



## 14<sup>th</sup> Dedicated Discussion of the Relevant Trade-Related Developments for Cotton

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**Background Paper by the Secretariat (TN/AG/GEN/34/Rev.13 - TN/AG/SCC/GEN/13/Rev.13 and addenda)**

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# Summary of updates in Background Paper by the Secretariat

(Cut-off date of information included: 16 October 2020)

## Main Document

### 1. Updated info from ES notifications

- [Israel 2019](#)

### 2. Updated info from DS notifications

- [Israel 2019](#)
- [United States 2017](#)

### 3. Market Access

- Cotton imports from World and LDCs –2019 data added
- Updated tariff data
- Updated NTM

## Addendum 1

**Annex 4 – 8 replies to 21 September questionnaire received from (non-nil replies underlined):**

Brazil; Burundi; European Union; New Zealand; Pakistan; South Africa; Ukraine and United States

**Annex 5 - Updates on TPR reports:**

Thailand

## Addendum 2

**Market Access information for cotton-related products listed in the annex to the Nairobi Decision**

- Updated tariff data
- Updated NTM



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## Export Subsidies

- ❑ 4 Members with export subsidy reduction commitments for cotton resulting from the Uruguay Round
- ❑ 3 Members with revised certified schedules Pursuant to the Nairobi Decision on Export Competition,

## Domestic support

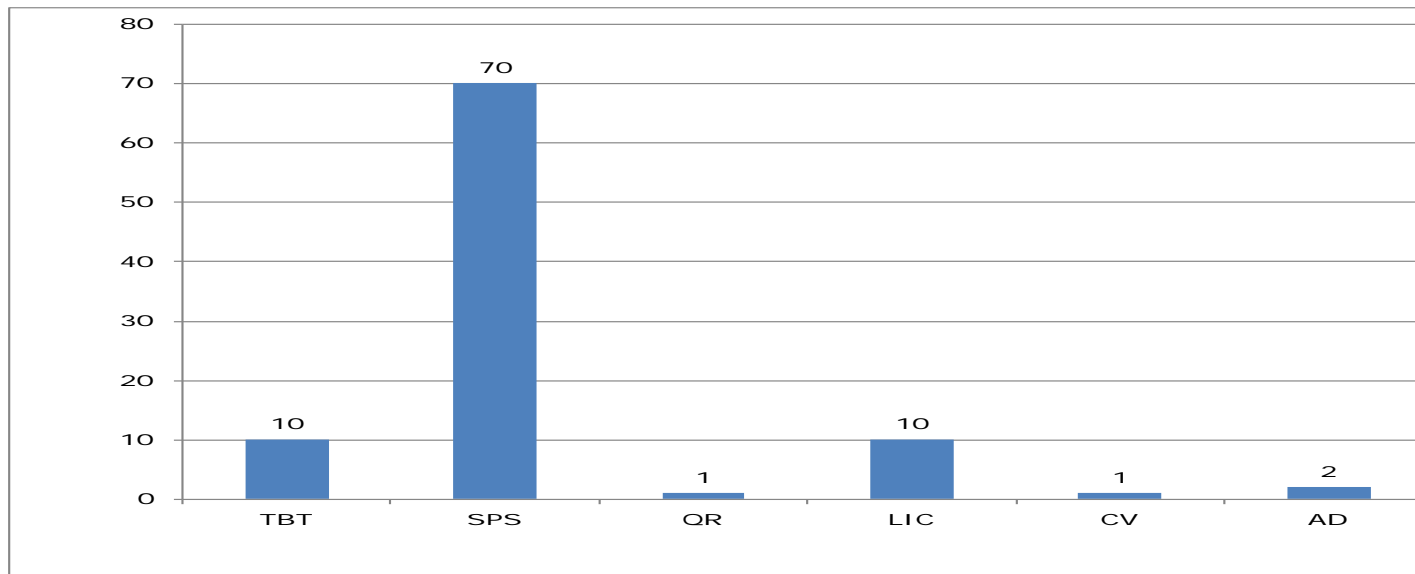
- ❑ Cotton-specific Amber Box support: 14 Members
- ❑ Cotton-specific Blue Box support: 2 Members (1 since 1996)



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## Market Access:

- ❑ **Applied tariffs** notified to IDB: 2020 (22 Members), 2019 (3 Members), 2018 (7 Members); 16 Members reported LDC preferential regimes
- ❑ Scheduled **SSG** provisions for cotton: 3 Members. Invoked by 1 Member (last applied 2007)
- ❑ 11 Scheduled **TRQs** on cotton by 4 Members.
- ❑ Number of **other non-tariff measures** applicable to cotton, per type of measure (1 January 2012 to 16 October 2020)



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## Replies to the Secretariat questionnaire:

- A total of 32 Members have responded
- 19 Members reported new developments on cotton policies

