IDB: automatic transmission of data

Update for the MSME Group
The 2019 IDB Decision

• Committee on Market Access adopted in May 2019 G/MA/367, the modalities and operation of the IDB
• Consolidates the rules governing the IDB and links to other decisions

1. takes into account advances in technology
2. streamlines processes
   -> recommendation MSMEs Annex 5 on automatic data transmissions
3. allows integration of additional data elements
   - Reciprocal preferences (tariffs & imports)
   -> recommendation MSMEs Annex 5
   - Internal taxes and duties
   - Ad-valorem equivalents
   - Imports under TRQs
4. Enhances access to data
   - project to improve online data portal
Facilitate data notifications to the WTO

Transmission of Data

“To the extent it is technically viable, and with a view to automatically submitting the information, Members may voluntarily enter into an agreement with the Secretariat for the automatic electronic transmission of data at regular intervals or similar methods. […]”

IDB decision G/MA/367, paragraph 8

Direct set-up
Canada
Uruguay
Mauritius
Others (advanced talks)

ASYCUDA
Madagascar
Côte d’Ivoire (in implementation)
Togo (in implementation)
Automatic transmission of data
(Paragraph 8 of IDB Decision, G/MA/367)

Voluntary

Developed on a case-by-case basis

Define technical aspects / terms and conditions:
- Source?
- Which data?
- Transmission intervals?
- Processing
- Contact points

Member retains control of its data at all times:
May request that data are modified or removed from IDB at any time
References and additional information:

A. IDB Decision (2019): G/MA/367

B. Technical note on the automatic transmission: JOB/MA/149

C. Bilateral Agreement

Option 1:
Template for “exchange of letters” model: RD/MA/81

Option 2:
Template for “memorandum of understanding” model: RD/MA/82

Templates are available in the three official languages (EN, FR, ES)
Thank you!
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