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Technical notes

Composition of regions and other economic groupings				
Regions				
North America				
Bermuda	Canada*	Mexico*	United States of America*	
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*	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of*
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)***				
Armenia*	Georgia***	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*	South Sudan
Benin*	Democratic Republic of the Congo*	Kenya*	Namibia*	Sudan**
Botswana*	Djibouti*	Lesotho*	Niger*	Swaziland*
Burkina Faso*	Egypt*	Liberia*	Nigeria*	Tanzania*
Burundi*	Equatorial Guinea**	Libya**	Rwanda*	Togo*
Cabo Verde*	Eritrea	Madagascar*	São Tomé and Príncipe**	Tunisia*
Cameroon*	Ethiopia**	Malawi*	Senegal*	Uganda*
Central African Republic*	Gabon*	Mali*	Seychelles*	Zambia*
Chad*	The Gambia*	Mauritania*	Sierra Leone*	Zimbabwe*
Comoros**	Ghana*	Mauritius*	Somalia	
Other territories in the region n.e.s.				

*WTO members

**Observer governments

*** 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*	Tonga*
Australia*	India*	Maldives*	Philippines*	Tuvalu
Bangladesh*	Indonesia*	Mongolia*	Samoa*	Vanuatu*
Bhutan**	Japan*	Myanmar*	Singapore*	Viet Nam*
Brunei Darussalam*	Kiribati	Nepal*	Solomon Islands*	
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.				
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	Swaziland
Comoros	Eritrea	Madagascar	Seychelles	Uganda
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Ethiopia	Malawi	South Sudan	Zambia
Djibouti	Kenya	Mauritius	Sudan	Zimbabwe
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	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	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)				
Canada	Mexico	United States		
SAFTA (South Asia Free Trade Agreement)				
Afghanistan	Bhutan	Maldives	Pakistan	Sri Lanka
Bangladesh	India	Nepal		
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		
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	Rwanda	Timor-Leste
Burkina Faso	Eritrea	Madagascar	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Togo
Burundi	Ethiopia	Malawi	Saint Lucia	Tonga
Cabo Verde	Fiji	Mali	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Trinidad and Tobago
Cameroon	Gabon	Marshall Islands	Samoa	Tuvalu
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	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	South Sudan	Tanzania
Djibouti	Kenya	Seychelles	Sudan	Uganda
Eritrea	Madagascar	Somalia		
<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.				
APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation)				
Australia	Hong Kong, China	Mexico	Russian Federation	Thailand
Brunei Darussalam	Indonesia	New Zealand	Singapore	United States
Canada	Japan	Papua New Guinea	Chinese Taipei	Viet Nam
Chile	Korea, Republic of	Peru		
China	Malaysia	Philippines		
BRIC				
Brazil	Russian Federation	India	China	
Developed economies				
North America (except Mexico)	European Union (28)	EFTA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland)	Australia, Japan and New Zealand	
Developing economies				
Africa	South and Central America and the Caribbean, Mexico	Europe except the European Union (28) and EFTA; Middle East	Asia except Australia, Japan and New Zealand	

LDCs (least-developed countries)				
Afghanistan	Comoros	Kiribati	Nepal	Tanzania
Angola	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Niger	Timor-Leste
Bangladesh	Djibouti	Lesotho	Rwanda	Togo
Benin	Equatorial Guinea	Liberia	São Tomé and Príncipe	Tuvalu
Bhutan	Eritrea	Madagascar	Senegal	Uganda
Burkina Faso	Ethiopia	Malawi	Sierra Leone	Vanuatu
Burundi	The Gambia	Mali	Solomon Islands	Yemen
Cambodia	Guinea	Mauritania	Somalia	Zambia
Central African Republic	Guinea-Bissau	Mozambique	South Sudan	
Chad	Haiti	Myanmar	Sudan	
Six East Asian traders				
Hong Kong, China	Malaysia	Singapore	Chinese Taipei	Thailand
Korea, Republic of				

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Abbreviations and symbols

3PL	Third-party logistics
ACCA	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADBI	Asian Development Bank Institute
AfDB	African Development Bank
AfT	Aid for Trade
ALADI	Latin American Integration Association
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BASIS	Business Action to Support the Information Society
CARI	CIMB ASEAN Research Institute
CARIFORUM	Caribbean Forum
CBI	Centre for the Promotion of Imports from developing countries
CETA	Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
CPCCAF	Conférence permanente des chambres consulaires africaines et francophones
CTD	Committee on Trade and Development
DFQF	duty-free and quota-free
EIF	Enhanced Integrated Framework
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FDI	foreign direct investment
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	gross domestic product
GNI	gross national income
GPA	Government Procurement Agreement
GVCs	global value chains
IADB	Inter-American Development Bank
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
IFC	International Finance Corporation
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IP	Intellectual Property
IPR	intellectual property rights
IT	information technology
ITC	International Trade Centre
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
LDCs	least-developed countries
MFN	most-favoured nation
MSME	micro, small and medium enterprise
MSME-CI	MSME Country Indicator
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement

