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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects, and Director, in concurrent capacity, Forest Management Bureau

The Directors
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

FROM : The OIC Director
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ALL TRADE AND TRADE- RELATED MEASURES TAKEN BETWEEN MID-OCTOBER 2021 AND MID-MAY 2022**

DATE : 09 MAR 2022

This pertains to the electronic mail dated 08 March 2022 from Dir. Angelo Salvador M. Benedictos of the Department of Trade and Industry-Bureau of International Trade Relations (DTI-BITR), requesting for information on the following measures taken between mid-October 2021 and mid-May 2022 (including any updates to and/or elimination of existing measures):

- 1) All trade and trade-related measures; and
- 2) Measures taken specifically in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For further information, kindly refer to the enclosed communication dated 07 March 2022 from the WTO Director - General Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala pertaining to the Report to the Trade Policy Review Body (TPRB) on Trade-Related Developments.

In this regard, we would like to refer the said request to your respective Offices for inputs. Please be guided that in the case of trade in goods, kindly indicate the HS Codes of the products concerned. In the area of services trade, please provide information on changes to or the introduction of new measures affecting access to markets (in individual service sectors, in all sectors, and/or modes of supply) and conditions of operation of foreign service suppliers.

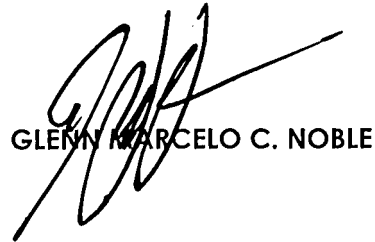
Additionally, kindly provide information on general economic support measures, including industry specific and sectoral assistance, which were granted, modified or withdrawn during the said period. In cases where measures were already notified to the WTO, please indicate only the document number. Attached

for your reference are the templates provided by the WTO Secretariat which you may use in providing your inputs (refer to Annex A for goods and Annex B for services).

The information provided will be used by the WTO Secretariat to prepare the Trade Monitoring Reports (WTO-wide and G20) in the most accurate and comprehensive manner.

We would appreciate receiving an advance copy of your inputs **on or before 17 March 2022** through e-mail at psddivision@gmail.com, copy furnished this e-mail address: policy@denr.gov.ph, to facilitate immediate consolidation and subsequent submission to the DTI-BITR.

For your appropriate action, please.



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[TCWM for Inputs- DL 23 March 2022] Request for information on all trade and trade-related measures taken between mid-October 2021 and mid-May 2022

1 message

Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 3:56 PM

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Sent on behalf of BITR Director Angelo Salvador M. Benedictos

Dear Sir/Madame:

This refers to the attached communication dated 7 March 2022 of WTO Director-General Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala pertaining to the Report to the Trade Policy Review Body (TPRB) on Trade-Related Developments.

In this regard, we would like to request for information on the following measures taken between mid-October 2021 and mid-May 2022 (including any updates to and/or elimination of existing measures):

- (1) All trade and trade-related measures; and
- (2) Measures taken specifically in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the case of goods, kindly indicate the HS Codes of the products concerned. In the area of services trade, please provide information on changes to or the introduction of new measures affecting access to markets (in individual service sectors, in all sectors, and/or modes of supply) and conditions of operation of foreign service suppliers. May we also request you to provide information on general economic support measures, including industry specific and sectoral assistance, which were granted, modified or withdrawn during this period? In cases where measures were already notified to the WTO, please indicate only the document number.

The information provided will be used by the WTO Secretariat to prepare the Trade Monitoring Reports (WTO-wide and G20) in the most accurate and comprehensive manner. Measures taken between 25 April and 15 May 2022 will also be covered during the verification process.

We have also attached for your reference the templates which you may use in providing your inputs (refer to Annex A for goods and Annex B for services). Kindly email your inputs/comments to NormaArpafo@dti.gov.ph and MaryRoanGumban@dti.gov.ph (copy bitrwtodesk@dti.gov.ph).

We would appreciate receiving the requested information (in word document format) on or before **23 March 2022** to provide sufficient time for the WTO Secretariat to review and return the relevant country-specific tables for your verification.

Thank you.

