



Twelfth Dedicated Discussion of the Relevant Trade-Related Developments for Cotton

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The trade aspects of cotton are handled by the Committee on Agriculture in Special Session including through dedicated discussions on trade in cotton. The development assistance aspects of cotton are discussed in the meetings of the "Director-General's Consultative Framework Mechanism on Cotton".

These various tracks of discussion have been developed over the years as a response to a series of proposals to address the sector tabled by four African countries — Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali — known as the Cotton Four or C4.

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Meeting Documents Committee/Council

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Other documents for discussion at the meeting

- [Committee on Agriculture - Special session - Sub-Committee on Cotton - Cotton - Background paper by the Secretariat - Revision](#)
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- [Ministerial Conference - Ninth Session - Bali, 3 - 6 December 2013 - Cotton - Ministerial decision of 7 December 2013](#)
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1. Export Subsidies

- Scheduled export subsidies
- Notified export subsidies

2. Domestic Support

- Cotton-specific AMS
- Blue Box payment

3. Market Access

- Cotton imports, exports
- Bound and applied tariffs
- SSG
- TRQ
- NTM

Addendum 1 TN/AG/GEN/34/Rev.11/Add.1 – TN/AG/SCC/GEN/13/Rev.11/Add.1

Annex 1-3 contains notes on TRQ commitments from the schedules of China and the US

Annex 4
Members' replies to questionnaire by the Secretariat

Annex 5
Information on cotton markets and policies from TPR

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

- Bound and applied tariffs
- SSG
- TRQ
- NTM



Summary of updates in Background Paper by the Secretariat

(Cut-off date of information included: 10 October 2019)

Main Document

1. Updated info from ES notifications

- Colombia 2016, 2017, 2018
- Israel 2018
- United States 2016

2. Updated info from DS notifications

- Argentina 2015, 2016, 2017
- Mexico 2018
- Peru 2011-2017
- Russian Federation 2017

3. Market Access

- Updated info from TRQ notifications – Colombia 2015-2018
- Updated tariff data
- Updated NTM

Addendum 1

Annex 4 – 8 replies to 10 September questionnaire received from (non-nil replies underlined):

Australia; Brazil; European Union; Macao, China; Russian Federation; Switzerland; Turkey; and Ukraine

Annex 5 - Updates on TPR reports:

Peru

Addendum 2

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