**Concept Note – Trade Remedies Workshop for GCC Member States**

**[July 2024]**

**Purpose of the Activity**

The primary aim of this technical assistance (TA) project is to enhance the capacity of government officials from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states in the domain of trade remedies, specifically focusing on anti-dumping, safeguards, and countervailing duty measures. This initiative comes in response to the request submitted by Qatar, acting as the coordinator for the GCC countries for the year 2024. The program is designed to provide an introductory workshop that aligns with the new legislation on trade remedies across GCC countries, aimed at deepening the knowledge and operational capabilities of officials responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

**Topics to be Covered**

* **Day 1 to 3: Comprehensive Overview**
  + Introduction to Trade Remedies
  + Safeguard Measures
  + Anti-Dumping Measures
  + Subsidies and Countervailing Measures
* **Day 4 (Half-Day): Advanced Technical Work**
  + Computer-Based Simulation Exercises on Anti-Dumping
  + Q&A Session for Detailed Clarifications

**Duration of the Program**

The program is scheduled for a duration of 3.5 days, ensuring a balance between theoretical knowledge and practical exercises.

**Target Audience**

The primary audience for this program includes government officials from the GCC Secretariat and various ministries of the GCC member states. Given the varied proficiency levels among participants, the program is tailored for generalists rather than specialists, with a focus on providing a foundational understanding of trade remedies and their practical application.

**Level of Complexity**

The program is designed to cater to a generalist audience, ensuring that the content is accessible to individuals with limited prior exposure to trade remedies while still being robust enough to offer valuable insights to more experienced participants. The inclusion of case studies, exercises, and computer-based simulations is intended to facilitate practical learning and application.

