

## 2023 WTO WORKSHOP ON SUBSIDIES NOTIFICATIONS

Geneva

7 - 9 June 2023

Wednesday, 7 June 2023	
TIME	ACTIVITY/TOPICS TO DISCUSS
9.30 – 10.00	<b>Opening remarks and explanation of the programme and its objectives</b>
10.00 – 11.15	<b>Overview of the SCM Agreement and its disciplines – Part I</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Subsidies and trade: the role of subsidies disciplines in the WTO system</li><li>• Multilateral subsidies disciplines v. countervailing measures: Two tracks for relief</li><li>• Coverage of the SCM Agreement<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Goods v. services</li><li>- Relationship to Agreement on Agriculture</li></ul></li><li>• Definition of a subsidy<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Financial contribution</li><li>- Government or public body w/in territory of a Member</li><li>- Benefit – comparison with the market</li></ul></li></ul>
11.15 – 11.30	<b>COFFEE-BREAK</b>
11.30 – 12.30	<b>Overview of SCM Agreement and its disciplines – Part II</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Specificity<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enterprise</li><li>• Industry</li><li>• Regional</li><li>• Prohibited subsidies</li><li>• <i>de facto</i> and <i>de jure</i> specificity</li></ul></li></ul>
12.30 – 14.00	<b>LUNCH</b>
14.00 – 15.15	<b>Exercise 1 – Group study: Elements of a subsidy</b>
15.15 – 15.30	<b>Short break</b>

15.30 – 16.15	<b>Exercise 2 - Specificity</b>
16.15 – 17.30	<p><b>Overview of SCM Agreement and its disciplines – Part III</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibited subsidies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Export subsidies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Export conditionality</li> <li>○ <i>De facto v. de jure</i> export subsidies</li> <li>○ Role of Illustrative List of Export Subsidies</li> <li>○ Special cases: duty and tax rebates, export credits</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Local content subsidies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>De jure v. de facto</i> conditionality</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Special and Differential Treatment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, 8 June 2023</b>	
<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY/TOPICS TO DISCUSS</b>
<b>9.30 – 10.45</b>	<b>Exercise 3 – Financial Contribution, Benefit &amp; Specificity</b>
<b>10.45 – 11.00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11.00 – 12.00</b>	<p><b>Overview of SCM Agreement and its disciplines – Part IV</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Actionable Subsidies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actionability and adverse effects</li> <li>• Types of adverse effects</li> <li>• Serious prejudice</li> <li>• Nullification and Impairment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Non-actionable subsidies</b></li> </ul>
12.00 – 12.45	<b>Exercise 4 – General test on the ASCM</b>
12.45 – 14.00	<b>LUNCH</b>
14.00 – 15.15	<p><b>Overview of SCM Agreement notification obligations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notifications relating to subsidies, including recommitment on fisheries subsidies (WT/MIN(17)/64)</li> <li>2. Notifications relating to countervailing measures</li> </ol> <p><b>Agreed format for subsidy notifications (G/SCM/6/Rev.1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WTO Representative (Rules)</li> <li>• Discussion/Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
15.15 – 15.30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>

15.30 – 16.15	<b>Exercise 5 – Principles regarding the notification of subsidies</b>
16.15 – 17.30	<b>Exercise 6 – Notification scenarios 1</b> <b>Exercise 7 – Notification scenarios 2</b>
<b>Friday, 9 June 2023</b>	
<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY/TOPICS TO DISCUSS</b>
9.30 – 10.30	<b>Recent Discussions in the Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures regarding timeliness and completeness of notifications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current situation of Members' compliance with notification obligations</li> <li>• Discussions in the SCM Committee on timeliness and completeness of notifications</li> <li>• Review procedures: question and answer process</li> <li>• Counter-notifications</li> <li>• Proposals on increased transparency</li> </ul>
10.30 – 10.45	<b>COFFEE-BREAK</b>
10.45 – 11.45	<b>Exercise 8 – WTO consistency</b> <b>Exercise 9 – Programme Analysis</b>
11.45 – 13.00	<b>Presentations by resource persons</b>
13.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14.00 – 15.45	<b>Presentations by resource persons</b>
15.45 – 16.00	<b>Short break</b>
16.00 – 16.45	<b>Wrap-up and Evaluation</b>