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Composition of regions and other economic groupings Regions

North America

Bermuda	Canada*	Mexico*	United States of America*	
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Other territories in the region not elsewhere specified (n.e.s.)

South and Central America and the Caribbean

Antigua and Barbuda*	Chile*	El Salvador*	Panama*	Trinidad and Tobago*
Argentina*	Colombia*	Grenada*	Paraguay*	Uruguay*
Aruba, the Netherlands with respect to*	Costa Rica*	Guatemala*	Peru*	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*
Bahamas**	Cuba*	Guyana*	Saint Kitts and Nevis*	
Barbados*	Curaçao*	Haiti*	Saint Lucia*	
Belize*	Dominica*	Honduras*	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines*	
Bolivia, Plurinational State of*	Dominican Republic*	Jamaica*	Sint Maarten*	
Brazil*	Ecuador*	Nicaragua*	Suriname*	

Other territories in the region n.e.s.

Europe

Albania*	Czech Republic*	Hungary*	Malta*	Slovak Republic*
Andorra**	Denmark*	Iceland*	Montenegro*	Slovenia*
Austria*	Estonia*	Ireland*	Netherlands*	Spain*
Belgium*	Finland*	Italy*	Norway*	Sweden*
Bosnia and Herzegovina**	France*	Latvia*	Poland*	Switzerland*
Bulgaria*	FYR Macedonia*	Liechtenstein*	Portugal*	Turkey*
Croatia*	Germany*	Lithuania*	Romania*	United Kingdom*
Cyprus*	Greece*	Luxembourg*	Serbia**	

Other territories in the region n.e.s.

Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)^a

Armenia*	Georgia ^a	Moldova, Republic of*	Turkmenistan	
Azerbaijan**	Kazakhstan***	Russian Federation*	Ukraine*	
Belarus**	Kyrgyz Republic*	Tajikistan*	Uzbekistan**	

Other territories in the region n.e.s.

Africa

Algeria**	Congo*	Guinea*	Morocco*	South Africa*
Angola*	Côte d'Ivoire*	Guinea-Bissau*	Mozambique*	Sudan**
Benin*	Democratic Republic of the Congo*	Kenya*	Namibia*	Swaziland*
Botswana*	Djibouti*	Lesotho*	Niger*	Tanzania*
Burkina Faso*	Egypt*	Liberia, Republic of**	Nigeria*	Togo*
Burundi*	Equatorial Guinea**	Libya**	Rwanda*	Tunisia*
Cabo Verde*	Eritrea	Madagascar*	São Tomé and Príncipe**	Uganda*
Cameroon*	Ethiopia**	Malawi*	Senegal*	Zambia*
Central African Republic*	Gabon*	Mali*	Seychelles*	Zimbabwe*
Chad*	The Gambia*	Mauritania*	Sierra Leone*	
Comoros**	Ghana*	Mauritius*	Somalia	

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^a Georgia is not a member of the Commonwealth of Independent States but is included in this group for reasons of geography and similarities in economic structure.

