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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The **Assistant Secretary** for Policy, Planning and Foreign Assisted and Special Projects and **Director**, Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) in Concurrent Capacity

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The Directors
Ecosystem Research Development Bureau
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FROM : **The OIC Director**
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ALL TRADE AND TRADE-RELATED MEASURES TAKEN BETWEEN MID-OCTOBER 2022 AND MID-MAY 2023**

DATE : **15 MAR 2023**

This pertains to the letter from Director Angelo Salvador M. Benedictos of the Department of Trade and Industry-Bureau of International Trade Relations (DTI-BITR) dated 14 March 2023 requesting the Department to provide information on the following measures taken between mid-October 2022 to mid-May 2023:

- (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 10 March 2023 of 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 goods trade, 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general economic support measures, including industry specific and sectoral assistance, which were granted, modified or withdrawn during this period. In cases where measures were already notified to the WTO, please indicate only the document reference 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; **Annex B** for services; and **Annex C** for COVID-19 related measures).

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 18 April and 15 May 2023 will also be covered during the verification process.

We would appreciate receiving an advance copy of your inputs **on or before 31 March 2023** 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 information and appropriate action, please.


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14 March 2023

(Please see Distribution List)

Dear Sir/Madame:

We refer to the attached communication dated 10 March 2023 from WTO-DG Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala requesting information on all trade and trade-related measures taken between mid-October 2022 to mid-May 2023. These include any updates to and/or elimination of existing measures, as well as measures that were taken specifically in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In providing the requested information, please be guided by the following:

- Goods trade – indicate the HS Codes of the products concerned;
- Services trade – indicate changes to or the introduction of new measures affecting market access and conditions of operation of foreign service suppliers;
- Intellectual property – indicate new developments or changes to existing policies;
- General economic support measures – information on granted, modified or withdrawn measures during the covered period, including industry-specific and sectoral assistance.

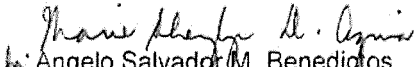
In cases where measures were already notified to the WTO, please indicate only the document number for reference. Measures taken between 18 April and 15 May 2023 will also be covered during the verification process which we will circulate in due course.

Also, please be informed that the WTO Secretariat has developed an online platform to facilitate the exchange of information and the verification of trade measures by Members. Further information on the online platform will be shared shortly.

Attached for your reference are the following templates which you may use in providing your inputs: **Annex A** for goods; **Annex B** for services; and **Annex C** for COVID-related measures. We would appreciate receiving the requested information **on or before 07 April 2023** through email at NormaArafo@dti.gov.ph and ShairaSteffanyGranada@dti.gov.ph.

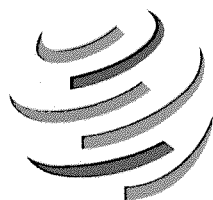
Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,


for: Angelo Salvador M. Benedictos
Director

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To: Members and Observer Governments of the Trade
Policy Review Body (TPRB)

From: Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
Director-General

Date: 10 March 2023

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 (contact details above) with information on all trade and trade-related measures taken between mid-October 2022 to mid-May 2023, including any updates to and/or elimination of existing measures, including measures taken specifically in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you know, I have been emphasizing the importance of transparency for the WTO as it is fundamental to any well-functioning global governing body. The outcomes of MC12 sent a strong signal in this regard. 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 fundamental tool in enhancing transparency and predictability. Your participation in this exercise and your inputs are essential in assisting the Secretariat in the preparation of the Reports in the most accurate and comprehensive manner. I therefore ask for your support in providing as complete information as possible within the deadline.

Specifically, in providing information on trade and trade-related measures, 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 the area of intellectual property, information is sought on new developments or changes to existing policies. 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 Tuesday, **18 April 2023 at the latest** to allow the Secretariat to prepare the relevant country-specific tables for your verification shortly thereafter. Measures taken between 18 April and 15 May 2023 will also be covered during the verification process.

Attached is an illustrative list of measures (restrictive or facilitating) affecting trade in goods, trade in services, intellectual property and general economic support measures covered by the Trade Monitoring Reports. With the objective of ensuring consistency in the format and length of information provided by Members, the attached suggested template provides details on the information requested. 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.

Throughout 2022, as part of the Seventh Appraisal of the TPRM, delegations have been pursuing informal consultations on the trade monitoring exercise. I understand that these consultations will continue in 2023 and I urge delegations to actively participate.

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In response to requests by delegations during the Appraisal to modernise and digitalise the exchange of information in the context of the trade monitoring exercise, I am pleased to inform you that the Secretariat has developed an online platform to facilitate the exchange of information and the verification of trade measures by Members. These new features are available in the Trade Monitoring Database. Tutorials have been developed to guide you on how to use the new platform. The Secretariat will send you shortly an email with your credentials and other important information. I encourage you to use this platform and the Secretariat is there to help you do so.

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.

Finally, I would like to encourage those Group Coordinators who have not done so yet, 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 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
Trade in Goods
(mid-October 2022 to mid-May 2023)

[Agency/Office]

| Measure | Source | Weblink | Regulation date | Date of Publication | Date of Effectivity | HS/AHTN 2022 Codes |
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Philippines' Trade and Trade-related Measures
Trade in Services
(mid-October 2022 to mid-May 2023)

[Agency/Office]

| Measure | Mode(s) of Supply | Sectoral Classification | Source | Weblink | Regulation Date | Date of Publication | Date of Effectivity |
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**Philippines' Trade and Trade-related Measures
Measures Taken in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic
(mid-October 2022 to mid-May 2023)**

[Agency/Office]

| Measure | Mode(s) of Supply (For Services) | Sectoral Classificatio n (For Services) | HS/AHTN 2022 Codes (For Goods) | Source | Weblink | Regulation Date | Date of Publication | Date of Effectivity |
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