

Freedom of Transit: Opportunities for WTO Acceding Countries

Benefits and Challenges for Afghanistan

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Freedom of Transit in the Agreement on Trade Facilitation at the WTO

- □State of Play WTO discussions in Geneva to improve and clarify GATT Article V
- □ Rules and Principles of GATT Article V Freedom of Transit
- □ International and Regional Transit Instruments
- □ An Action Plan for Afghanistan Maximising the benefits of WTO membership



WTO Negotiations on Trade Facilitation

Where are we?



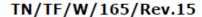


'Globally, removing these barriers to trade and cutting red tape in half, which is what a multilateral Trade Facilitation Agreement could deliver, could stimulate the US 22 Trillion dollar world economy by more than US 1 trillion dollars! '

Pascal Lamy, Director-General WTO 1 Feb 2013









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Negotiating Group on Trade Facilitation

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State of Play – WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation

- □ WTO DG briefed Members of the Informal Trade Negotiations
 Committee (11 April 2013)
- ☐ Chair ITNC has restructured the negotiating process with the support of his four 'Friends of the Chair'
- ☐ Two ongoing parallel tasks (March—May 2013)
 - a. Negotiations on the Text of the Draft Agreement continues
 - b. 'Many' developing countries and LDCs are conducting new needs assessments
 - Expected to yield more up to date documentary basis to <u>start</u> developing partnerships with donor Members and <u>development partners</u>



State of Play – WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation

- □ Negotiating Group on Trade Facilitation (NGTF) meets May 2013
- ☐ Recipients and donors 'Trade Fair' May 2013
- WTO members to coordinate cross -agency collaboration to ensure that members are prepared to bring closure to the negotiations - ?
- □ Next Steps? May December, 2013 onwards
- □ WTO Ministerial Bali, Indonesia, Dec 3-6, 2013

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