Middle East				
Bahrain, Kingdom of*	Israel*	Lebanese Republic**	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of*	Yemen*
Iran**	Jordan*	Oman*	Syrian Arab Republic**	
Iraq**	Kuwait, the State of*	Qatar*	United Arab Emirates*	
Other territories in the region n.e.s.				
Asia				
Afghanistan**	Hong Kong, China*	Malaysia*	Papua New Guinea*	Timor-Leste
Australia*	India*	Maldives*	Philippines*	Tonga*
Bangladesh*	Indonesia*	Mongolia*	Samoa*	Tuvalu
Bhutan**	Japan*	Myanmar*	Singapore*	Vanuatu*
Brunei Darussalam*	Kiribati	Nepal*	Solomon Islands*	Viet Nam*
Cambodia*	Korea, Republic of*	New Zealand*	Sri Lanka*	
China*	Lao People's Democratic Republic*	Pakistan*	Chinese Taipei*	
Fiji*	Macao, China*	Palau	Thailand*	
Other territories in the region n.e.s.				
Other Groups				
ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific countries)				
Angola	Côte d'Ivoire	Guyana	Nauru	Somalia
Antigua and Barbuda	Cuba	Haiti	Niger	South Africa
Bahamas	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Jamaica	Nigeria	Sudan
Barbados	Djibouti	Kenya	Niue	Suriname
Belize	Dominica	Kiribati	Palau	Swaziland
Benin	Dominican Republic	Lesotho	Papua New Guinea	Tanzania
Botswana	Equatorial Guinea	Liberia, Republic of	Rwanda	Timor-Leste
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Central African Republic	The Gambia	Mauritania	São Tomé and Príncipe	Uganda
Chad	Ghana	Mauritius	Senegal	Vanuatu
Comoros	Grenada	Micronesia	Seychelles	Zambia
Congo	Guinea	Mozambique	Sierra Leone	Zimbabwe
Cook Islands	Guinea-Bissau	Namibia	Solomon Islands	
Africa				
<i>North Africa</i>				
Algeria	Egypt	Libya	Morocco	Tunisia
Sub-Saharan Africa				
<i>Western Africa</i>				
Benin	The Gambia	Guinea-Bissau	Mauritania	Senegal
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Liberia, Republic of	Niger	Sierra Leone
Cabo Verde	Guinea	Mali	Nigeria	Togo
Côte d'Ivoire				
<i>Central Africa</i>				
Burundi	Central African Republic	Congo	Equatorial Guinea	Rwanda
Cameroon	Chad	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Gabon	São Tomé and Príncipe
<i>Eastern Africa</i>				
Comoros	Ethiopia	Mauritius	Somalia	Tanzania
Djibouti	Kenya	Seychelles	Sudan	Uganda
Eritrea	Madagascar			

<i>Southern Africa</i>				
Angola	Lesotho	Mozambique	South Africa	Zambia
Botswana	Malawi	Namibia	Swaziland	Zimbabwe
Territories in Africa n.e.s.				
Asia				
<i>East Asia (including Oceania)</i>				
Australia	Indonesia	Malaysia	Samoa	Tuvalu
Brunei Darussalam	Japan	Mongolia	Singapore	Vanuatu
Cambodia	Kiribati	Myanmar	Solomon Islands	Viet Nam
China	Korea, Republic of	New Zealand	Chinese Taipei	
Fiji	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Papua New Guinea	Thailand	
Hong Kong, China	Macao, China	Philippines	Tonga	
<i>West Asia</i>				
Afghanistan	Bhutan	Maldives	Pakistan	Sri Lanka
Bangladesh	India	Nepal		
Other countries and territories in Asia and the Pacific n.e.s.				
Least-developed countries (LDCs)				
Afghanistan	Comoros	Kiribati	Myanmar	Tanzania
Angola	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Nepal	Timor-Leste
Bangladesh	Djibouti	Lesotho	Niger	Togo
Benin	Equatorial Guinea	Liberia, Republic of	Rwanda	Tuvalu
Bhutan	Eritrea	Madagascar	São Tomé and Príncipe	Uganda
Burkina Faso	Ethiopia	Malawi	Senegal	Vanuatu
Burundi	The Gambia	Maldives	Sierra Leone	Yemen
Cambodia	Guinea	Mali	Solomon Islands	Zambia
Central African Republic	Guinea-Bissau	Mauritania	Somalia	
Chad	Haiti	Mozambique	Sudan	
Six East Asian traders				
Hong Kong, China	Malaysia	Singapore	Chinese Taipei	Thailand
Korea, Republic of				
Regional Integration Agreements				
Andean Community (CAN)				
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Colombia	Ecuador	Peru	
ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) / AFTA (ASEAN Free Trade Area)				
Brunei Darussalam	Indonesia	Malaysia	Philippines	Thailand
Cambodia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Myanmar	Singapore	Viet Nam
CACM (Central American Common Market)				
Costa Rica	El Salvador	Guatemala	Honduras	Nicaragua
CARICOM (Caribbean Community and Common Market)				
Antigua and Barbuda	Belize	Guyana	Montserrat	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bahamas	Dominica	Haiti	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Suriname
Barbados	Grenada	Jamaica	Saint Lucia	Trinidad and Tobago
CEMAC (Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa)				
Cameroon	Chad	Congo	Equatorial Guinea	Gabon
Central African Republic				

