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CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON PROHIBITIONS, LICENSING AND OTHER QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

2-5 JULY 2019

DRAFT PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 2 JULY 2019

Time	Session
09:00-09:15	Opening remarks
09:15-10:30	What is a quantitative restriction?
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-11:30	Introduction to quantitative restrictions and the WTO – Article XI of the GATT 1994
11:30-12:30	Economic effects of quantitative restrictions
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00-14:45	Jurisprudence on the interpretation of Article XI of the GATT 1994 and possible justifications
14:45-15:30	Linkages to other WTO Agreements – Agreement on Agriculture – Agreement on Safeguards
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45-17:00	Linkages to other WTO Agreements – Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures

WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 2019

Time	Session
9:00-09:30	Sources of information on Quantitative Restrictions – Trade Policy Reviews – The Trade Monitoring exercise Prohibitions or restrictions resulting from non-WTO international conventions (e.g. CITES, Montreal Protocol, etc.)
9:30-10:30	Presentation: How to prepare a Quantitative Restriction notification – The 2012 Decision on the Notification of Quantitative Restrictions (G/L/59/Rev.1) – Overview of the notifications submitted to the WTO
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-12:30	Role game: Stakeholder analysis and coordination in practice
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00-15:00	Panel session: How to improve national coordination? Experience sharing by WTO Members that have notified QRs
15:00-15:30	Toolbox for a stakeholder analysis
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45-17:00	[Quantitative Restrictions in action: trade in narcotics]



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THURSDAY, 4 JULY 2019

Time	Session
9:00-10:30	Quantitative Restrictions and the Market Access Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Notifications on quantitative restrictions in the Market Access Committee– Data considerations for notifications
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-12:30	Exercise: Analysis of notifications on quantitative restrictions
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00-15:30	Project Management tools and usage for WTO Notifications
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45-17:00	Exercise: Preparation of project on quantitative restrictions notification

FRIDAY, 5 JULY 2019


Time	Session
9:00-9:30	Practical exercise - Quiz
9:30-10:30	Exercise: Preparation of project on quantitative restrictions notification
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-12:30	Coaching sessions, peer review and finalization of projects
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00-15:30	Project presentations & discussions
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45-17:00	Wrap-up session <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Feedback from participants– Closing and evaluation



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To: Heads of Delegation Members and Observers to the WTO	Fax No: List attached
From: Bridget Chilala  Director Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation	Date: 23/04/2019
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**REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON PROHIBITIONS, LICENSING
AND OTHER QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS
for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus (CEECAC) Countries**

Joint Vienna Institute (Vienna), Austria

2-5 July 2019

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization is organizing a Capacity Building Workshop on Quantitative Restrictions that will take place in Vienna, Austria, from **2 to 5 July 2019**.

The Workshop is a specialized training activity that seeks to improve Members' understanding of the WTO rules on quantitative restrictions and increase their compliance with the transparency obligations under the "Decision on the Notification of Quantitative Restrictions" (G/L/59/Rev.1).
..... The draft programme of the workshop is attached.

WTO Members from Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus that are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities are invited to nominate **four capital-based** officials for consideration by the WTO Selection Committee, working either for the relevant Ministry or Customs to participate in the Workshop. The nominee must be directly responsible for the preparation and/or coordination of notifications on quantitative restrictions or have demonstrably commensurate knowledge and professional experience in the preparation, coordination, implementation and/or analysis of trade permits, licensing and prohibitions (for more details, please see application form).

Selected participants are required to submit information on the status of quantitative restriction notifications prior to the Workshop.

WTO will bear expenses (i.e. a round trip airplane ticket in economy class, terminal expenses allowance, daily subsistence allowance and accommodation for the duration of the Workshop) for applicants from WTO developing countries that are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities.

Funded participants will be required to prepare a draft notification at the Workshop, with the assistance of the Secretariat. Nominees who have already undertaken work on this notification or who are familiar with his/her government's trade restrictions or prohibitions will be given priority in the selection process.

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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, at the latest by FRIDAY, 10 MAY 2019**. The Application Form should be returned by email or fax to Logistics Unit, WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, (**Email: logistics.unit@wto.org or Fax No: +41 22 / 739 57 24**).

In light of complex arrangements involved in the organization of this activity, I need to stress that beyond the deadline mentioned above, the Secretariat will not be in a position to process replies received after that date.

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

Selected participants will receive confirmation directly. Relevant administrative information, travel details and ticket will be sent shortly after the selection has taken place.



WTO APPLICATION FORM

REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON PROHIBITIONS,
LICENSING AND OTHER QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS FOR
Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus (CEECAC)
Countries

Joint Vienna Institute (Vienna), Austria, 2-5 July 2019

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 10 MAY 2019

PART I	To be completed by the Applicant in ENGLISH (in CAPITAL LETTERS if handwritten)
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MANDATORY: ALL THE INFORMATION ASKED IN THIS SECTION AND A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Miss	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms
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Surname	
Given name	
Birth date <i>day/month/year</i>	
Nationality	
Title/Position	
Ministry/ Government entity	
City	
Country/Separate Customs Territory	
Mobile phone n°	
Telephone n°	
Email addresses* (professional & personal)	* Important: all communications, documents and air-ticket will be sent by e-mail

Travel preference, if any (taken into consideration but not guaranteed)

Higher (university) education

When?	Where?	Title of qualification

Work experience

Brief description of your current responsibilities	
On which date did you take up your current functions?	
What was your previous post?	

