



Remanufacturing: Contributing to Climate Change Solutions and More Circular Economies

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The event will be held on YouTube and in room S1 at the WTO Premises

Abstract:

As part of the effort to combat climate change, there is an urgent need to decarbonize economic activity. Demand is high for the key materials needed in this effort, and continues to grow. Circular approaches to manufacturing and production will reduce demand for virgin resources and materials, and lower overall greenhouse gas emissions. One key area of opportunity is known as "remanufacturing." This process is essential to a circular economy approach that keeps end-of-life goods in productive use through restoration of those goods to a like-new condition. Remanufacturing contributes to the circularity of certain goods and to lowering the demand for raw materials, and in turn, produces fewer greenhouse gases than the original manufacture or a completely new manufacture. Facilitating trade of remanufactured goods will be important to achieve the dual goals of circularity and addressing climate change. WTO Members are invited to hear from panelists about how remanufacturing is helping to make green growth, resource efficiency, and climate benefits of more circular economies a reality, and the role of trade in this effort.

Panel:

Speakers

Jeffrey Stukenborg, Chair of the Remanufacturing Industries Council

Ann-Marie Padgett, Caterpillar Inc

Mike Schmidt, GE Healthcare

Rafael Spear (TBC), Cummins

Christopher Mason, Advanced Remanufacturing and Technology Centre

Moderators

Kelly Milton, Office of The United States Trade Representative, United States