NBER	National Bureau of Economic Research
NKC	National Knowledge Commission
NTMs	Non-tariff measures
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OIE	World Organisation for Animal Health
R&D	Research and development
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
RTAs	regional trade agreements
SCM	subsidies and countervailing measures
SME	small and medium-sized enterprise
SOMACA	Société marocaine de constructions automobiles
SPARTECA	South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement
SPS	sanitary and phytosanitary
STDF	Standards and Trade Development Facility
TBT	technical barriers to trade
TEC	Trade by Enterprise Characteristics
TFP	total factor productivity
TPP	Trans-Pacific Partnership
TRIPS	Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UN DESA	United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UNWTO	UN World Tourism Organization
UPS	United Parcel Service
USITC	United States International Trade Commission
VAT	value-added tax
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WSF	World SME Forum
WTO	World Trade Organization

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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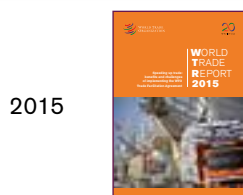
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Bulgaria	Jordan	Senegal
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Central African Republic	Latvia	South Africa
Chad	Lesotho	Spain
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Côte d'Ivoire	Madagascar	Chinese Taipei
Croatia	Malawi	Tajikistan
Cuba	Malaysia	Tanzania
Cyprus	Maldives	Thailand
Czech Republic	Mali	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Malta	Togo
Denmark	Mauritania	Tonga
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Dominica	Mexico	Tunisia
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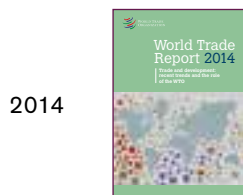
Speeding up trade: benefits and challenges of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement



2015

The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), agreed by WTO members at the Ministerial Conference in December 2013, is the first multilateral trade agreement concluded since the establishment of the WTO in 1995. The 2015 *World Trade Report* is the first detailed study of the potential impacts of the TFA, based on a full analysis of the final agreement text.

Trade and development: recent trends and the role of the WTO



2014

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2013

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2012

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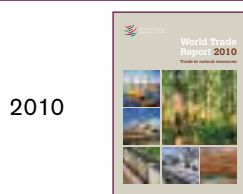
The WTO and preferential trade agreements: From co-existence to coherence



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.

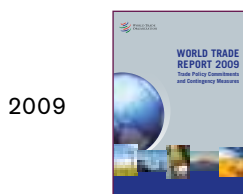
Trade in natural resources



2010

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Trade Policy Commitments and Contingency Measures

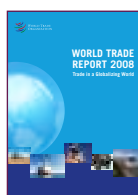


2009

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.

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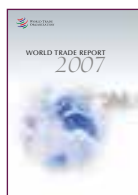
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The 2008 Report provides a reminder of what we know about the gains from international trade and highlights the challenges arising from higher levels of integration. It addresses the question of what constitutes globalization, what drives it, what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

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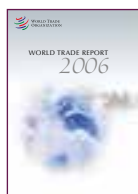
2007



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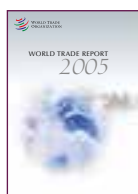
2006



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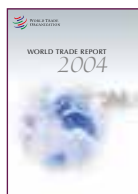
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The *World Trade Report 2005* seeks to shed light on the various functions and consequences of standards, focusing on the economics of standards in international trade, the institutional setting for standard-setting and conformity assessment, and the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

Coherence

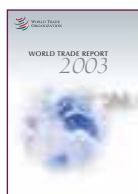
2004



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.

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Today's increasingly interconnected global economy is transforming what is traded and who is trading. International trade has long been dominated by large companies. But thanks to dramatically reduced trade barriers, improved transportation links, information technologies and the emergence of global value chains, many small and medium-sized enterprises – SMEs – now have the potential to become successful global traders as well. Participation in international trade, once exclusive, can progressively become more inclusive.

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The Report finds that small businesses continue to face disproportionate barriers to trade and highlights the scope for coherent national and international policy actions that would enhance the ability of SMEs to participate in world markets more effectively. It underlines that participation in trade has an important role to play in helping SMEs become more productive and grow. For open trade and global integration to fully benefit everyone, it is crucial to ensure that all firms – not just large corporations – can succeed in today's global marketplace.

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