

The topics of discussion be (1) unforeseen developments (GATT Art. XIX:1(a)), and (2) transparency in safeguards investigations. Some discussion items to be presented may include:

- GATT Art. XIX:1(a)

- What types of "unforeseen developments" have the competent authorities replied upon? How have the competent authorities defined them?

- What kind of analysis do your competent authorities employ in examining whether a product is being imported in increased quantities "as a result of unforeseen developments"?

- What has been the timeframe that is generally examined when determining whether a development is unforeseen?

- Transparency in safeguards investigations

- Who are the typical interested parties participating in an investigation? Are there any limitations imposed on parties as a result of their status?

- What are the various stages at which a party can exercise its right to defend its interest? Initiation? Questionnaires? Prior to imposition of provisional measures? Consultations? Prior to the imposition of final measures? Hearing?

- How is information shared with interested parties and in what format?

- What type of information is shared with interested parties v. larger public?