participants will be introduced to those currently available tools (such as Schedules of commitments, Supporting Tables, Notifications Handbook, etc.) that they may wish to consult when preparing and analyzing agriculture notifications.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will also learn how to identify and retrieve agriculture notifications using the Central Registry of Notifications (CRN) search interface of Documents Online, which is the WTO web archive of official documents. Documents Online is currently under re-development and the new application is scheduled for release in the second half of 2010. Hence, the features of the new application will also be briefly described.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Tatyana Petrova, Economic Affairs Officer, AGCD- Mr. John Dickson, Chief of Section, Official Documents and Records - Languages, Documentation and Information and Management Division
<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:45-11:30	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND FORMATS: TARIFF AND OTHER QUOTAS (TABLES MA:1 AND MA:2) <p><i>Who is required to notify the administration of, and imports under, tariff and other quotas? When? For which products? In what format? What are the data needs?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Majda Petschen

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11:30-12:30	<p>SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND FORMATS: SPECIAL SAFEGUARD (TABLES MA:3 TO MA:5)</p> <p><i>Who is required to notify the recourse to Article 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture? When? For which products? In what format? What are the data needs?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Diwakar Dixit, Economic Affairs Officer, AGCD
<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:00-14:45	<p>PRACTICAL EXERCISE: SPECIAL SAFEGUARD (SSG)</p> <p><i>This session will provide hands-on experience in calculating the trigger level for the volume-based SSG to be notified in Table MA:3; and will concentrate on data needs for both volume- and price-based (Table MA:4) safeguards.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diwakar Dixit
14:45-15:45	<p>PRESENTATION OF EXISTING TOOLS: THE INTEGRATED DATA BASE (IDB) AND THE CONSOLIDATED TARIFF SCHEDULE (CTS)</p> <p><i>The contents of these two databases, i.e. the IDB and the CTS, will be briefly introduced with a special focus on the availability of agriculture-related data and query tools allowing users to identify and extract and download the relevant information.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Antonia Diakantoni, Senior Statistical Officer, IDB, Economic Research and Statistics Division - Ms Alya Belkhodja, Senior Statistical Officer, IDB, Economic Research and Statistics Division
<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:00-16:30	<p>PRESENTATION OF EXISTING TOOLS: AGRICULTURE WEBSITE</p> <p><i>The recently-revamped public website will be presented. Participants will be shown how to retrieve agriculture notifications and other information related to the work of the Committee on Agriculture through the scripts on http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/agric_e.htm.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Steve Cooper, Internet Coordinator, Web Team, Information and External Relations Division
16:30-17:30	<p>BUILDING TECHNICAL CAPACITY TO PREPARE/ANALYZE NOTIFICATIONS IN THE MARKET ACCESS AREA: MEMBERS' EXPERIENCES AND BEST PRACTICES</p> <p><i>Workshop participants will share experiences and best practices by describing the challenges they have faced in preparing, submitting and analyzing notifications in the market access area and how they have overcome those challenges.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Emalene Marcus-Burnett, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Barbados, Geneva - Ms Ruth Montes de Oca S., Director of the Office of Agricultural Trade Agreements, Ministry of Agriculture, Dominican Republic - Mr. Vincent Lin, Agricultural Affairs, Permanent Mission of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu to the WTO - Mr. Kazuhiro Takahashi, Director for WTO Negotiations, International Affairs Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan

