



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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MEMORANDUM

TO : **The Directors**
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
Mines and Geoscience Bureau

FROM : **The Director**
Policy and Planning Studies

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ALL TRADE AND TRADE-RELATED MEASURES TAKEN FROM MID-OCTOBER 2023 TO MID-MAY 2024**

DATE : **1 8 MAR 2024**

This has reference to electronic mail dated 12 March 2024 from the Department of Trade and Industry – Bureau of International Trade Relations (DTI-BITR), requesting the Department to provide **information on all trade and trade-related measures taken from mid-October 2023 to mid-May 2024**. These include any updates to and/or elimination of existing measures, as well as measures that were taken specifically in the context of 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;
 - **COVID-19** - indicate extensions or terminations of existing measures.

For reference, affixed to **Annex A** is an illustrative list of trade and trade-related measures covered by the Trade Monitoring Reports, as well as the suggested templates for submitting information. In cases where measures were already notified to the WTO, simply cite the document reference.

In view of these, we are requesting your inputs using the attached **Annex B** templates, as follows: Sheet 1 for goods, Sheet 2 for services, and Sheet 4 for COVID-19-related measures, which may be accessed through the following link: <https://bit.ly/4c7tISB>. We would appreciate receiving an advance copy of the requested information **on or before 03 May 2024** through email at psddivision@gmail.com/policy@denr.gov.ph, to facilitate immediate consolidation and subsequent submission to the DTI-BITR.

For your information and consideration, please.


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Fwd: [For action: Deadline by 15 May 2024] Trade and Trade-related Measures Taken Between mid-October 2023 to mid-May 2024 (IN00324991)

1 message

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Tue, Mar 12, 2024 at 12:07 PM

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Dear Ma'am/Sir,

Good day!

Respectfully referring to your good office the attached email from DTI.

For appropriate action, please.

Thank you.

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From: **Shaira Steffany B. Granada** <ShairaSteffanyGranada@dti.gov.ph>

Date: Tue, Mar 12, 2024 at 7:21 AM

Subject: [For action: Deadline by 15 May 2024] Trade and Trade-related Measures Taken Between mid-October 2023 to mid-May 2024 (IN00324991)

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Sent on behalf of DTI-BITR OIC-Director Marie Sherylyn D. Aquia

Dear Sir/Madame:

Kindly find attached a communication dated 11 March 2024 on the request for information on all trade and trade-related measures taken from mid-October 2023 to mid-May 2024, including any updates to and/or elimination of existing measures, as well as the remaining measures taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In this regard, we look forward to receiving the requested information **on or before 15 May 2024** using the attached Annex B templates (i.e., Sheet 1 for goods, Sheet 2 for services, Sheet 3 for intellectual property, and Sheet 4 for COVID-19-related measures) through email at NormaArpafo@dti.gov.ph and ShairaSteffanyGranada@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you very much.

Best regards,

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4 attachments

-  **IN00324991_MRD_Request to Agencies Trade and Trade-related Measures Between mid-October 2023 to mid-May 2024_Scanletter_03112024.pdf**
744K
-  **Annex A_WTO-DG Request for Information (midOct2023-midMay2024).pdf**
168K
-  **Annex B_[For inputs]_Trade and Trade-related Measures (midOct2023-midMay2024).xlsx**
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-  **TPRB Monitoring Distribution List (ao 11 March 2024).pdf**
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11 March 2024

(Please see Distribution List)

Dear Sir/Madame:

We write in relation to the attached communication dated 06 March 2024 from WTO-DG Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (Annex A) requesting information on all trade and trade-related measures taken from mid-October 2023 to mid-May 2024. These include any updates to and/or elimination of existing measures, as well as the remaining measures taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

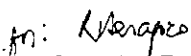
- Goods trade – indicate the HS Codes of the products concerned;
- Services trade – indicate changes to or the introduction of new measures affecting market access and conditions of operation of foreign service suppliers;
- Intellectual property – indicate new developments or changes to existing policies; and
- COVID-19 – indicate extensions or terminations of existing measures.

For reference, appended to Annex A is an illustrative list of trade and trade-related measures covered by the Trade Monitoring Reports, as well as the suggested templates for submitting information. In cases where measures were already notified to the WTO, simply cite the document reference.