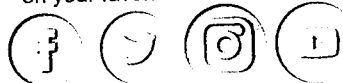
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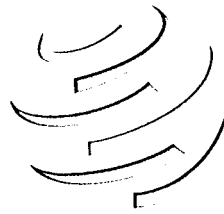


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3 attachments

 **Annex A_Template_Goods_Trade and trade-related measures (mid-October 2021 to mid-May 2022).docx**
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 **Annex B_Template_Services_Trade and trade-related measures (mid-October 2021 to mid-May 2022).docx**
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To: Members and Observer Governments of the Trade Policy Review Body (TPRB)	Date: 7 March 2022
From: Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala Director-General	

TRADE POLICY REVIEW BODY

REPORT TO THE TPRB ON TRADE-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS

In preparation for the next series of trade monitoring reports, I would like to invite all delegations to provide the WTO Secretariat's Trade Monitoring Section (Mr Peter Pedersen, contact details above) with information on (1) all trade and trade-related measures and (2) measures taken specifically in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic between mid-October 2021 to mid-May 2022 including any updates to and/or elimination of existing measures.

Since I took office, I have been emphasizing the importance of transparency for the WTO as it is fundamental to any well-functioning global governing body. Transparency directly affects the credibility of the work we do at the WTO and helps equip Members with up-to-date information on trade-related developments. In these efforts, the trade monitoring reports (WTO-wide and G20) are unquestionably a main tool in enhancing transparency. And your inputs are essential in assisting the Secretariat to prepare the Reports in the most accurate and comprehensive manner. I therefore ask for your support in providing as complete information as possible in a timely manner.

In providing information on the two sets of measures as outlined above, for goods trade, please indicate the HS Codes of the products concerned. In the area of services trade, delegations are invited to provide information on changes to – or the introduction of new – measures affecting access to markets (in individual service sectors, in all sectors, and/or modes of supply) and conditions of operation of foreign service suppliers. In cases where measures were already notified to the WTO, please simply refer to the document reference. In the area of general economic support measures, Members are invited to provide information on such measures – granted, modified, or withdrawn during this period – including industry specific and sectoral assistance.

It would be appreciated if your inputs could be received by Monday, **25 April 2022 at the latest** to allow the Secretariat to return the relevant country-specific tables for your verification shortly thereafter. Measures taken between 25 April and 15 May 2022 will also be covered during the verification process.

Attached is an illustrative list of measures (restrictive or facilitating) affecting trade in goods, services sectors and modes of supply, general economic support measures and intellectual property covered by the Trade Monitoring Reports. Following the outcomes of the TPRM Appraisal in 2016, and with the objective of ensuring consistency in the format and length of information provided by Members, the attached suggested template is provided for submitting your inputs. The same template can be used for both trade and trade-related measures as well as measures taken in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Members are also encouraged to provide information on trade concerns raised in formal meetings of WTO bodies (other than the SPS and TBT Committees).

I would like to recall that the purpose of this exercise, as stated in the TPRM mandate in Annex 3 of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the WTO, is to achieve greater transparency in, and understanding of, Members' trade and trade-related policies and measures. It is not intended to serve as a basis for the enforcement of obligations under WTO Agreements, nor for dispute settlement purposes, or to impose new policy commitments on Members.

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Finally, I would like to encourage Group Coordinators to take advantage of the outreach programme offered by the Secretariat to brief groups, upon request, on the trade monitoring effort to further facilitate the participation of more Members in this exercise.

Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
Director-General

**ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF MEASURES (RESTRICTIVE OR FACILITATING) COVERED BY THE
TRADE MONITORING REPORTS**

**TRADE AND TRADE-RELATED MEASURES
(CHANGES MADE DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE REPORT)**

TRADE IN GOODS

Import

- Import tariffs.
- Other fees, charges, and taxes affecting imported products only.
- Import licensing requirements (automatic or non-automatic).
- Import price reference values.
- Quantitative restrictions (quota, ban).

Export

- Export tariffs.
- Other fees, charges, and taxes affecting exports.
- Export price reference values.
- Export licensing requirements (automatic or non-automatic).
- Quantitative restrictions (quota, ban).

Trade Remedy

- Initiation of trade remedy investigation (anti-dumping, countervailing, safeguard).
- Termination of trade remedy investigation (anti-dumping, countervailing, safeguard).
- Terminations of trade remedy duties (provisional and/or definitive).