**GCC MEMBER STATES TRAINING PROGRAMME ON**

**TRADE REMEDIES - DRAFT**

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| **Date/ Time** | **Session** | **Speakers** |
| **Day 1 (0800-1400)** | | |
| 0800-0830  (30 mins) | **Opening of the workshop : presentation and definition of objectives** |  |
| **MODULE 1: INTRODUCTION TO WTO TRADE REMEDIES**  *This module introduces the core principles of the WTO, the rationale for trade remedies, and the commonalities and differences among the Anti-Dumping, Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, and Safeguards Agreements. Statistics and trends in the application of trade remedy measures will also be reviewed.* | | |
| 0830-0930  (1 hour) | **Session 1: The WTO Trade Remedy Toolbox**   * Core principles of the WTO * The Agreement panorama: The Anti-Dumping, Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, and Safeguards Agreements * Conditions for application of trade remedies: Core concepts * Differences and similarities among the remedies * Trends in the application of trade remedy measures * Structural options for investigating authorities | -Mr Paul Piquado,  Counsellor and Senior Lawyer, Rules Division, WTO  -Mr Seref Gokay Coskun, Counsellor, Rules Division, WTO |
| 0930 – 0945  (15 mins) | **COFFEE BREAK** |  |
| **MODULE 2: ANTI-DUMPING (AD) MEASURES**  *This module reviews the key elements of the AD Agreement, including the determination of dumping and injury, causal relationship, duty calculation, duty application, and the investigation process. Factual discussion of relevant WTO dispute settlement findings, Q&As and scenario-based exercises will be reviewed throughout the presentation.* | | |
| 0945-1115  (1hr 30 mins) | **Session 2: The anti-dumping investigation**   * + Initiation of the investigation     - The role of the domestic industry and the application     - The role of the investigating authority, transparency and due process   + Collection of information   + Questionnaire analysis and calculation steps:     - Organization of the firm and its accounts     - Products and production processes     - Characteristics of home market and export transactions     - Cost and price analysis : profitability and sufficiency tests     - Calculation of the dumping margin and the relevant adjustments | -Mr Paul Piquado,  Counsellor and Senior Lawyer, Rules Division, WTO  -Mr Seref Gokay Coskun, Counsellor, Rules Division, WTO |
| 1115-1215  (1 hr) | **Exercises, group work**   * + Analysis of hypothetical cases to determine the existence of dumping |  |
| 1215-1245  (30 mins) | **COFFEE BREAK** |  |
| 1245 – 1400  (1 hr 15 mins) | **Session 3: Rules applying to the determination of injury and causal link**  Explanation of core principles outlined in the Anti-Dumping Agreement:   * Definition of the domestic industry * Mandatory injury factors and their role * Price effects analysis * The non-attribution requirement | -Mr Paul Piquado,  Counsellor and Senior Lawyer, Rules Division, WTO  -Mr Seref Gokay Coskun, Counsellor, Rules Division, WTO |
| **Day 2: (0800-1400)** | | |
| 0800 – 0845  (45 mins) | **Recapitulation of knowledge received during the previous day – Q&A** | -Mr Paul Piquado,  Counsellor and Senior Lawyer, Rules Division, WTO  -Mr Seref Gokay Coskun, Counsellor, Rules Division, WTO |
| 0845-1000  (1hr 15 mins) | **Exercises, group work (injury and causal link)**  Analysis of a hypothetical case to determine the existence of injury/causal link |  |
| 1000-1030  (30 mins) | **COFFEE BREAK** |  |
| 1030-1130  (1 hr) | **Session 4: Application, expiry and review of AD Duties**   * + Anticircumvention   + Interim reviews   + Expiry reviews | -Mr Paul Piquado,  Counsellor and Senior Lawyer, Rules Division, WTO  -Mr Seref Gokay Coskun, Counsellor, Rules Division, WTO |
| 1130 – 1215  (45 mins) | **Session 5: The WTO Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices**   * + Transparency requirements and modality of notifications   + The Committee’s ongoing work in facilitating compliance with established rules   + WTO Trade Remedy Data Portal   **Q&A/Reflections on Module 2: Anti-Dumping Measures** | -Mr Paul Piquado,  Counsellor and Senior Lawyer, Rules Division, WTO  -Mr Seref Gokay Coskun, Counsellor, Rules Division, WTO |
| 1215 – 1230  (15 mins) | **COFFEE BREAK** |  |
| **MODULE 3: SUBSIDY DISCIPLINES AND RECOURSE IN WTO**  *This module reviews the key elements of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM). Factual discussions of WTO dispute settlement findings, Q&As and hypothetical-scenarios will be reviewed throughout the presentation.* | | |
| 1230 – 13.30  (1 hr) | **Session 6: Overview of the ASCM and its disciplines**   * Subsidies and trade: the role of subsidies disciplines in the WTO system * Multilateral subsidies disciplines vs countervailing measures: Two tracks for relief * Coverage of the ASCM * Definition of a subsidy * Specificity | -Mr Paul Piquado,  Counsellor and Senior Lawyer, Rules Division, WTO  -Mr Seref Gokay Coskun, Counsellor, Rules Division, WTO |
| 1330 - 1400 | **Q&A and Wrap-Up** |  |
| **Day 3: (0800-1400)** | | |
| 0800-0900  (1 hour) | **Session 7: Prohibited, Actionable, and Non-Actionable Subsidies**  **Prohibited Subsidies**   * Export subsidies * Local content subsidies * *De jure* v. *de facto* conditionality * Special and Differential Treatment   **Actionable Subsidies**   * Actionability and adverse effects * Types of adverse effects * Serious prejudice * Nullification and Impairment * Special and Differential Treatment * **Non-Actionable Subsides (Article 8)** | -Mr Paul Piquado,  Counsellor and Senior Lawyer, Rules Division, WTO  -Mr Seref Gokay Coskun, Counsellor, Rules Division, WTO |
| 0900 – 1000  (1 hour) | **Group Exercises**  Financial Contribution, Benefit & Specificity |  |
| 1000-1030  (30 mins) | **COFFEE BREAK** |  |
| 1030 – 1100  (30 mins) | **Session 8: Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigation Procedure under the ASCM**   * Initiation of the investigation – consultations with the subsidizing state * Due process rights * Collection of information – questionnaires to determine the existence and quantity of a subsidy | -Mr Paul Piquado,  Counsellor and Senior Lawyer, Rules Division, WTO  -Mr Seref Gokay Coskun, Counsellor, Rules Division, WTO |
| 1100-1200  (1 hr ) | **Session 9: Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigation – CVD calculations**   * Analysis of hypothetical scenarios | -Mr Paul Piquado,  Counsellor and Senior Lawyer, Rules Division, WTO  -Mr Seref Gokay Coskun, Counsellor, Rules Division, WTO |
| 1200 – 1215 | **COFFEE BREAK** |  |
| **MODULE 4: SAFEGUARD MEASURES**  *This objective of this module is to provide a better understanding of the WTO Safeguards Agreement's requirements and procedures.* | | |
| 1215 – 1330  (1 hr 15 mins) | **Session 2: Understanding the WTO Safeguards Agreement**   * Some Member-specific data * Objective of the Agreement * What does it intend to protect? * Investigative Requirements: Notice & Procedural Elements   + Unforeseen developments   + Evaluating increased imports   + Serious Injury or Threat   + 'Causal Link'   + Non-Attribution * Application of Measures * Compensation and Suspension of Concessions * Special & Differential Treatment | -Mr Paul Piquado,  Counsellor and Senior Lawyer, Rules Division, WTO  -Mr Seref Gokay Coskun, Counsellor, Rules Division, WTO |
| 1330 – 1400 | **Wrap-up and Q&A** |  |
| **Day 4: (0800-1200)** | | |
| **MODULE 5: ADVANCED TECHNICAL WORK ON ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATIONS** | | |
| 0800-1000  (2 hours) | **Exercises, group work**   * + Analysis of hypothetical cases to determine the existence of dumping   + Computer-based simulation to calculate a dumping margin | -Mr Paul Piquado,  Counsellor and Senior Lawyer, Rules Division, WTO  -Mr Seref Gokay Coskun, Counsellor, Rules Division, WTO |
| 1000 – 1030  (30 mins) | **COFFEE BREAK** |  |
| 1030-1130  (1 hour) | **Q&A Session with the GCC Secretariat** |  |
| 1130 - 1200  (30 mins) | **WRAP-UP SESSION**   * Participants to complete the feedback/evaluation forms |  |