



TRADE AND PUBLIC HEALTH WORKSHOP

**Organized by the WTO Secretariat
in collaboration with the Secretariats of WHO and WIPO**

Geneva, 11-15 November 2019

Venue: Room E, Centre William Rappard

The Workshop will review the system of multilateral trade agreements as part of the wider action to address public health needs. The programme will focus on innovation and access to medical technologies. It will cover: public health determinants; the IP system; pricing and procurement policies; competition policy and rules; tariffs, quotas and licensing; health services; and regulatory issues, including approval, quality control and effectiveness of medicines, the protection of clinical trial data under the TRIPS Agreement, and health-related measures in the TBT and SPS Committees.

Specific sessions will be dedicated to cross-cutting themes linking trade agreements to topical issues: Antimicrobial Resistance; and Impact of and Access to New Medical Technologies. Exercises and case studies will require participants to examine key thematic issues that involve: the consideration of industrial policy, including local production of medicines and technology transfer; the use of IP flexibilities to procure medicines; the application of competition policy; and the handling of specific trade concerns regarding TBT/SPS measures.

Special attention will be given to the topic "Effectively Using Special Compulsory Licences for Export as a Procurement Tool for Medicines". Since the entry into force of the Protocol Amending the TRIPS Agreement, in January 2017, this public health flexibility is an integral part of the TRIPS Agreement. The Workshop will look at how best to effectively use this tool, as well as the practical options for securing access to affordable medicines.

Monday, 11 November 2019	
8:30 – 9:00	<i>Registration of Participants</i>
9:00 – 9:45	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks • Introduction of Participants
9:45 – 10:15	<i>Break</i>
Theme I: Setting the Scene	
10:15 – 11:30	Roundtable Discussion: Mapping the Interface between Health, Trade and Intellectual Property
11:30 – 12:15	Economics of Medical Technologies: Innovation and Access
12:15 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
Theme II: The Innovation Dimension	
13:30 – 15:00	The Intellectual Property System as Determinant for Innovation in the Pharmaceutical Sector: Implementing and Managing IPRs
15:00 – 15:15	Discussion
15:15 – 15:45	<i>Break</i>
15:45 – 16:45	Models for Collaboration: Public-Private Partnerships for Innovation and Access and Industry Partnerships
16:45 – 17:00	Discussion
17:00 – 18:00	<i>Breakout Session on Anti-Microbial Resistance: How to Foster Innovation, Access and Appropriate Use of Antibiotics</i>

Tuesday, 12 November 2019	
Theme III: The Access Dimension	
9:00 – 09:45	The Public Health Context: Overview of Determinants Related to Access
09:45 – 10:00	Discussion
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Break</i>
10:30 – 11:30	Using the IP System and its Policy Options to Further Global Access to Health Technologies
11:30 – 11:45	Discussion
11:45 – 12:15	The Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health and the TRIPS Amendment: Creating Legal Avenues for Access to Medicines
12:15 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Selected Country Experiences – Presentations by Participants
14:30 – 15:45	Case Study: Pharmaceutical Industry Policy, Local Production of Medicines, Access, Strategies and Technology Transfer

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15:45 – 16:15	<i>Break</i>
16:15 – 16:45	Mapping Patents in Supply Countries
16:45 – 17:00	Discussion
17:00 – 17:15	Introduction to Case Study: Medicines - Innovation & Access

Wednesday, 13 November 2019

Theme IV: Making Effective Use of Special Compulsory Licences for Export

9:00 – 10:00	The Paragraph 6 System: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • Practical Steps to Put the System to Work • Implementing Measures taken by WTO Members
10:00 – 11:30 Room E and Z	Case Study: Medicines - Innovation & Access (Patent Task Force and TRIPS Amendment Task Force)
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Break</i>
12:00 – 12:20	Implementing the System at the Regional Level
12:20 – 12:40	Engaging in the Production of Generic Medicines under the System
12:40 – 13:00	Discussion
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Panel Discussion: How to Enhance Synergies between Public Health Objectives and Trade Agreements: Industry and Civil Society Perspective
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Break</i>
	Theme V: The Trade Dimension
15:30 – 16:30	Trends in Trade of Public Health Products and Other Trade-Related Access Determinants: Tariffs and Non-Tariff Measures
16:30 – 16:45	Discussion
16:45 – 17:45	Trade in Health Services
17:45 – 18:00	Discussion

Thursday, 14 November 2019

08:00	<i>Bus departs from Hotel</i>
09:00 – 11:30	Field Visit: Trade and IP-Related Issues for the Medical Technologies Industry
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Procurement Rules and Practices
14:30 – 14:45	Discussion
14:45 – 15:45	Health-Related Provisions in Regional Trade Agreements
15:45 – 16:00	Discussion
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Break</i>
16:30 – 18:00	Breakout Session on Impact of and Access to New Medical Technologies

Friday, 15 November 2019

Theme IV: The Regulatory Dimension	
Competition Policy and Rules	
9:00 – 10:00	
10:00 – 11:00	Case Study: Medicines – Innovation & Access (Procurement Task Force and Competition Policy Task Force)
Room E and Z	
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Break</i>
11:30 – 12:15	Approval, Quality Control and Effectiveness of Medicines, including Falsified and Substandard, as well as Counterfeit Medicines
12:15 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 – 14:15	Protection of Clinical Trial Data – Policy, Legal and Economic Aspects
14:15 – 14:30	Discussion
14:30 – 15:00	Selected Country Experiences – Presentations by Participants
15:00 – 15:45	Standards, Health Regulation and Trade
15:45 – 16:00	Discussion
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Break</i>
16:30 – 17:30	Case Study
17:30 – 18:00	Evaluation and Closing Remarks
