Consultative Meeting on Cambodia’s Readiness to Undertake the WTO Disciplines on Services Domestic Regulation

On 5–6 October 2026, Cambodia's Ministry of Commerce, in collaboration with the WTO Secretariat, convened a two-day consultative meeting to review the findings of the assessment of the country's readiness to undertake the WTO Disciplines on Services Domestic Regulation (SDR) and identify possible follow-up actions.

The meeting was opened by H.E. Sok Sopheak, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Commerce. Invitations were extended to 21 line-ministries, regulatory authorities and professional bodies.

The WTO Secretariat provided an overview of the SDR Disciplines, including their built-in flexibilities, and presented the methodology and main findings of its assessment of Cambodia’s regulatory framework in services sectors covered by its GATS commitments.

The meeting provided an opportunity for Cambodian authorities to discuss the assessment findings and provide additional factual, legal and regulatory information. The discussions examined the extent to which Cambodia's existing regulatory framework and administrative practices align with the SDR Disciplines, with particular attention to transparency, authorization procedures, regulatory safeguards and stakeholder consultation.

They also addressed specific issues requiring further verification with the competent authorities, the flexibilities and scheduling options available to Cambodia, and possible targeted measures to strengthen implementation.

The meeting concluded with an exchange on next steps towards Cambodia's possible participation in the WTO SDR outcome, as well as broader opportunities to advance good regulatory practices.



