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#### The WTO Tariff databases

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#### Two main tariff and trade databases

#### Integrated Data Base (IDB)

- WTO Members' annual notifications
- tariff and import information linked at the tariff line level, as of 1996

#### **Consolidated Tariff Schedules (CTS)**

- information in electronic and standardized form
- tariff and agricultural commitments of all WTO Members



## Integrated Database (IDB)



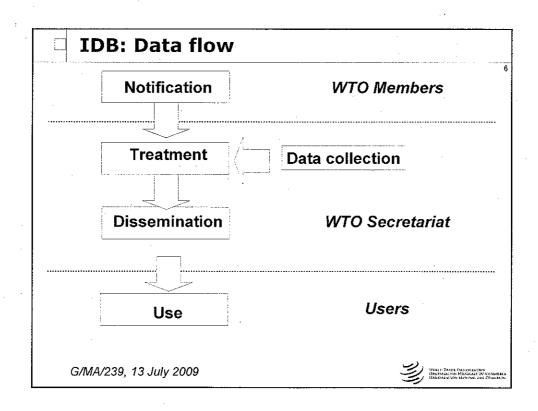
IDB: Cont	tents	1210 country periods 146 countries				
Customs tariffs		lied duties as of 1996 ent bound duties				
Imports	Values and volumes as of 1996 (by partner, national tariff line level)					
Other information	Product of Correlation	descriptions, binding status on tables				
Optional information	Ad Valore	ial duties (e.g. GSP, LDC, RTA, etc em Equivalents (AVE's) e quotas (TRQs)				

#### **IDB Notification**

#### **General Council Decision (16 July 1997)**

- Annual notification compulsory
- No fixed format PC formats as in capitals
- **■** Deadlines for submissions:
  - ◆ tariffs 30 March (current year)
  - ◆ imports 30 September (previous year)
- Technical assistance available upon request





#### **IDB Notification requirement - Tariffs**

- Tariff line number & (optional) suffixes at national level
- Textual description of the products (in EN, FR, ES)
- Binding situation
- Custom duties (applied, current bound, preferences)
  - Ad-Valorem duties
  - Specific, compound, mixed duties and AVEs
  - Other duties, quotas
- **■** Reference information
  - Nomenclature, year
  - **■** Duty currency units
  - AVE calculation method, duty averaging method

Tariff notification requirements - (G/MA/IDB/W/6)



#### **Example of a tariff submission**

A national tariff submission to the IDB may consist of two files containing the following information

File 1: Tariff at the NATIONAL tariff line level

		- Dt	ıty Types	_
Tariff line	Product Description	Bound	Applied	Pref1
9105.1100	Alarm clocks, electrically operated.	10%	3%	0%
9105.2100	Wall clocks, electrically operated.	10\$ /kg	5\$ /kg	n.a.
9106.2110	Parking meters.	10% + 15\$ /kg	10% + 15\$ /kg	n.a.
9106.9090	Other recording apparatus.	n.a.	45%	n.a.

File 2: References

Duties for 2010 in HS version 2007

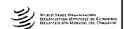
Tariff submitted: Current bound and applied MFN duties, and preference Pref1 Countries subject to Pref 1: South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland (SACU). Currency unit for specific and compound duties: national currency, US\$, etc.



#### **IDB Notification requirement – Imports**

- Tariff line number at the most detailed level
- Broken down by trading partner (country of origin)
- Customs value
- Unit of quantity 1, Volume Quantity 1
- Unit of quantity 2 (optional), Quantity 2 (optional)
- Reference
  - Nomenclature, year
  - Valuation basis (CIF/FOB), System of trade (Special, General)
  - Currency unit, exchange rate to the US dollar

Import notification requirements - (G/MA/IDB/W/6)



#### **Example of an import submission**

#### 1: Imports

Tariff line	Ctry	Value	Q1	Unit	Q2	Unit
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9105.1100	BR	15,000	170	KG	4	PCE
9105.1100	GB	5,000	90	KG	2	PCE
9105.2100	FR	3,500	510	KG	. 1	PCE
9106.2110	PR	20,000	1,300	KG	5	DΖ
9106.2110	sw	1,500	65	KG	3	DZ
9109.9090	GB	40,000	3	TN		

#### 2: Quantity codes

Natio	nal quantity code
Code	Description
KG	Kilogram net
TN	Ton
PCE	Unit
DZ	Dozen
etc.	1

#### 3: Country codes and relations

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	Natio	onal codes	Tariff relation
•	BR	Fiji	Pref 2
	GB	Gabon	GSP
	FR	France	MFN
	PR	Solomon Is	LDC
	SW	Switzerland	MFN
	etc		4

#### 4: References

Imports in 2009, CIF.
Nomenclature Harmonized System 2007.
Imports in thousands of national currency unit
Exchange rate: 2 national unit / 1 US\$
System of trade: General



