

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! ‘

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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 start developing partnerships with donor Members and development partners**

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- ❑ 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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