WTO training undertaken

Have you successfully completed a WTO e-Learning course(s)? If so, which one (with dates)?	
Other WTO course(s) undertaken & dates	

What is the objective that you would like to achieve by participating in this activity?

Check the appropriate box

In your daily work, are you responsible for:

The notification of quantitative restrictions to the WTO?

Yes No

Other type of notifications to the WTO?

Yes No

If answer is yes, please list which notifications you prepare:

**If a quantitative restriction notification has been prepared previously:
Please describe what challenges you have faced in preparing the notification of quantitative restrictions,
including the steps that have been taken to prepare it.**

**If a quantitative restriction notification has not been prepared previously:
Please describe the difficulties encountered when dealing with quantitative restrictions in general and how
you are dealing with trade permits, licensing and prohibitions in your daily work.**

Additional information about the activity

Background: Preference will be given to nominees directly responsible for the preparation and/or coordination of notifications on quantitative restrictions or who have demonstrably commensurate knowledge and professional experience in the preparation, coordination, implementation and/or analysis of trade permits, licensing and prohibitions.

Selected participants will be required to prepare a draft notification at the Workshop, with the assistance of the Secretariat. Nominees who have already undertaken work on this notification or who are familiar with his/her government's trade restrictions or prohibitions will be given priority in the selection process.

The Organisers reserve the right to select candidates and to decline the candidature of nominees who do not meet these requirements and/or on the basis of the maximum number of funded participants.

This activity will be delivered in English By signing this application form the Applicant and Nominating Authority certify that the Applicant meets this requirement.

PART II	To be completed by the Nominating Authority
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The Nominating Authority	
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- Officially nominates:

Name of candidate	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to attend the Workshop to be held in Vienna from 2 to 5 July 2019; • confirms that the candidate meets the requested requirements. • is fully aware that this nomination is subject to the decisions of the WTO Selection Committee and to the conditions described in the Annex to this application, which we have thoroughly read and accepted.

**PLEASE CLEARLY INDICATE IF YOU ARE REQUESTING WTO FINANCING FOR THIS CANDIDACY
(CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX)**

YES

NO

Details of the **official responsible for nominating this candidate:**

Surname	
Given Name	
Title/Position	
Organization/Entity	
Telephone	
Email address	

By signing this form, the Candidate and the Nominating Authority certify that all the information included is complete and correct

Date & signature (Candidate)	Date, <u>signature & STAMP</u> (Nominating Authority)

ANNEX: CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN WTO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES**Travel, air-tickets, visas, transit visas, accommodation and subsistence allowances**

1. Countries are implementing very strict visa policies. Please enquire several weeks in advance on the visas and transit visas you need. Make the necessary arrangements in your country to obtain them for your full roundtrip. The WTO is not authorized to intervene in this matter and is not responsible for visa fees and other financial issues.
2. You will not be consulted for your travel itinerary. However, your preference will be taken into consideration but is not guaranteed.
3. The organizers will provide you with a round-trip airplane ticket in economy-class, a terminal expenses allowance, accommodation, and a daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the activity in Geneva (or full board accommodation for regional activities).
4. Administrative and logistical details will be communicated by e-mail to the selected participants directly.

Please note that the WTO Secretariat DOES NOT assume financial or any other responsibility for items not explicitly mentioned in this Note as being covered. This means that the WTO Secretariat assumes NO responsibility for, among others, the following items:

1. **Expenses incurred in connection with foreign travel formalities (visas, transit visas, taxes, travel to get visas, medical examinations, vaccinations, etc.), expenses during the journey resulting from lack of transit visa or from insufficient passport validity.**
2. Salaries of the participants during their participation in the Activity.
3. Travel or other expenses of any additional persons accompanying the participants.
4. **Travel, medical or accident insurance, or medical expenses regardless of their cause, during the journey to/from the activity or while attending it, including emergency treatment, hospitalization, ambulance or other transportation, evacuation and repatriation.**
5. Loss or damage to the personal effects of the participants during travel or attendance at the Activity.
6. Any modification made by you regarding the hotel booking and the related logistical arrangements.
7. Any personal service or facility you may request during your stay in the hotel where you are accommodated by the WTO, such as: business centre, internet connections, phone calls, room service, laundry, mini-bar or any kind of ground transport.
8. Any modification made BY THE AIRLINE OR BY YOU in connection with the itinerary or the air-tickets issued by the WTO Travel Agency in Geneva. Any additional fees, charges and/or penalties for the air-ticket modifications WILL BE COVERED BY YOU AND NOT BY THE ORGANIZERS.
9. Any damages made by you to the facilities to which you have access during your stay (i.e. hotel room) which will be your responsibility.

I, the undersigned Applicant, declare that I have carefully read this application form and that I accept the aforementioned conditions:

Date, name, signature of the candidate & stamp

THIS COMPLETED FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY YOUR PERMANENT MISSION/EMBASSY, WITH A PDF COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS ONLY, AT THE LATEST BY THE DEADLINE MENTIONED ON PAGE 1

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INCOMPLETE/ILLEGIBLE FORMS, OR FORMS NOT PRESENTED BY THE PERMANENT MISSION, OR PRESENTED BY THE PERMANENT MISSION AFTER THE DEADLINE, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED