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**WTO National Workshop on Trade Facilitation and Import Licensing Procedures**

 7 – 10 May 2019

Venue: Board of Investments AVR

Makati City, Philippines

Program

**DAY 1: Tuesday (7 May)**

08:45 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:20 Opening Session:

 - *Remarks by the host authority (DTI Senior Official)*

 *- Remarks by WTO speakers (Dr. Xiaodong Wang?)*

09:20 – 09:40 **Quiz/ Pre-test**

09:40 - 11:00 **Session 1: The Trade Facilitation Agreement: Parameters and Perspectives (I)**

11:00 – 11:15 *Coffee break*

11:15 – 12:30 **Session 2: The Trade Facilitation Agreement: Parameters and Perspectives (II)**

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 – 15:30 **Session 3: Trade Facilitation in the Philippines and Status of Philippine TFA Commitments in the WTO**

-Department of Finance or Bureau of Customs/ National Committee on Trade Facilitation (TBD)

 -Philippine Mission to WTO (CA Maria Emmanuelle Burgos)

15:30 - 15:45 *Coffee break*

15:45 – 17:00 **Session 4: Implementing the TFA: Work in the TF Committee and in Capitals**

17:00 Close of the day.

**DAY 2: Wednesday (8 May)**

09:00 – 10:30 **Session 5: Recap of Previous Day’s TFA discussions and Introduction of the TFA**

**Database and TF Committee website**

10:30 – 10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45 – 12:30 **Session 6: Brief Overview of the Agreement of Import Licensing Procedures and**

**Introduction of Notification provisions of the Agreement: Article 1.4(a), 8.2(b), Article**

**5 and Article 7.3**

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 – 15:30 **Session 7: Sample notifications from Members under Article 1.4(a), 8.2(b), Article 5 and**

**Article 7.3.**

15:30 – 15:45 *Coffee break*

15:45 – 17:00 **Session 8: How to use the WTO website to retrieve import licensing documents and introduction of the new Import Licensing website.**

17:00 Close of the day.

**DAY 3: Thursday (9 May)**

09:00 - 10:30 **Session 9: Overview of import licensing notifications from Philippines in the WTO: Status quo and challenges ahead**

10:30 – 10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45 – 12:30 **Session 10: Participants (Philippines officials from different ministries) to introduce their import licensing practices and challenges faced in preparing WTO notifications.**

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 – 15:00 **Session 11: Practical exercises on how to prepare Philippines notifications under Article 1.4(a), 8.2(b); and Article 5.1-5.4 of the Agreement with new notification template.**

15:00 – 15:15 *Coffee break*

15:15 – 16:30 **Session 12:** **How to prepare Philippines' new notification under Article 7.3: Case Study and Practical Exercise**

16:30 Close of the day.

**DAY 4: Friday (10 May)**

09:00 – 10:30 **Session 13:** **Presentations by participants on their replies to the annual questionnaire on specific products I**

10:30 -- 10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45 – 12:30 **Session 14:** **Presentations by participants on their reply to the annual**

**questionnaire on specific products.**

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 – 15:00 **Session 15:** **Policy discussions and Q&A**

15:00 – 16:00  **Wrap-up Session: Review, Final quiz and Evaluation**

16:00 Close of the Workshop

Workshop Moderator:

CA Maria Emmanuelle Burgos

Philippine Mission to WTO

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Reading Materials:

* *GATT 1994.*
* *WTO Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures;*
* *WTO Documents G/LIC/2, G/LIC/3, G/LIC/4, RD/LIC/13 etc.*
* *Amendment Protocol and Agreement on Trade Facilitation (WT/L/940)*
* *Notification Matrix* <https://www.tfadatabase.org/notifications-matrix>

Lecturers from the WTO:

1) Dr Xiaodong WANG, Counsellor, Market Access Division, WTO.

2) Dr. Nora Neufeld, Counsellor, Market Access Division, WTO.

3) Ms. Irina Tarasenko, Economic Affair Officer, Market Access Division, WTO