COMESA (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa)				
Burundi	Egypt	Libya	Rwanda	Uganda
Comoros	Eritrea	Madagascar	Seychelles	Zambia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Ethiopia	Malawi	Sudan	Zimbabwe
Djibouti	Kenya	Mauritius	Swaziland	
ECCAS (Economic Community of Central African States)				
Angola	Central African Republic	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Gabon	São Tomé and Príncipe
Burundi	Chad	Equatorial Guinea	Rwanda	
Cameroon	Congo			
ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States)				
Benin	Côte d'Ivoire	Guinea	Mali	Senegal
Burkina Faso	The Gambia	Guinea-Bissau	Niger	Sierra Leone
Cabo Verde	Ghana	Liberia, Republic of	Nigeria	Togo
EFTA (European Free Trade Association)				
Iceland	Liechtenstein	Norway	Switzerland	
European Union (28)				
Austria	Denmark	Hungary	Malta	Slovenia
Belgium	Estonia	Ireland	Netherlands	Spain
Bulgaria	Finland	Italy	Poland	Sweden
Croatia	France	Latvia	Portugal	United Kingdom
Cyprus	Germany	Lithuania	Romania	
Czech Republic	Greece	Luxembourg	Slovak Republic	
GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council)				
Bahrain, Kingdom of	Oman	Qatar	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	United Arab Emirates
Kuwait, the State of				
MERCOSUR (Southern Common Market)				
Argentina	Brazil	Paraguay	Uruguay	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)				
Canada	Mexico	United States		
SAFTA (South Asia Free Trade Agreement)				
Bangladesh	India	Nepal	Pakistan	Sri Lanka
Bhutan	Maldives			
SADC (Southern African Development Community)				
Angola	Lesotho	Mauritius	Seychelles	Tanzania
Botswana	Madagascar	Mozambique	South Africa	Zambia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Malawi	Namibia	Swaziland	Zimbabwe
WAEMU (West African Economic and Monetary Union)				
Benin	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Senegal	Togo
Burkina Faso	Guinea-Bissau	Niger		

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Abbreviations and symbols

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AfDB	African Development Bank
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APTF	Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum
ASYCUDA	Automated System for Customs Data
CAREC	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation
CFTA	African Continental Free Trade Area
CGE	computable general equilibrium
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CPIA	country, policy and institutional assessment
CRS	creditor reporting system
CVA	Customs Valuation Agreement
DB	Doing Business
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EDIFACT	Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport
ETI	Enabling Trade Index
EU	European Union
FDI	foreign direct investment
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	gross domestic product
GTAP	Global Trade Analysis Project
GVCs	global value chains
HS	harmonized system
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICT	information and communication technology
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IRU	International Road Transport Union
ITC	International Trade Centre
LDCs	least-developed countries
LPI	Logistics Performance Index
MTEC	Micronesian Trade and Economic Community
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OECS	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
OSBP	one-stop border post
PCA	Principal Component Analysis
PPD	public-private dialogue
PPP	purchasing power parity
PTA	preferential trade agreement
RECs	Regional Economic Communities
RTAs	regional trade agreements
S&D	special and differential treatment

SME	small and medium-sized enterprises
SPS	sanitary and phytosanitary
TBT	technical barriers to trade
TFA	Trade Facilitation Agreement
TFIs	Trade Facilitation Indicators
TFP	total factor productivity
TIACA	The International Air Cargo Association
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNECA	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UNNExT	United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade
VAT	value-added tax
WAEMU	West African Economic and Monetary Union
WCO	World Customs Organization
WEF	World Economic Forum
WTO	World Trade Organization
WTR	World Trade Report

The following symbols are used in this publication:

...	not available
0	figure is zero or became zero due to rounding
-	not applicable
US\$	United States dollars
UK£	UK pound

