

## **Progress Report on Developing the APTA RoOs & NTMs database**

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## **Presentation structure**

**Part I: Context of database**

**Part II: Work undertaken**

**Part III: Future road map**

## Part I: Context of database

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### Purpose of developing the database

- Relatively low awareness of APTA
  - Stakeholders' low awareness (Government officials, Academia, Business Sector and the Public) → Low support/utilization.
  - insufficient information on the earlier web site.
- Information needs/requests from the business sector
  - Lack of information on tariff concession items led to relatively low utilization rate of this Preferential Regional Trade Agreement.
  - Difficulty in accessing and lack of other relevant information.
- Requests from APTA Participating States on upgrading the Web site: The 3<sup>rd</sup> session of APTA Ministerial Council held in Seoul, Dec. 2009.
  - ⇒ With the conclusion of 4<sup>th</sup> Round where more than 10,000 items will be covered, it is essential to disseminate this information to increase the utilization of the Agreement.

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## Website of APTA

### General Information (existing)

- Background of APTA: Basic information including history and introduction
- APTA materials: The Agreement, Concession list, Framework Agreements, RoO, etc.
- Information on the Standing Committee & the Ministerial Council sessions
- News and recent activities and fact sheets.
- Research study reports related to APTA (to be uploaded)

### Database + Query system ( to develop)

- **Database: Tariffs concession, RoOs, NTMs**
- **Query system: in searchable mode with menu command**
- APTA-related research studies and reports.
- Detailed trade information on Participating States  
(e.g. trade profile and statistics)



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## Preparation of APTA NTMs database: earlier work

- Funded by the XB (KECF) project on APTA promotion.
- Recruited two consultants
  - One for preparing the dataset and the other for designing a web-based database template
- Prepared the NTMs dataset
  - Developed the dataset in MS EXCEL format.
  - Based on notifications on NTMs of each Participating State to WTO
- Developed a web-based database template
  - Developed NTMs search engine (but not in public domain)
  - Online query interface for the current concession list



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## Preparation of APTA NTMs database: earlier work's problems/limitations

- Database was not completed
  - covered items at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round concessions
- The database included items on which no concessions were available



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## Earlier dataset of NTMs (example)

HS_description	keywords	Objective	SPS/TBT	description	doclink	margin	Concession	BSs	HS
Bovine animals, live	Live cattle, buffalo, sheep and goat; bovine, ovine and caprine embryo or ova; fresh meat, meat products, tissue, organs and meat and bone meal (MBM) of ruminant origin; and pet food products or ingredients thereof of ruminant origin	Animal health Food safety Human health Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) Animal diseases Zoonoses	SPS	Prohibits the imports of live animals and animal products, as in item 3 above, from countries where disease(s) belonging to the TSE group of diseases relating to the corresponding animal species have been reported.	<a href="http://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicSHowMemberRTAIDCard.aspx?rtaid=140">http://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicSHowMemberRTAIDCard.aspx?rtaid=140</a>		Exporter	India	'0102
Sheep and goats, live	Live cattle, buffalo, sheep and goat; bovine, ovine and caprine embryo or ova; fresh meat, meat products, tissue, organs and meat and bone meal (MBM) of ruminant origin; and pet food products or ingredients thereof of ruminant origin	Animal health Food safety Human health Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) Animal diseases Zoonoses	SPS	Prohibits the imports of live animals and animal products, as in item 3 above, from countries where disease(s) belonging to the TSE group of diseases relating to the corresponding animal species have been reported.	<a href="http://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicSHowMemberRTAIDCard.aspx?rtaid=141">http://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicSHowMemberRTAIDCard.aspx?rtaid=141</a>		Exporter	India	'0104
Pure bred breeding animals	Animal health Animal diseases	Animal health Animal diseases	SPS	Import of equine species (males above seven years of age and females above five years of age) has been prohibited from the countries where CEM has been reported during the past three years.	<a href="http://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicSHowMemberRTAIDCard.aspx?rtaid=142">http://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicSHowMemberRTAIDCard.aspx?rtaid=142</a>		Exporter	India	'010111 000

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## Part II: Work undertaken

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### Reworking on APTA NTMs database

- Decided to update SPS & TBT on all items covered in the 4<sup>th</sup> Round concessions
- Include RoOs
  - RoOs for Developing Participating States
  - Special RoOs for Least Developed Participating States
  - Product-Specific Rules of Origin
- Updating all items covered under the 4<sup>th</sup> round started from July 2013

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## Exercise carried out

- Compilation of agreed PSRs – completed
- Fact sheet on APTA – already posted on website.
- Consolidated all 4<sup>th</sup> round multilateralized list on HS 2007 - completed
  - Awaiting Sri Lanka's list
- NTM database: SPS and TBT is being worked out
- APTA trade data analysis is being carried out

## Compilation of RoOs database

### A. General Rule (agreed earlier):

- 45% for Developing Participating States
- 35% for Least Developed Participating States

### B. Co-equal Rule (Agreed in 34th SC meeting – yet to implement):

- CTH + 35% for Developing Participating States
- LDCs: under discussion

### C. Product Specific Rules: 1,057 items at 6 digit HS

## Preparing NTMs Dataset: Sources and Feature

- Data source: SPS & TBT notifications to WTO from 1995 through October 2013
- The dataset is sorted by Participating States.
- HS code, description, objectives and the WTO document link included
- Format: MS EXCEL
- Some issues related to the WTO notification of NTMs
  - Notification does not mean implementation at the national level
  - SPS & TBT: International Harmonization Standards not required to report to WTO at the national level

## Progress made

- [Compilation of all the 4<sup>th</sup> round concessions](#)
- Updating the RoO on these items (completed)
  - General Rule
  - Co-equal rule
  - PSRs
- Downloading TBT & SPS notifications to WTO I-TIP database

### Glimpse of 4<sup>th</sup> Round concessions under APTA

Concession Offering Country	Third Round				Fourth Round (HS 2007)			
	No. of Products	MOP (%)	No. of Products for LDCs	MOP for LDCs(%)	No. of Products	MOP (%)	No. of Products for LDCs	MOP for LDCs(%)
Bangladesh	209	14.1	-	-	577	21.89	4-LAOS	30.00
China	1,697	26.7	161	77.9	2113	33.05	161	77.90
India	570	23.9	48	39.7	3241	32.98	48	39.70
Rep of Korea	1,367	35.4	306	64.6	2774	33.35	938-BLD 928-LAOS	94.59-BLD 94.49-LAOS
Sri Lanka	427	14.0	72	12	<b>AWAITED</b>			
Lao PDR	-	-	-	-	949	30.13	-	-
Mongolia	-	-	-	-	-	23.83	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,270</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>9,992</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>1151</b> <b>1141</b>	<b>89.74</b> <b>88.84</b>

NOTES: (1) Margin of Preference(MoP) is the percentage of applied MFN tariff to be exempted, estimated as a sample average of all the items under concession.  
(2) The 4<sup>th</sup> round concession result is excluding Sri Lanka's offer list.



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预览已结束，完整报告链接和二维码如下：

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