#### **IDB:** integration of data

All the data can be linked at the most detailed level



all national files should be recorded in the same nomenclature, that is, the <u>NATIONAL customs tariff nomenclature</u>, and <u>at the same level</u> of detail as the tariff nomenclature

all nomenclature codes in the imports file, must also exist in the tariff and descriptions files



#### **IDB: processing difficulties**

- Formats
- Problems in nomenclature version, detail, invalid codes
- Consistency of files
- Data coherence



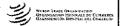
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Sri Lanka		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	
Taipei, Chinese	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*
Thailand	<u> </u>	Yes	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	Yes*						
Viet Nam			Yes									

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# Consolidated Tariff Schedules database (CTS)



#### **Schedule of Commitments**

#### **GATT Article II**

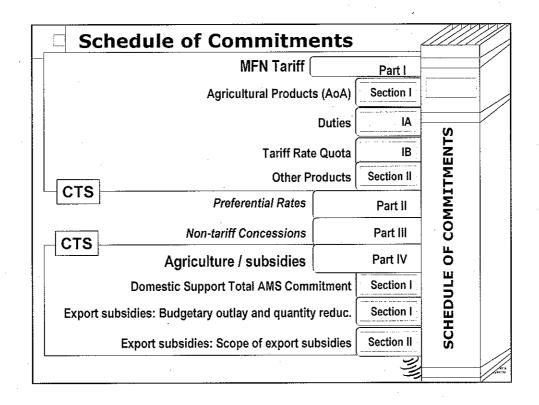
"a. Each contracting party shall accord to the commerce of the other contracting parties treatment no less favourable than that provided for in the appropriate part of the appropriate Schedule annexed to this agreement."

The schedule lists all the commitments taken by a country not to raise the applied duty (or any other concession) to other WTO Members above a determined (negotiated) level, the bound duty.



#### **Schedules of Concession**

- Tariff bindings and other concessions are contained in the "Schedules of concessions"
- Each Member of the WTO has its own Schedule
- <u>Except</u> customs unions where two or more Members have one single schedule (i.e. EU)
- Schedules are "annexed" and an "integral part of Part I" of the GATT. Thus, amendments require acceptance by all Members (See GATT Art. XXX and Art. X of Marrakesh Agreement)



#### **■**Schedule CLX - Socialist Rep. of Viet Nam

This Schedule is authentic only in the English language PART I – MOST-FAVOURED NATION TARIFF SECTION II - Other Products

Tariff item number	Description of products	Base rate of duty	Bound rate of duty	Implem. Period	inr	ODCs
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	- Flat fish (Pleuronectidae, Bothidae, Cynoglossidae, Soleidae, Scophthalmidae and Citharidae), excluding livers and roes	-				
	Halibut (Reinhardtius hippoglossoides, Hippoglossus hippoglossus, Hippoglossus stenolepis)	30	13	2012	NO	0
03033200	Plaice (Pleuronectes platessa)	30	20	2010		0
03033300	Sole (Solea spp.)	30	20	2010	CA	0
03033900	Other	30	15	2011		0

#### CTS in brief

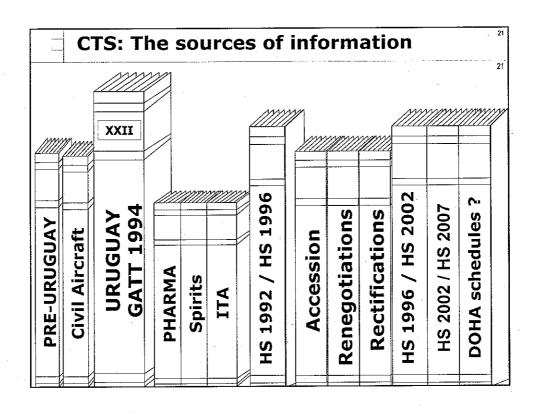
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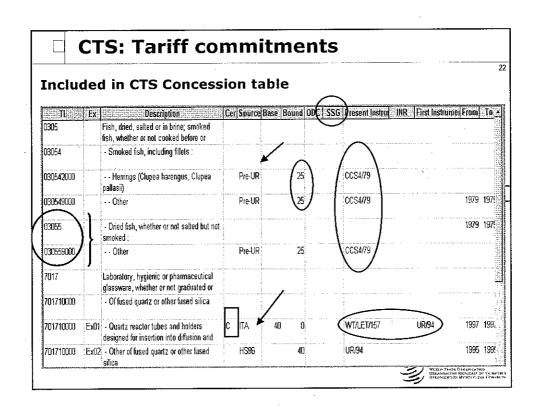
- ONE listing;
- ALL the tariff concessions of a Member;
- All the UPDATES with respect to tariff concessions;
- In the LATEST nomenclature adopted by the Member.

#### **Legal Status**

- The CTS database is a working tool only and has no legal status
- Nevertheless, CTS files are subject to MEMBERS' APPROVAL; each consolidated file has to be reviewed by the relevant Member before inclusion into the database.







