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## WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO) – JOINT VIENNA INSTITUTE (JVI)

### REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE: USE OF TARIFFS, LICENSING, AND QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS BY WTO MEMBERS

#### VIENNA – AUSTRIA (IN ENGLISH\*)

**29 June to 2 July 2026**

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is organizing, in collaboration with the Joint Vienna Institute (JVI), a **Regional Workshop on Supply Chain Resilience: Use of Tariffs, Licensing, and Quantitative Restrictions by WTO Members** for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus (CEECAC) **to be held in Vienna (Austria), from 29 June to 2 July 2026**. A provisional programme of the Workshop is attached.

Using a dynamic approach that combines presentations with illustrative real case scenarios, round tables and group discussions, interactive exercises, and hands-on work on WTO databases, this workshop aims to enhance participants' understanding of how supply chain resilience has emerged as a trade policy objective and of the use of WTO instruments in this context. To this end, the workshop will:

- Explain the concept of supply chains and supply chain resilience, including the factors that have increased their importance in international trade policy discussions.
- Describe how supply chain resilience has emerged as a policy objective among WTO Members, with reference to recent practices and discussions in the WTO Committee on Market Access.

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- Identify and analyze WTO trade policy instruments used by Members to support supply chain resilience, including tariffs, licensing procedures, and quantitative restrictions.
- Assess the implications of these policy tools within the WTO framework, including transparency, trade impacts, and potential policy trade-offs.

## CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

**Your government is kindly invited to nominate up to four (4) candidates.** The WTO Secretariat will conduct a selection process to fill the **34 available spaces** for the Workshop.

Applications will only be considered from candidates whose experience and current responsibilities are directly relevant to the subject of the Workshop as described above. Candidates must have the following profile:

- Mid-level capital-based government officials directly involved in trade policy implementation and market access issues including tariffs, licensing regimes and / or import or export restrictions (prohibitions, quotas or any other types of quantitative restrictions); or
- Officials responsible for WTO notifications (focal points preparing or examining notifications of import licensing and / or quantitative restrictions or related matters).

It should be noted that the Workshop will be conducted in **English only\*** and that there will be no interpretation, so fluency in English is mandatory.

## COSTS COVERED FOR PARTICIPANTS

An economy-class round-trip air ticket (excursion fare, if applicable), a nominal daily allowance, an accommodation on a bed & breakfast basis for the duration of the Workshop, and terminal expenses (allowances to be paid on the opening day of the activity) will be provided to selected participants. Other administrative arrangements shall be communicated directly to the selected participants in due course.

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

... The attached Application Form must be returned, completed, and signed by the candidate as well as by the nominating national authority which presents the candidate, **via the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO, to the Logistics Unit, WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation** (e-mail: [logistics.unit@wto.org](mailto:logistics.unit@wto.org)) **at the latest by 1 MAY 2026**.

In light of the complex arrangements involved in the organization of the Workshop, we need to stress that beyond this deadline, the Secretariat would not be in a position to process the names of new participants.

The organizers reserve the right to postpone or cancel this activity in the event of force majeure or other reasons that render the execution of the activity impracticable for the organizers.

## **Français/Español**

*\*L'Organisation Mondiale du Commerce (OMC) organise un Atelier régional sur la Résilience de la chaîne d'approvisionnement : aperçu des pratiques des membres et des instruments de l'OMC pour la région ECOACC, du 29 juin au 2 juillet 2026. Ce cours étant donné en anglais, l'invitation et le formulaire de candidature sont distribués en anglais uniquement.*

*\*La Organización Mundial del Comercio (OMC) organiza un Taller regional sobre "Resiliencia de las cadenas de suministro: panorama de las prácticas de los miembros y de los instrumentos regulatorios de la OMC." para la región ECOACC, del 29 de junio al 2 de julio de 2026. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.*