In view of these, we are requesting your inputs using the attached Annex B templates, as follows: Sheet 1 for goods, Sheet 2 for services, Sheet 3 for intellectual property, and Sheet 4 for COVID-19-related measures. We look forward to receiving the requested information **on or before 15 May 2024** through email at NormaArpafo@dti.gov.ph and ShairaSteffanyGranada@dti.gov.ph. The TCWM Secretariat will facilitate the submission through the Trade Monitoring Database.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,


Marie Sherylyn D. Aquia
OIC-Director

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From:	Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala Director-General	Date: 6 March 2024

TRADE POLICY REVIEW BODY

REPORT TO THE TPRB ON TRADE-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS

At the 7 December 2023 meeting of the Trade Policy Review Body, I announced the decision, on a trial basis, to move from the biannual Trade Monitoring Reports to one Report at the end of the year. This was in line with the recommendation of Members reached at the conclusion of the 7th Appraisal of the TPRM in July 2023.

As I mentioned at the 7 December TPRB meeting, to ensure a continuous information gathering effort, the Secretariat will have to keep requesting Members to submit and verify trade measures. The Trade Monitoring Database as the online platform for submitting measures on goods, services and intellectual property will facilitate the work of Members and further transparency. I would therefore like to invite all delegations to provide the WTO Secretariat's Trade Monitoring Section (by using the secure link) with information on all trade and trade-related measures taken from mid-October 2023 to mid-May 2024, including any updates to and/or elimination of existing measures, including remaining measures taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

It would be appreciated if your inputs could be received by Thursday, **29 May 2024 at the latest**. In line with the discussions at the 7th Appraisal and discussions at previous meetings of the TPRM on the Trade Monitoring Reports, information submitted directly by delegations does not require verification. If you require a new or an additional login credential for your delegation's access to the TMDB, please contact the Trade Monitoring Section tprd-monitoring@wto.org.

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 template provides details on the information requested.

Separately, work has commenced to bring the information contained in the TMDB up to date. The Secretariat will therefore shortly get in touch with individual delegations to request their assistance in providing updated information on trade measures accumulated in the TMDB since 2008. This effort to review and update the TMDB, especially missing termination dates, will ensure the accuracy of measures recorded and facilitate the calculation of the stockpile of trade measures. I therefore ask for your support in providing as complete information as possible.

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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, including the new digital platform, to further facilitate the participation of more Members in this exercise.

Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
Director-General

ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF TRADE AND TRADE-RELATED MEASURES (RESTRICTIVE OR FACILITATING) COVERED BY THE TRADE MONITORING REPORTS

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

- 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 specifically invited to provide information extensions 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 templates may be 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. In cases where measures were already notified to the WTO, please simply refer to the document reference.

WTO Trade Monitoring (mid-October 2023 to mid-May 2024)
Request for Information - Goods Measures

Member	Trading Partner/s	Description (i)	Source (ii)	Implemented at (iii)	HS Code/s of Products	Remarks/Comments (if any)
Philippines						
Philippines						
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Philippines						

- Notes:**
- (i) - Please be as detailed as possible. Make sure to include the products affected, including their HS codes if available, and if the measure affects imports or exports. Please also indicate if the measure is restricting or facilitating trade. You can also add the termination date here.
 - (ii) - Please provide the link to the webpage where the information may be found.
 - (iii) - Exact date if known, or approximate date if uncertain.

WTO Trade Monitoring (mid-October 2023 to mid-May 2024)
Request for Information - Services Measures

Member	Sector/s (i)	Mode/s of Supply (ii)	Description (iii)	Date (iv)	Source (v)	Remarks/Comments (if any)
Philippines						
Philippines						
Philippines						
Philippines						
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- Notes:**
- (i) - All: Cross-Sectoral; All4: Cross-Sectoral (Mode 4); Business Services; Communication Services; Construction and Related Engineering Services; Distribution Services; Educational Services; Environmental Services; Financial Services; Health and Related Social Services; Tourism and Travel Related Services; Recreational, Cultural and Sporting Services; Transport Services; Other Services Not Included Elsewhere
 - (ii) - All Modes; Mode 1; Mode 2; Mode 3; Mode 4; Multiple Modes (please specify)
 - (iii) - Please be as detailed as possible. If known, indicate here what trading partners are affected by the measure.
 - (iv) - Please provide the date of implementation of measure and, if known, its termination date.
 - (v) - Please provide the link to the webpage where the information may be found.