#### CTS: Specific commitments in agriculture

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#### Tariff quotas

In-quota bound duty and quota quantity recorded at the tariff line level and linked to the out of quota bound duty

#### **Export subsidies**

■ Export subsidy bound outlay level and quantity recorded at the tariff line level and linked to relevant tariff concessions

#### Domestic support

■ The domestic support commitments are included in a separate table and are recorded on a per Member basis



#### **CTS: Contents**

- Final bound duties
- Other duties and charges
- Special Safeguards (SSG)
- Initial Negotiating Rights (INR)
- Tariff-rate in / out quota duties and quantities
- Export subsidy outlays and quantities
- Implementation period
- Legal document references
- All other information included in the Schedule



#### **Regular Maintenance**

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- Modifications and Rectifications to Schedules
  - **■** Tariff commitments
  - Agricultural commitments
- New HS Amendments (HS2007 and HS2012)
- New WTO Members
- **■** Country comments on their CTS files

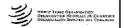


CTS Transposition



#### **Need for CTS Transposition**

- Many Members have already implemented HS 2007, but CTS is still in HS 1996/2002
- Difficult to match bound duties with applied duties and/or imports
- HS 2002 transposition nearly completed
- On-going negotiations



		Section I
	LIVE A	NIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS
Chapter 1 Live anim		
Heading	H.S. Code	
01.01		Live horses, asses, mules and hinnies.
	0101.10	- Pure-bred breeding animals
	0101.90	- Other
01.02		Live bovine animals.
		- Pure-bred breeding animals
	0102.90	- Other

#### **Versions of the HS**

■ Implemented in 1988 HS Codes: 5019

■ Amended in 1992

mainly editorial HS Codes: 5018

■ Amended in 1996

393 sets of amendments HS Codes: 5113

■ Amended in 2002

374 sets of amendments HS Codes: 5224

■ Amended in 2007

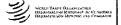
354 sets of amendments HS Codes: 5052

■ Draft 2012 Amendments

221 sets of amendments HS Codes : 5211

#### Types of changes in the schedules

- Clarifying changes: Amendments that do not result in a change of the scope of the coverage (i.e. textual or editorial)
- Structural changes: Amendments that could change the scope of the coverage. These relate mainly to:
  - Renumbering: a certain HS code is renumbered (maintaining same coverage)
  - Splits: one HS code is divided into many
  - Merger: several HS codes are merged into a single code
  - Complex changes: involve both split and merger of codes
- Highly technical in nature → Most Members lack technical capacity to do it
- Preservation of "legacies" in the schedules tend to lead to complicated structures with little resemblance with the applied duties breakout structure → Sometimes difficult to know if the bound duty is being breached!



#### **Need for Transposition in HS07**

■ What are HS 2007 Changes?

#### Sub-heading level

-	Case	HS 2002	HS 2007		
Α	No change	4 449	4 449		
В	Change in codes only	136	136		
C.	Split or merger	639	467		
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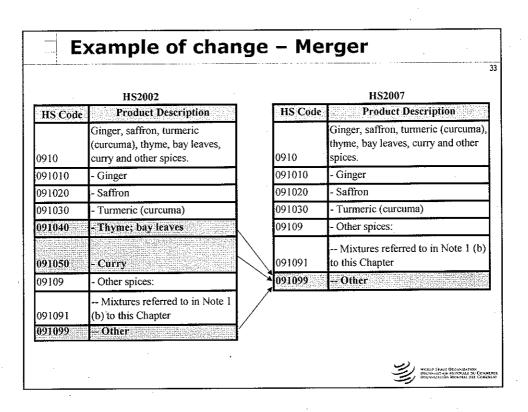
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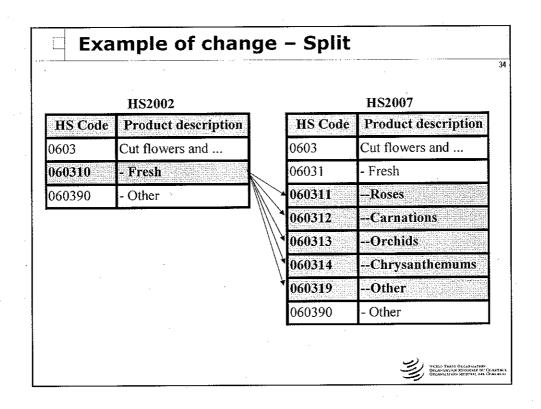


#### **Major Amendments to HS 2007**

- Restructuring tariff classifications to reflect technological progress (IT, automotive, paper)
- Separate number of dangerous chemicals in various headings of Chapters 28 to 38
- Create new sub-heading to monitor certain species of fish, products of bamboo, ozonedepleting substances, etc.
- Deletion of around 200 six digit sub-headings due to low trade volumes
- Text clarification to ensure uniform application