Wednesday, 23 September	
8:30–10:00	<p>SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND FORMATS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXPORT SUBSIDY COMMITMENTS (TABLES ES:1 TO ES:3) • EXPORT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS (TABLE ER:1) • MONITORING OF THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE NFIDC DECISION (TABLE NF:1) <p><i>Who is required to notify? When? For which products? In what format? What are the data needs?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Majda Petschen and Tatyana Petrova
10:00-10:45	<p>BUILDING TECHNICAL CAPACITY TO PREPARE/ANALYZE NOTIFICATIONS IN THE EXPORT SUBSIDIES AREA: MEMBERS' EXPERIENCES AND BEST PRACTICES</p> <p><i>Workshop participants will share experiences and best practices by describing the challenges they have faced in preparing, submitting and analyzing notifications in the export subsidy area and how they have overcome those challenges.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ken Gordon, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Australia to the WTO - Mr. Jose Alberto Cuellar, Specialist on Agriculture and Trade Policy Evaluation, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food, Mexico - Mr. Henk Kok, Administrative Assistant – Negotiator, European Commission, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development – WTO Unit
<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00-12:30	<p>SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND FORMATS: DOMESTIC SUPPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CURRENT TOTAL AMS (TABLE DS:1 AND SUPPORTING TABLES DS:1 TO DS:9) • NEW OR MODIFIED EXEMPT MEASURES (TABLE DS:2) <p><i>Who is required to notify? When? Which domestic support policies? In what format? What are the data needs?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Alicja Wielgus, Counsellor, AGCD
<i>Lunch break</i>	

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14:00-15:30	<p>PRACTICAL EXERCISE: DOMESTIC SUPPORT</p> <p><i>Participants will gain hands-on experience in calculating the Current Total AMS and examples of classification of agricultural policies in the exempt and non-exempt categories of domestic support will be provided.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alicja Wielgus
<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:45-16:45	<p>BUILDING TECHNICAL CAPACITY TO PREPARE/ANALYZE NOTIFICATIONS IN THE DOMESTIC SUPPORT AREA: MEMBERS' EXPERIENCES AND BEST PRACTICES</p> <p><i>Workshop participants will share experiences and best practices by describing the challenges they have faced in preparing, submitting and analyzing notifications in the domestic support area and how they have overcome those challenges.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Miguel Donatelli, Multilateral Affairs Coordinator (WTO), National Market Directorate, Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food, Argentina - Mr. Lars Brink, Expert Advisor, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada - Mrs. Aisha Humera Moriani, Economic Counsellor, Pakistan's Permanent Mission to the WTO - Ms Anne Effland, Social Science Analyst, Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture
16:45-17:30	<p>DISCUSSION OF PARTICIPANTS' ACTION PLANS</p> <p><i>Participants will be invited to identify specific actions to tackle any problems faced in preparing, submitting or analyzing notifications. For example, ways to enhance the technical and institutional capacity and know-how related to notifications could be identified by means of an Action Plan with a view to ensuring that the relevant notification obligations are fulfilled in a timely manner.</i></p> <p><i>It is also envisaged that the Action Plans could become useful means and starting points for the relevant stakeholders to consider any mentoring or further technical assistance, either from the Secretariat or from other Members having knowledge and experience in the identified areas.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valeria Csukasi

Thursday, 24 September	
10:00	COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE (56TH REGULAR SESSION)
15:00-16:45	<p>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE REVIEW PROCESS – Valeria Csukasi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PURPOSE AND PROCEDURES OF THE REVIEW PROCESS • INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REVIEW PROCESS: MEMBERS' EXPERIENCES AND BEST PRACTICES <p><i>The participants will share experiences and best practices with respect to their participation in the Review Process under the Committee on Agriculture by describing any problems they encountered, the domestic system/institutional framework implemented to address these problems as well as the institutional capacity building necessary to preserve and transfer know-how related to notifications and/or participation in the Review Process.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Gerda van Dijk, Minister (Agriculture), South African Mission, Geneva - Mrs. Alma Sonia Nuila, Chief of International Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Economy, El Salvador - Mr. Md. Motaher Hussain, Economic Minister, Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, Geneva - Mr. Jonas Skei, Counsellor (Agriculture), Permanent Mission of Norway to the WTO - Mr. Luís Cláudio Carmona, Advisor of the Department of Multilateral Commercial Negotiations, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply, Brazil
16:45-17:00	<p>CLOSING SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valeria Csukasi - Majda Petschen