

Chair's Reference Paper¹

RECENTLY ACCEDED MEMBERS

Background

Paragraph 58 of the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration states that:

"We recognize the special situation of recently-acceded Members who have undertaken extensive market access commitments at the time of accession. This situation will be taken into account in the negotiations."

Paragraph 47 of the Agreed Framework (Annex A of WT/L/579) states that:

"The particular concerns of recently acceded Members will be effectively addressed through specific flexibility provisions."

¹ The headings used in this reference paper are indicative only.

those named in paragraph 9. Given the lack of expressed objection on these issues, attention should perhaps next focus on how far before 14 November 2001 could still be considered recent. Should we go back to the start of implementation of the results of the Uruguay Round, or should the cut-off date be some time between that date and the date of the Doha Ministerial Declaration?

6. In considering the list, however, it would be worth also taking account of the practical implications of adding to the list of Members in paragraph 9 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration and those Members that acceded to the WTO after that Conference. Between 1 January 1995 and the Seattle Ministerial Conference five Members joined (excluding Estonia and Latvia that have since acceded to the European Communities). One of these five Members, Bulgaria, is in the process of accession to the European Communities. This would not suggest that the potential size of the group creates an insurmountable problem. But, as already noted, this particular aspect of the Doha Development Agenda is perhaps more a matter, in formal terms, for bodies other than this Negotiating group *per se* to resolve. This for present purposes is without prejudice to that formal issue.

Particular Concerns

Special situations

7. The economic and trade profiles of recently acceded Members vary considerably. One common feature is that it would appear that they

10. Before addressing some of the specific issues that need to be resolved, it is worth noting that all Members agree that some form of flexibility for RAMs must be provided. Nevertheless there remain considerable differences on the coverage of provisions, the applicability of different flexibilities to developed, developing and possibly other categories of RAMs and the degree of flexibility. While noting the particular situation of

Commitments on Agricultural Products, Selected Members

Member	Date of Accession to the WTO	SUMMARY OF MARKET ACCESS (TARIFFS) COMMITMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS											Last year of implementation	
		Simple average of bound tariffs	Max. ad val.	No. of NAV lines.	Implementation of commitments (Number of tariff lines fully implemented)									
					Implemented by 2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2015		
Ecuador	21/01/1996	25.5	86	0	887 Full									2001
Bulgaria	01/12/1996	35.6	98	550	2204 Full									2005
Mongolia	29/01/1997	18.9	75	0	826 Full									2005
Panama	06/09/1997	27.7	260	5	1204	1265 Full								2007
Kyrgyz Republic	20/12/1998	12.3	30	47	921 Full									2003
Jordan	11/04/2000	23.7	200	7	688	690	694	694	874 Full					2010
Georgia	14/06/2000	11.7	30	26	781 Full									2006
Albania	08/09/2000	9.4	20	0	2069	2137 Full								2007
Oman	09/11/2000	28.0	200	0	723 Full									2006
Croatia	30/11/2000	9.4	55	229	1142	1163 Full								2007
Moldova, Rep. of	26/07/2001	12.2	25	63	784 Full									2005
China	11/12/2001	15.8	65	0	978	978	978	978	981 Full					2010
Chinese Taipei	01/01/2002	15.3	500	103	1161	1377	1377	1377	1377	1379 Full				2011
Armenia	05/02/2003	14.7	15	0	684 Full									2003
FYR Macedonia	04/04/2003	11.3	60	305	2070	2179 Full								2007
Saudi Arabia	11/12/2005	12.4	200	89	1122	1122	1143	1143	1168 Full					2010
Tonga	WP 1.12.05													

Note: Does not include Cambodia (13.10.2004) and Nepal (23.04.2004) which are considered LDCs. It also does not include Estonia (13.11.1999), Lithuania (31.05.2001) and Latvia (10.02.1999) which acceded to the EU on 1 May 2004.

Source: WTO Secretariat

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Member	Date of Accession to the WTO	SUMMARY OF MARKET ACCESS (TARIFFS) COMMITMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS											
		Simple average of bound tariffs	Max. ad val.	No. of NAV lines.	Implementation of commitments (Share of agriculture lines implemented)								Last year of implementation
					Implemented by 2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2015	
Ecuador	21/01/1996	25.5	86	0	100%								2001
Bulgaria	01/12/1996	35.6	98	550	100%								2005

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Member	Date of Accession to the WTO	Currency	SUMMARY OF DOMESTIC SUPPORT COMMITMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS										
			Final Bound Total AMS Commitment	Implementation of commitments (Annual bound total AMS commitments)								Last year of implementation	
				Implemented by 2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2015		
Ecuador	21/01/1996		NIL	NA									NA

Commitments on Agricultural Products, Selected Members

Member	Date of Accession to the WTO	SUMMARY OF EXPORT SUBSIDY COMMITMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS										
		Export Subsidy Commitments	Implementation of commitments								Last year of implementation	
			Implemented by 2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2015		
Ecuador	21/01/1996	NIL	NA									NA
Bulgaria	01/12/1996	Budgetary outlay and Quantity reduction commitments in respect of 44 products/group of products	100%									2000
Mongolia	29/01/1997	NIL	NA									NA
Panama	06/09/1997	Budgetary outlay reduction commitments in respect of products covered in the Annex I of the Agreement on Agriculture	100%									2003

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