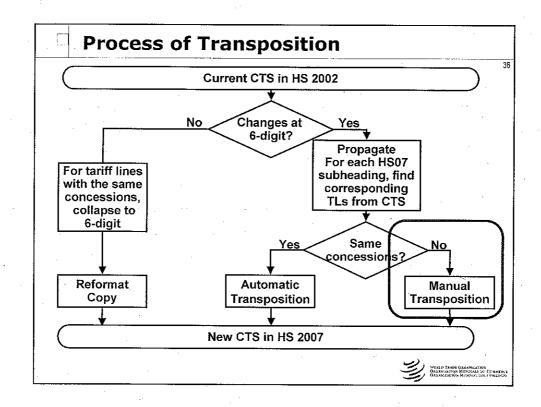


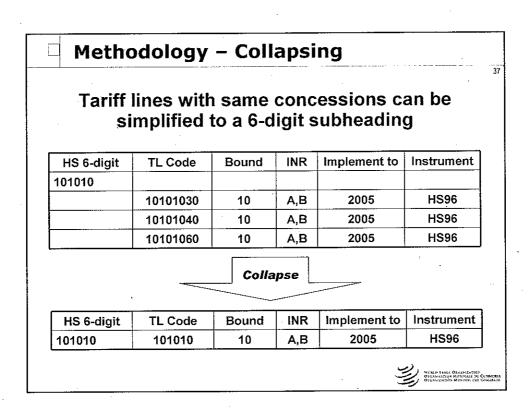


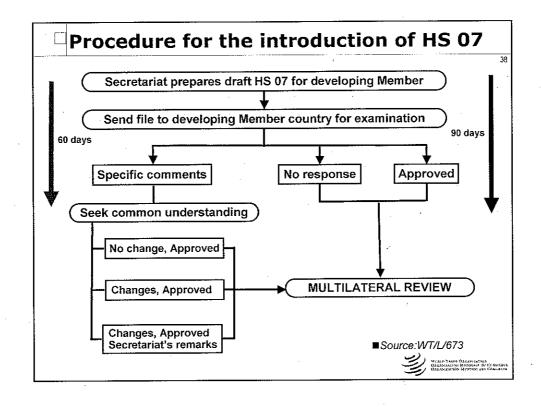
#### What do we start with?

- World Customs Organization HS Documents
  - Correlation Table (at 6-digit level)
  - Amendments to the Harmonized System
- The HS Explanatory Notes 2002 and 2007
- Current CTS Database (in HS 2002)
- Members' official submissions for HS 2007 transposition
- IDB submissions in HS 2007









#### **HS transpositions and changes in Schedules**

Special procedures have been adopted by WTO Members to update their schedules of concessions to take account of the periodic amendments to the HS. These include:

#### HS1996 (Second HS amendment)

- ■WTO Members decided to use same procedures as with HS92
- ■Not very successful: only few Members followed it
- ■New 2009 Decision to transpose all pending schedules (WT/L/756)

#### **HS2002 (Third HS amendment)**

- ■Revised procedures were adopted in 2001 (WT/L/407), which did not work well
- In 2005, new Decision where the Secretariat was requested to transpose the schedules of developing countries and to "verify" submissions (WT/L/605)
- Situation has improved dramatically with amendment of 2005 Decision (WT/L/807)

#### **HS2007 (Fourth HS amendment)**

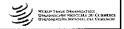
- ■improved procedures were adopted in 2006 (WT/L/673)
- ■Work is about to begin



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Cambodia	28/11/2005	11/04/2006	27/07/2006	29/08/2007	
China	11/08/2005	07/ 12/ 2006	02/12/2010		
Hong Kong	11/08/2005	17/ 10/ 2006	03/11/2006	29/ 08/ 2007	
India	29/07/2005	11/04/2006	25/01/2006		
Indonesia	28/11/2005	30/01/2009	02/10/2009		
Korea	16/ 12/ 2005	07/ 08/ 2008	26/07/2010		
Macao	28/ 11/ 2005	11/04/2006	27/07/2006	05/02/2007	
Mal <i>a</i> ysia	31/03/2006	09/ 08/ 2006	19/01/2007		
Maldives	11/10/2006	08/06/2007	30/07/2007		
Mongolia	29/07/2005	03/11/2005	25/01/2006	29/08/2007	
Myanmar	11/10/2006	07/ 03/ 2007	24/04/2007		
Pakistan	06/07/2006	19/ 11/ 2007	16/04/2008	03/09/2009	
Philippines	06/10/2006	30/01/2009	02/12/2010		
9 ngapore	16/ 12/ 2005	06/02/2006	23/05/2006	07/ 12/ 2007	
Sri Lanka	28/09/2007	18/11/2009	02/12/2010		
TaipeiChinese	11/ 10/ 2006	07/ 08/ 2008	26/03/2009	29/09/2009	

