

Country: Argentina

Background:

Official name: National Committee for Trade Facilitation.

Year of establishment: In 2019, the Committee was formally created by means of the publication of Decreto N° 535/2019, but since 2016 there is a technical group from which the different agencies involved in foreign trade participate, from which the Committee was formed.

Motivation for its establishment: Compliance with the provisions of the TFA.

Other national bodies dealing with WTO issues and/or with Trade Facilitation: There are working groups that make up the sector tables, export tables, among others, but they are not formal.

Former multi-agency group/committee: No

Current status of the working group (running, pilot phase, not functioning, etc): The group is underway, as we are working on the regulation of the Committee.

Institutional Framework:

Type of organisation (ad hoc group, legal entity/organisation, etc): As an ad hoc group.

Coordinating agency: Chief of Cabinet of Ministers (dependent on the Presidency).

Scope/mandate: The scope of application is at the national level in all matters related to facilitating internal coordination and the application of the provisions of the TFA, without prejudice to the specific powers that other public bodies may have in the matter, with which adequate coordination must be ensured.

Terms of reference: The terms of reference will be contemplated in the internal regulations of the Committee.

Working structure of the group: The structure will be contemplated in the internal regulation.

Permanent technical secretariat: It is expected to contain, but will become effective upon approval of the internal regulations.

Funding:

Budget: No

Objectives / Focus:

Objectives: The objective will be to facilitate internal coordination and the application of the provisions of the TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT, approved at the IX Ministerial Conference of the WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION in December 2013, without prejudice to the specific powers that other bodies may have on the subject, with which adequate coordination must be ensured.

Working plan: From the entry into force of the internal regulations, a roadmap will be established

with the work plan to follow.

Monitoring and evaluation: It is not operational.

Reporting form and supervisory authority: It is not operational.

Membership / Composition:

Public or quasi-public agencies: The Committee will be made up of regular and alternate members representing the HEAD OF CABINET OF MINISTERS and the following organizations: MINISTRY OF PRODUCTION AND WORK, MINISTRY OF MODERNIZATION GOVERNMENT, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP, MINISTRY OF AGRIBUSINESS GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC INCOME - autonomous entity within the scope of the MINISTRY OF FINANCE, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT and any other agency and autonomous entity that each Ministry considers appropriate to designate according to the specific matters of their respective competences.

Private associations or entities: The Committee will also be composed of representatives of the private entities that it decides to convene, depending on the work issues to be addressed.

Benefits:

Impact: Since the committee is not yet operational, no concrete actions have been taken to analyze its impact.

Future plans:

Plans for further development: Once its Internal Regulations are implemented, work will begin on the Committee's Roadmap and in the coordination of the first official meeting.

Contact information:

Contact Information: Although there is still no official coordinator, Eugenia Rodriguez Campos, Chief of Staff of the Undersecretariat for Trade Facilitation of the Ministry of Foreign Trade, is currently the focal point of the Ministry of Production and Labor, me.rodriguezcampos@gmail.com / (54 11) 4349 3711.