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Trade Facilitation

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Introduction

- The negotiations on Trade Facilitation were agreed in 2004, with the adoption of modalities
- Negotiations shall aim to clarify and improve relevant aspects of Articles V, VIII and X of the GATT 1994 with a view to further expediting the movement, release and clearance of goods, including goods in transit.
- LDCs to undertake commitments to the extent consistent with their development, financial and trade needs or their administrative or institutional capacities
- The modalities introduced a unique feature: implementation of certain commitments linked to the delivery of technical assistance

State of Play

- Intense negotiating cycle involving work at multiple levels (proponent-driven, facilitator framework and chair-led exchanges)
- Work is on-going on the basis of a draft consolidated negotiating document which represent a living document and is revised on a regular basis (TN/TF/W/165/Rev.13)
- The document has 2 sections with 15 articles

Main areas covered

- Improvements and clarifications of GATT Articles V, VIII and X
- Cooperation between customs and other authorities on TF and customs compliance
- Special and Differential Treatment/Implementation Matters

Way forward

- Negotiation schedule intensify in 2013
- Working on negotiating document to continue
- Focused textual negotiations/improvements
- Identification of provisions requiring assistance (second phase of needs assessment)
- Proactive and constructive engagement (balance within the negotiations).

Proposed TF Measures

Transparency and Appeals

- Publication/internet publication
- Enquiry Point for trade information
- Interval between publish and enter into force
- Opportunity to comment
- Advance rulings
- Right of appeal

Transit

- Restrictions on fees and charges
- Non-discrimination
- No customs duties

Import/Export/Transit Fees & Formalities

- Disciplines on fees
- Pre-arrival processing
- Post clearance audit
- Publish average release times
- Authorized operators
- Border agency cooperation
- Review formalities and documents
- Single window
- Eliminate use of PSI

Institutional Arrangements

- Establishment of a WTO Trade Facilitation Committee
– in WTO
- Made up of all WTO Members
- Oversee implementation of Agreement

Special and Differential Treatment (SDT)

Section II of Text- integral part

Applies only to developing countries
(including least-developed countries)

Gives flexibility in implementation

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