#### **Status of Work - HS07 transposition**

- Only 5 Members have made submissions
- Secretariat has issued electronic reference files in January 2007
- Secretariat has issued detailed implementation guidelines
- Developing Members that want to provide their own transposition should inform the Secretariat



### IDB and CTS Dissemination



#### IDB/CTS: dissemination policy

Information at the tariff line level available to public freely:

Approved tariff data excluding any AVEs provided by Members and imports at 6-digits

<u>Information at the HS 6-digit level available to public freely</u>

See G/MA/238



#### **IDB/CTS:** dissemination policy

#### **Authorized users:**

Restricted data

- WTO members
- Acceding countries
- WTO Secretariàt and
- Intergovernmental organizations

<u>Use</u>: for internal use and in context of technical assistance or capacity building in relation to market access

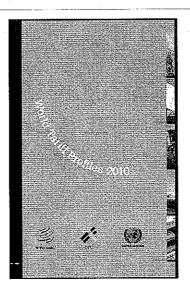
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See G/MA/238 and Addendum



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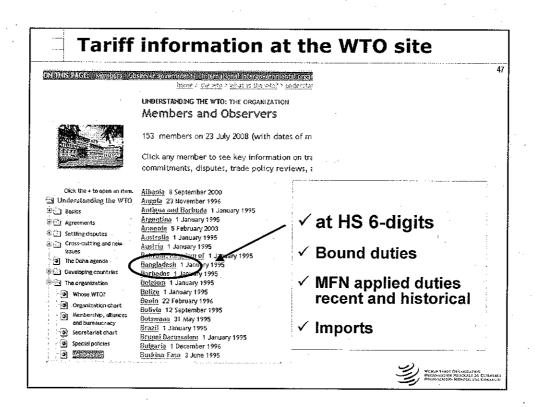
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- ✓ Summary, tariffs by ranges
- ✓ By groups of products
- Exports to major trading partners and duties faced

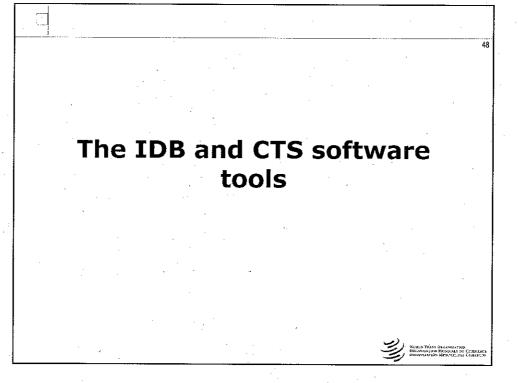


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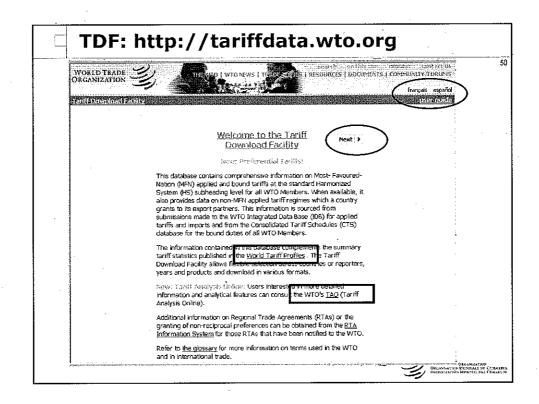
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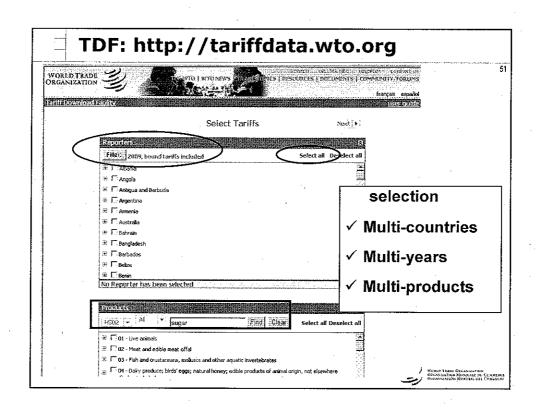


