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# TECHNICAL COOPERATION HANDBOOK ON NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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The Handbook on Notification Requirements does not

This section of the Handbook on Notification Requirements covers the notification obligations under the **INTEGRATED DATABASE**. It consists of the following five parts:

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DECISION

**For Members which acceded pursuant to Article XII of the Marrakesh Agreement, their respective Protocols of Accession may contain notification obligations in addition to those set out in the WTO Agreements, and may govern the deadlines for the submission of their initial notifications.**

# PART 1 OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

## WHAT MUST BE NOTIFIED?

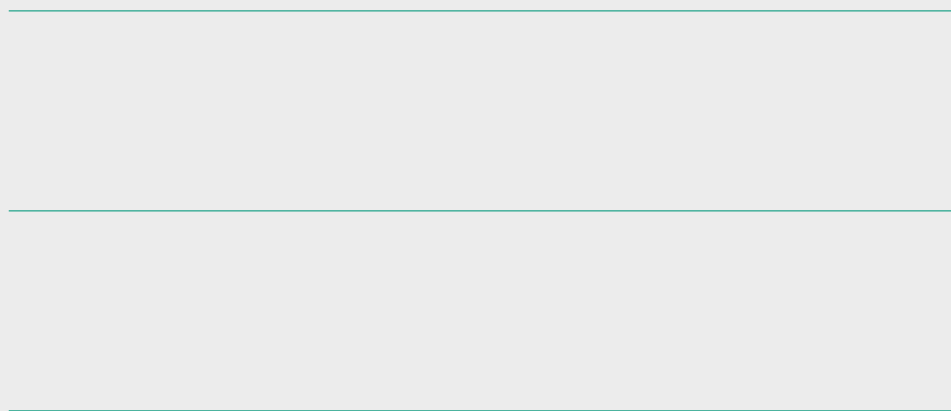
The Committee on Market Access (CMA) adopted the decision on "Modalities and Operation of the Integrated Data Base (IDB)" contained in document [G/MA/367](#) in order to streamline and facilitate the preparation of notifications by Members and to improve participation in the IDB. This new decision relates to the Decision of General Council of 18 July 1997 ([WT/L/225](#)) and supersedes those contained in several related documents previously issued<sup>1</sup>. The document stipulates the mandatory data elements to be notified by Members. It also encourages Members to submit additional elements on a voluntary basis.

### 1. Mandatory elements:

Members shall notify, on an annual basis, data defined in **paragraph 1** of the [G/MA/367](#):

- a) Applied MFN import tariffs at the national customs tariff nomenclature (at the most detailed level, for example HS codes with 8, 9, or 10 digits, as normally applied by the Member's customs administration);
- b) Import statistics in the same national tariff nomenclature as the corresponding MFN applied tariffs for the same year (i.e. same HS version and with the same level of disaggregation), including value (in USD or national currency) and volume (quantity and unit), by country of origin and by tariff line;
- c) Data elements required by the Transparency Mechanism for Preferential Trade Arrangements<sup>2</sup>, which include:
  - i. Preferential applied tariffs and import statistics, for preferences by developed countries to developing and least-developed countries in accordance with the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), including the list of countries or separate customs territories on which they apply.
  - ii.

# PART 1 OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS



# PART 1

## OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

selected WTO Stats Portal data sets are presented visually via three distinct [dashboards](#):  
Merchandise Trade, Commercial Services Trade, and Market Access. Depending on

# PART 2

## LISTING OF THE NOTIFICATION OBLIGATIONS

## PART 3

### RELEVANT DOCUMENT(S) CONCERNING GUIDELINES AND FORMATS

Modalities and Operation of the Integrated Data Base (IDB) [G/MA/367](#).

## PART 4

### LIST OF NOTIFICATIONS SINCE 1996

[IDB File Exchange facility](#) offers a comprehensive status of submissions, including all years from 1996 in electronic format.

The comprehensive status of submissions to the IDB is prepared for the Committee on Market Access [G/MA/IDB/2/\\*](#). From the document [G/MA/IDB/2/Rev.43](#), the status of submissions includes only the most recent 10 years and with information on the number of non-MFN duty schemes included in the submission.



## PART 5 TEXT OF THE DECISION

Modalities and Operation of the Integrated Data Base (IDB) [G/MA/367](#).