

The **CONSOLIDATED TARIFF SCHEDULES (CTS)** data-base records in a standard format WTO Members' tariff commitments (bound duties) for agricultural and non-agricultural products as well as specific commitments in Agriculture such as tariff quotas and export subsidies. These data, sourced from the various WTO legal instruments established over the years, were recorded in different national customs nomenclatures.

When the CTS database was established in 1999-2001, a number of countries had, by that time, already conv

g the obligation of Members to transpose their S and then to implement any future changes compliance or the limited number of Members' the introduction of HS2002 changes into their led to the 2005 General Council Decision (WT/ h the Secretariat would provide assistance to mbers in their submission for the HS 2002 d in the preparation of files for the multilateral n.

ion and in order to have the bound duties ex- sion of the HS nomenclature as in Members' s, the IDB Section stated in 2005 to translate nto HS 2002. This complex and technical exer- was prepared by the Secretariat for developing Members prepared their own transposition file. not affect the level of commitments which re- version of the nomenclature.

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