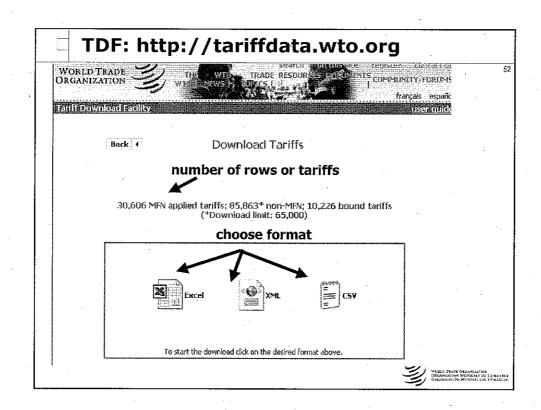




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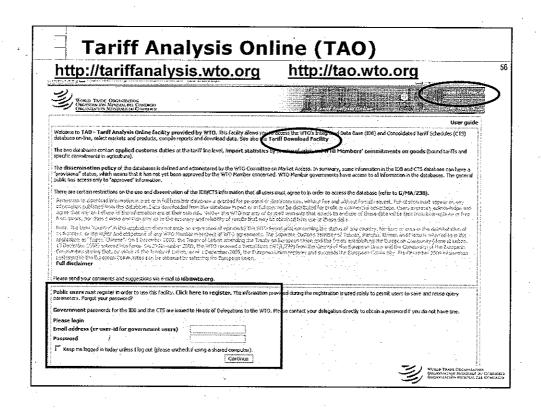
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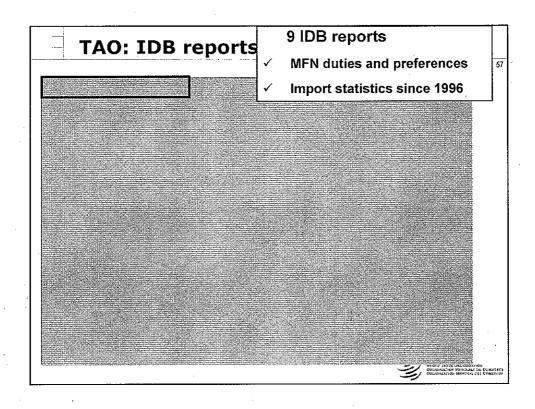
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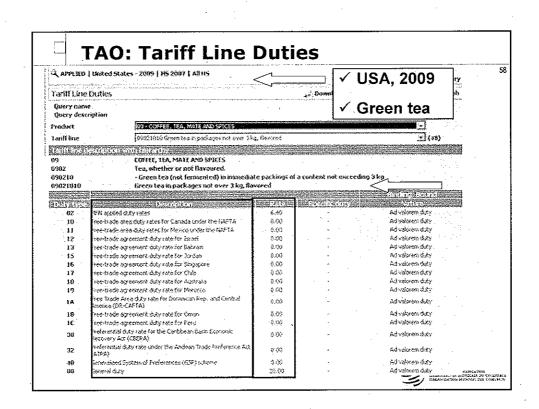
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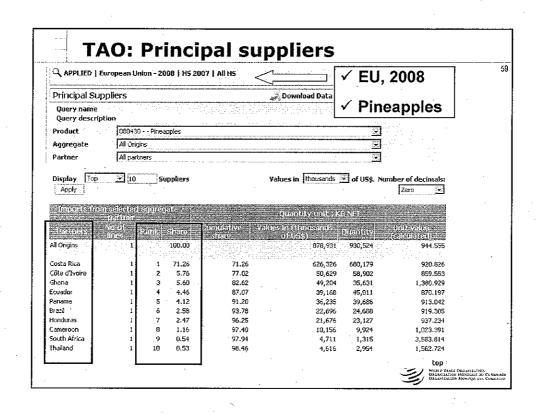
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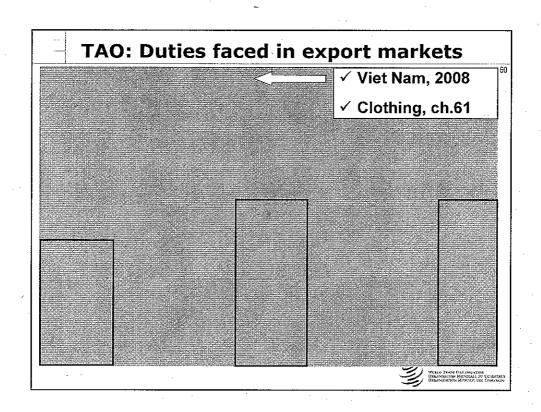