Other

- Measures implemented in the context of the Trade Facilitation Agreement.
- Rules and formalities in connection with importation or exportation.
- Government procurement regulations (e.g. to establish national preferences or buy-national rules).
- Laws and regulations relating to pre-shipment inspection activities.
- Establishing or dismantling of State trading enterprises, marketing boards.
- Trade-related investment measures such as local content requirements.
- Non-preferential and unilateral preferential rules of origin.
- Subsidies which operate directly or indirectly to increase exports of any product, or to reduce imports of any product.

TRADE IN SERVICES

Services sectors and modes of supply covered in previous reports

- Audio-visual services, construction services, cultural and recreational services, distribution (retail and wholesale), education services, financial services, health care services, maritime services, postal and courier services, professional services, telecommunications.
- Commercial presence of foreign service suppliers (mode 3).
- Temporary movement of natural persons supplying services (mode 4).

GENERAL ECONOMIC SUPPORT

Stimulus packages

- Stimulus packages, state aid.
- Dedicated financial aid/support to specific sectors or any sector-specific incentives.
- Other loans, loan guarantees, transfers, preferential credit lines.
- Investment insurance, export credit/insurance.
- Tax reductions/rebates.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Policies

- New developments or changes to existing policies in the area of trade related aspects of intellectual property rights.

COVID-19 RELATED MEASURES
(CHANGES MADE DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE REPORT)

- The following link provides access to the Members' and Observers webpage only on trade and trade-related measures taken in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/covid19_e/covid19_e.htm.
- Members and Observers are kindly invited to provide information on new measures taken in response to the pandemic as well as modifications or terminations of existing measures. Only measures with official sources and verified by the concerned Member/Observer will appear on the WTO public website.

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SUGGESTED TEMPLATES FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION ON TRADE AND TRADE-RELATED MEASURES AND MEASURES TAKEN IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19

Import related measures

Example

Measure	Source	Dates	HS Codes
[Reduction] [Increase] [Elimination] on [date] of import tariffs [from x% to x%] on [x product(s)]	Name and serial number of the legislation	[Implementation] [Expiration] date	HS Codes (at 8 digit level)

Export related measures

Example

Measure	Source	Dates	HS Codes
[Reduction] [Increase] [Elimination] on [date] of export duties [from x% to x%] on [x product(s)]	Name and serial number of the legislation	[Implementation] [Expiration] date	HS Codes (at 8 digit level)

Trade remedy measures

Example of anti-dumping and countervailing

Measure	Source	Date	HS Codes
[Initiation] [Termination] on [date] of anti-dumping/countervailing investigation on imports of xx product(s) from xx country(ies)	Name and serial number of the legislation	[Initiation] [Termination] date	HS Codes (at 8 digit level)

Example of safeguard

Measure	Source	Date	HS Codes
[Initiation] [Termination] on [date] of safeguard investigation on imports of [product(s)]	Name and serial number of the legislation	[Initiation] [Termination] date	HS Codes (at 8 digit level)

General economic support measures

Example

Measure	Source	Date
[Aid] [Support] [Subsidy] [Programme] [Initiative] [Scheme] indicating details of funds allocated and sector(s) and product(s) covered	Name and serial number of the legislation	[Initiation] [Termination] date

Policy developments in trade in services

Example

Measure	Mode(s) of Supply	Sectoral Classification	Source	Date
[Brief description of measure introduced (key points)]	(Modes of supply affected by the measure)	(Identification of the sector pursuant to the Services Sectoral Classification (MTN.GNS/W/120))	Name and serial number of the legislation	[Initiation] [Termination] date

Policy developments in trade in intellectual property rights

Example

IP-related initiatives	Source	Date
[Policy, programme or measure concerning the trade dimension of IP]	[Responsible entity]	[Initiation] [Termination] date

Note: The above represents suggested templates which delegations may find helpful in submitting information on trade and trade-related measures. However, Members are encouraged to submit information on such measures even if the information available does not strictly follow the suggested templates.

**Philippines' Trade and Trade-related Measures
(mid-October 2021 to mid-May 2022)**

Agency/Office .

Measure	Source	Weblink	Regulation date	Date of Publication	Date of Effectivity	HS/AHTN 2017 Codes

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