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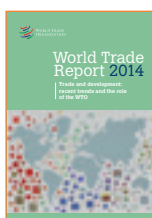
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Australia	Guyana	Philippines
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Côte d'Ivoire	Malawi	Chinese Taipei
Croatia	Malaysia	Tajikistan
Cuba	Maldives	Tanzania
Cyprus	Mali	Thailand
Czech Republic	Malta	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mauritania	Togo
Denmark	Mauritius	Tonga
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Dominican Republic	Mongolia	Turkey
Ecuador	Montenegro	Uganda
Egypt	Morocco	Ukraine
El Salvador	Mozambique	United Arab Emirates
Estonia	Myanmar	United Kingdom
European Union	Namibia	United States of America
Fiji	Nepal	Uruguay
Finland	Netherlands	Vanuatu
France	New Zealand	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
Gabon	Nicaragua	Viet Nam
The Gambia	Niger	Yemen
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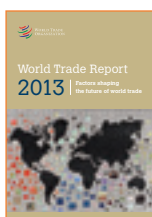
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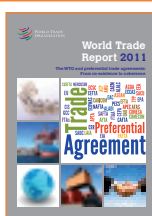
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Regulatory measures for trade in goods and services raise challenges for international cooperation in the 21st century. The *World Trade Report 2012* examines why governments use non-tariff measures and services measures and the extent to which these measures may distort international trade.

The WTO and preferential trade agreements: from co-existence to coherence

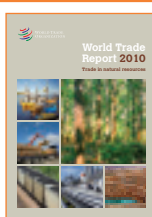
2011



The ever-growing number of preferential trade agreements (PTAs) is a prominent feature of international trade. The Report describes the historical development of PTAs and the current landscape of agreements. It examines why PTAs are established, their economic effects, the contents of the agreements themselves, and the interaction between PTAs and the multilateral trading system.

Trade in natural resources

2010



The *World Trade Report 2010* focuses on trade in natural resources, such as fuels, forestry, mining and fisheries. The Report examines the characteristics of trade in natural resources, the policy choices available to governments and the role of international cooperation, particularly of the WTO, in the proper management of trade in this sector.

Trade policy commitments and contingency measures

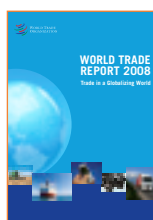
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The 2009 Report examines the range and role of contingency measures available in trade agreements. One of the Report's main objectives is to analyse whether WTO provisions provide a balance between supplying governments with the necessary flexibility to face difficult economic situations and adequately defining these in a way that limits their use for protectionist purposes.

Trade in a globalizing world

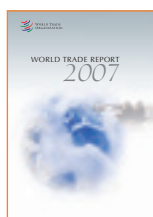
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The 2008 Report provides a reminder of what we know about the gains from international trade and highlights the challenges arising from higher levels of integration. It addresses the question of what constitutes globalization, what drives it, what benefits it brings, what challenges it poses and what role trade plays in this world of ever-growing inter-dependency.

Sixty years of the multilateral trading system: achievements and challenges

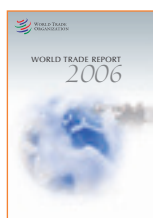
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On 1 January 2008 the multilateral trading system celebrated its 60th anniversary. The *World Trade Report 2007* celebrates this landmark anniversary with an in-depth look at the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and its successor the World Trade Organization — their origins, achievements, the challenges they have faced and what the future holds.

Exploring the links between subsidies, trade and the WTO

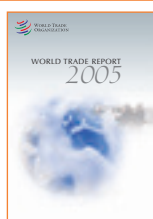
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The *World Trade Report 2006* focuses on how subsidies are defined, what economic theory can tell us about subsidies, why governments use subsidies, the most prominent sectors in which subsidies are applied and the role of the WTO Agreement in regulating subsidies in international trade. The Report also provides brief analytical commentaries on certain topical trade issues.

Trade, standards and the WTO

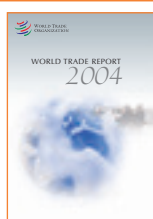
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The *World Trade Report 2005* seeks to shed light on the various functions and consequences of standards, focusing on the economics of standards in international trade, the institutional setting for standard-setting and conformity assessment, and the role of WTO agreements in reconciling the legitimate policy uses of standards with an open, non-discriminatory trading system.

Coherence

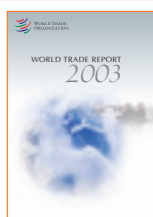
2004



The *World Trade Report 2004* focuses on the notion of coherence in the analysis of interdependent policies: the interaction between trade and macroeconomic policy, the role of infrastructure in trade and economic development, domestic market structures, governance and institutions, and the role of international cooperation in promoting policy coherence.

Trade and development

2003



The *World Trade Report 2003* focuses on development. It explains the origin of this issue and offers a framework within which to address the question of the relationship between trade and development, thereby contributing to more informed discussion.