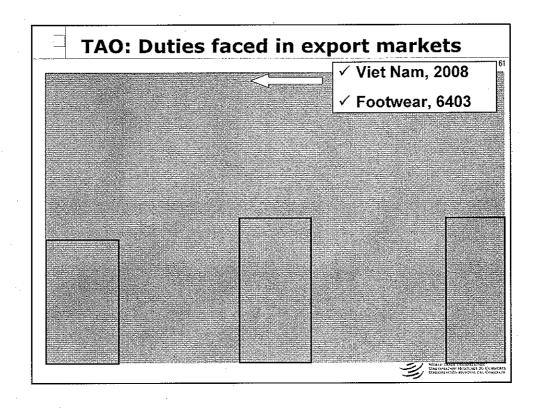


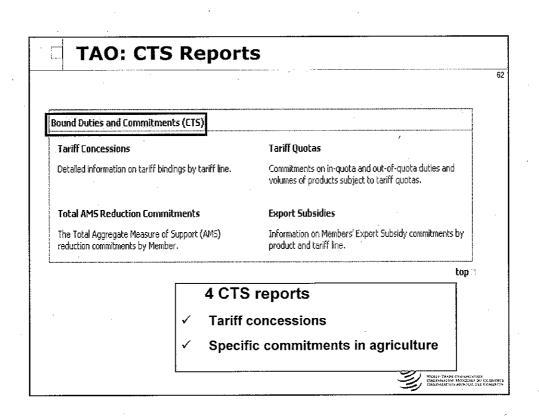


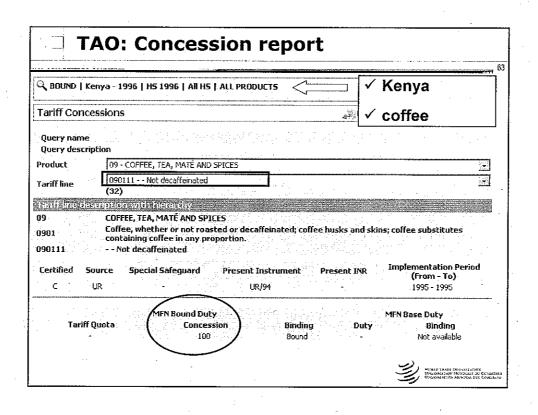


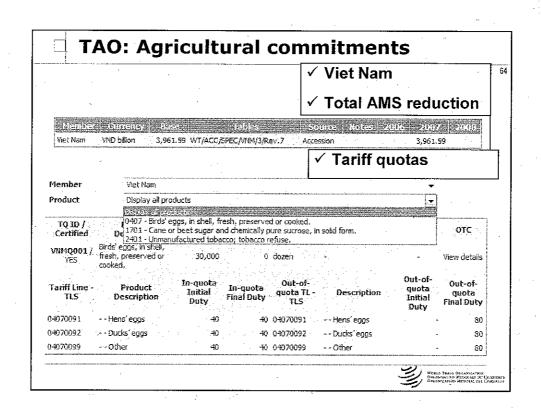












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Thank you!





#### **Tariff reductions in NAMA**

Technical explanations and numerical simulations

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#### Which architecture?

- Reduce or as appropriate eliminate tariffs, including the reduction or elimination of tariff peaks, high tariffs and tariff escalation, in particular on products of export interest to developing countries; and
- Take fully into account the special needs and interests of developing countries, including through less than full reciprocity in reduction commitments.



#### Modalities - "customized"

- Modalities one size does not fit all
- Take into account different needs and development objectives

#### But

- How to distinguish?
- How many different "groups"?



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#### Modalities - "customized"

- Use different "formula" approaches
  - Swiss formula
  - Swiss formula + Flexibilities
  - **■** Target Averages
- What does it mean in practice?
- To whom and how are they applied?



#### Modalities - "rankings"

- **■** LDC
  - + low income economies in transition
- Low binding coverage
- SVE Small, vulnerable economies
- Other developing
- Developed countries
- What about [very] recently acceded Members?



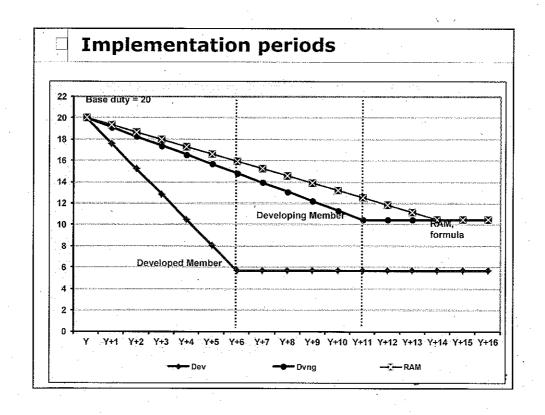
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#### **Modalities for Asian Members**

	Tot al	NAMA "Groups"	Member	Modalities
		Formula RAM – Formula	9 2	Swiss formula + flexibilities
WTO Members	21	SVE Low Binding Coverage	1 2	Target average
		RAM – SVE Very RAM LDCs	1 1 5	No cuts
Non- Member	2	Acceding to WTO		

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NAMA "Groups"	Modalities	Details
Developed ·	Swiss formula	Coefficient = 8
Developing Formula	Swiss formula + flexibilities	Coefficient / flexibilities: a) 20 / 14% Lines 16% imports half cut or 6.5% Lines 7.5% imports no cut b) 22 / 10% Lines 10% imports half cut or 5% Lines 5% imports no cut c) 25 / no flexibilities
SVE	Target average (1)	Current Bound NAMA Average / Overall Target Average >= 50% / 30 >= 30% and < 50% / 27 >= 20% and < 30% / 18 < 20% / A minimum line-by-line reduction of 5 percent on 95 percent of TLs or
Low Binding Coverage	Target average (2)	Current Binding Coverage / Target Binding Coverage Less than 15.% / 75% At or above 15% / 80% Average bound duty of less than or equal to 30%.
LDCs VRAM, Low income	No cuts	No cuts



