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##### *Review*

At the end of the second year from the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement and every three years thereafter, the Ministerial Conference shall review the provisions, implementation and operation of this Agreement, taking into account the objectives thereof and experience gained in its operation. As a result of such review, the Ministerial Conference may amend the provisions of the Agreement.

### **1.2 General**

1. At its meeting of 7, 8 and 13 November 1996, the General Council established a working party under the Council for Trade in Goods to conduct the review provided for under Article 6 of the PSI Agreement.<sup>1</sup> The terms of reference of the PSI Working Party were as follows:

[T]o conduct the review provided for under Article 6 of the Agreement on Preshipment Inspection and to report to the General Council through the Council for Trade in Goods in December 1997.<sup>2</sup>

2. The PSI Working Party issued three reports<sup>3</sup>, all of which were approved by the General Council.<sup>4</sup>

3. At its December 1997 meeting the General Council agreed to extend the Working Party on Preshipment Inspection for one year for the purposes described in paragraph 8 of Section B of the report in [G/L/214](#).<sup>5</sup> In December 1998, the General Council agreed to further extend the Working Party until 31 March 1999.<sup>6</sup> The Working Party concluded its final Article 6 review of the Agreement on Preshipment Inspection at its meeting held on 12 March 1999.<sup>7</sup>

4. The second review of the PSI Agreement took place at the 6 October 2006 meeting of the Committee on Customs Valuation, and the statements made are recorded in the meeting minutes.<sup>8</sup> The third review of the PSI Agreement took place at the 24 October 2014 meeting of the Committee on Customs Valuation, where no statements were made.<sup>9</sup> The fourth review of the PSI Agreement took place at the meetings of 6 November 2017 and 23 April 2018 of the Committee on Customs Valuation.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [WT/GC/M/16](#), section 3.

<sup>2</sup> [WT/GC/M/16](#), section 3. The terms of reference can be also found in [WT/L/196](#).

<sup>3</sup> The reports can be found in [G/L/214](#), [G/L/273](#) and [G/L/300](#).

<sup>4</sup> See [WT/GC/M/25](#), item 8; [WT/GC/M/32](#), item 13; [WT/GC/M/40/Add.3](#), item 5.

<sup>5</sup> [WT/GC/M/25](#), item 8.

<sup>6</sup> [WT/GC/M/32](#), item 13.

<sup>7</sup> The final report was circulated in document [G/L/300](#).

<sup>8</sup> [G/L/809](#); [G/VAL/M/42](#), paras. 9.1-9.8.

<sup>9</sup> [G/L/1081](#); [G/VAL/M/59](#), paras. 7.8-7.9.

<sup>10</sup> [G/L/1236](#).