#### Glossary

- Base rate, initial rate
  - **■**[duty before cut]
- Final rate, new rate, new duty
  - **■**[duty after cut]
- Duty rate, duty, rate
- **■** Cut, Reduction



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#### Tariff reductions via formula

#### What does that mean?

- ■New bound rate = function of base rate
- ■Using clearly defined mathematical relationship(s) between base and new bound rates
- ■Applied on a line by line basis
- ■Flexibilities can be incorporated



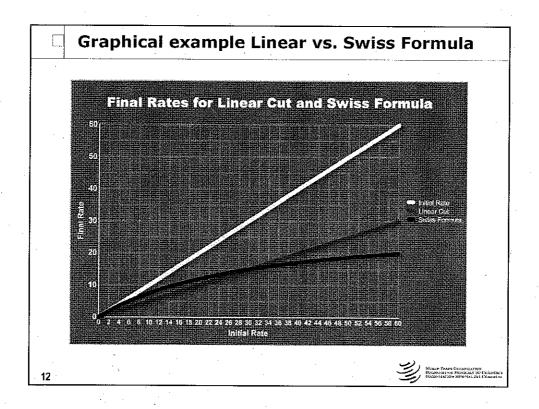
#### Non-linear formula

#### **Example of Swiss FORMULA:**

New bound rate= $(a \times base rate) / (a + base rate)$ 

- Reduction rate is dependent on the base rate
- The higher the rate the higher the cut

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#### Swiss formula, key features

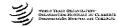
New maximum duty always < Swiss A

If base rate = A, reduction rate = 50%If base rate < A, reduction rate < 50%If base rate > A, reduction rate > 50%

A=30							
Base tariff	/ Cut in %						
10 /	25						
15 /-	→ 33						
30 ⊭-	→ 50						
60 -	→ 67						
90	75						

A=10						
Base tariff	/ Cut in %					
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10 ⊁-	<del>&gt;</del> 50					
20 -	→ 67					
30	75					

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#### Tariff reduction formula in practice

An Example of Formula

Formula:  $t_1 = \frac{20 \times t_0}{20 + t_0}$ 

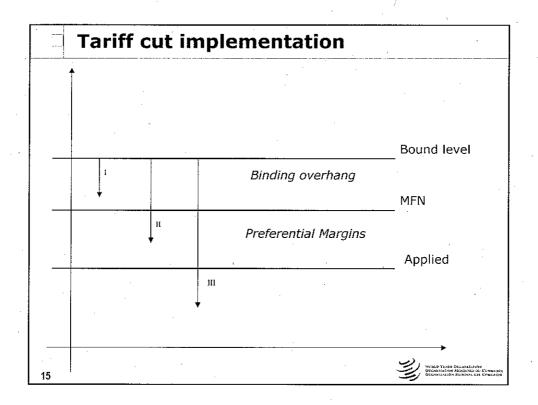
Base Rates:

Bound = Bound Rate

Unbound = Applied duty + Mark-up

Tariff line	Bound Rate	Applied Rate	Base Rate	New bound	New Applied Rate
48101000	10%	10%		1 September 1997	
48102010	unbound	10%			
48102090	20%	0%			





#### Flexibility

- There is no flexibility if a single formula applied on line-by-line basis
- Flexibility is a derogation of formula
- Needs to address sensitive products
- Balance between formula and flexibility



#### **How Flexibilities are Incorporated?**

- **■** Explicitly through "Exceptions"
  - Special treatment of small number of tariff lines
  - Outside formula, separate "modalities" Paragraph 7
  - Anti-concentration Paragraph 7 (f)
- Implicitly though use of reduction targets
  - Target average



#### Target Averages – Some Explanations

- Proposed for: SVE and Members with low binding coverage
- Target average = New level of average bound duties

Based on the simple average of all tariff lines

- 100% flexibility for setting new bound duties as long as:
  - Overall average shall be < or = target average
  - Existing bound duties cannot be raised
- Scheduling: can be aligned to latest nomenclature and common regional needs

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#### **Target Average Cut – an Example**

TL Code	Base duty	Applied duty	New bound duty Target average = 20		
TL 1	Unbound	15	5	60	
TL 2	10	5	5 ;	10	
TL 3	40	10	30	10	
TL 4	40	10	30.	10	
TL 5	40	10	30	10	
Average	33	10	20	20	
-			Same Result with different structure		

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#### **Simulation Results**

- Some numerical simulations based on the text of the NAMA Chair from July 2007
- Gives a rough overview of expected results
- Results for developed predetermined once coefficient is fixed
- Results for developing depend on selection of tariff lines covered by flexibilities

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- Gives a rough overview of expected results
- Results for developed predetermined once Coefficient is fixed
- Results for developing depend on selection of tariff lines covered by flexibilities
- Some groups without cuts in applied rates

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