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REPORT ON G-20 TRADE MEASURES¹
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The past seven months have not witnessed any slowdown in the imposition of new trade restricting measures by G-20 economies. These are adding to the stock of restrictions put in place since the outbreak of the global crisis. At the same time, the promised removal of existing restrictions is very slow. G-20 governments need to redouble their efforts to resist protectionist pressures and take active steps to keep markets open and advance trade liberalization. Some governments are facing particularly difficult economic conditions domestically; they must resist the temptation to move towards more nationalistic and inward-looking policies. This kind of policy will not solve their problems and they risk generating tit-for-tat reactions by their trading partners.

The repercussions of the global crisis are still being felt ...

The recovery of the global economy remains weak and unemployment levels are high. World trade growth decelerated significantly last year, due mainly to the economic slowdown in major world economies. Merchandise trade volume grew by only 5.0% in 2011, a sharp fall from 13.8% in 2010. As the global economy continues to lose momentum, trade growth is projected to slow further to 3.7% in 2012, well below the long-term annual average of 5.4% for the last 20 years. Exports of developed economies are projected to grow by 2% this year, and developing countries' exports by 5.6%.

There is a revival of protectionist rhetoric in some countries ...

The politics of trade in some countries seems to be turning inward-looking. Of particular concern are statements by some G-20 Leaders in favour of import substitution policies as the pillar of economic growth in their countries. This is generating regional and global trade tensions which have largely been absent since the coordinated policy responses to the global financial crisis were launched.

Some G-20 governments are reportedly considering raising import barriers, or in some cases have already done so, to protect their domestic industries from what they may consider to be unfair competition. In certain cases, the barriers seem to take the form of procedural or administrative actions to slow down the clearing of goods at borders rather than new laws or regulations. This can render trade conditions even more difficult since lack of transparency about conditions of entry into a market increases uncertainty for traders and raises the risks and costs of doing business.

There has also been a reported increase in restrictions placed on government procurement activities in some countries. More open trade in government procurement allows governments to purchase goods and services based on who offers taxpayers the best deal, ultimately saving money. The optimal

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action would be to convince trading partners to further open their public procurement markets rather than closing domestic markets.

With tight government budgets, high unemployment, slower growth, and the prospects of further multilateral market opening seemingly slipping away, the threat of protectionist pressures looms even larger.

Implementation of new trade restrictions continues unabated ...

Since mid-October 2011, 124 new trade restrictive measures have been recorded, affecting around 1.1% of G-20 merchandise imports, or 0.9% of world imports. The main measures are trade remedy actions, tariff increases, import licences and customs controls. There were fewer new export restrictions introduced over the past seven months than in previous periods.

The more recent wave of trade restrictions seems no longer to be aimed at combatting the temporary effects of the global crisis, but rather at trying to stimulate recovery through national industrial planning, which is an altogether longer-term affair. In addition to trade restrictions, many of these plans envisage the granting of tax concessions and the use of government subsidies, as well as domestic preferences in government procurement and local content requirements.

Accumulation of trade restrictions has become a major concern ...

The new measures restricting or potentially restricting trade that were implemented over the past seven months are adding to the trade restrictions put in place since the outbreak of the global crisis. The accumulation of trade restrictions is now a matter of concern. The trade coverage of the restrictive measures put in place since October 2008, excluding those that were terminated, is estimated to be almost 3% of world merchandise trade, and almost 4% of G-20 trade.

The accumulation of trade restrictions is aggravated by the relatively slow pace of removal of existing measures. Out of a total of 802 measures that can be considered as restricting or potentially restricting trade implemented since October 2008, 18% have been eliminated. At the time of the last monitoring report in October 2011, around 19% of the restrictive measures had been removed, which means that the rate of removing restrictive measures is actually slowing down.

Moreover, the accumulation of restrictions has to be considered in a broader perspective where the stock of trade restrictions and distortions that existed before the global crisis struck, such as in agriculture, is still in place.

Government support to selected sectors seems to continue, but is difficult to monitor ...

Some countries continue to express concerns about the granting of subsidies and other government support programmes to assist specific sectors. It is harder to monitor these measures as there is little detailed information on this type of action, although efforts have been made to include some country-specific measures in this report. Only three G-20 delegations volunteered information on government support programmes.

Overall, it seems that the number of support measures has remained stable over the past seven months. It would appear that in some countries, government support is aimed at increasing local content and promoting domestic activity of specific sectors. As was mentioned in previous monitoring reports, behind the border measures and sector-specific support in the form of financial support and assistance have the potential to distort conditions of competition on markets and affect trade. Given the concerns expressed and the lack of common understanding of the types of measures to notify, it would be appropriate that relevant WTO Committees examine this issue and try to evaluate the trade impact of government subsidies and other forms of government support.

G-20 governments should abide by their commitments more strictly ...

The G-20 Leaders' 2011 Summit in Cannes renewed the commitment to refrain from raising barriers or imposing new barriers to investment or trade in goods and services, as well as imposing new export restrictions or implementing WTO-inconsistent measures until 2013. The G-20 as a Group must take care that this commitment continues to be viewed as credible by other governments and by the private sector. Some G-20 economies need urgently to find ways to implement their standstill and rollback commitments more effectively.

A complete and timely notification of all trade and trade-related measures will help strengthen WTO's trade monitoring. One specific area where efforts need to be heightened is in the field related to government support measures where the monitoring of developments is more complex and the relevant information publicly available is scarcer. Enhanced multilateral peer review should help Members abide by their commitments.

The primacy of the multilateral trading system needs to be preserved ...

The Multilateral Trading System is at a crossroad. Trade negotiations under the DDA are deadlocked, although WTO Members are exploring steps that can be taken in 2012 to make progress where this is possible. But many governments are increasingly shifting attention from multilateral to regional or bilateral trade arrangements.

Further trade opening constitutes a potentially important source of confidence building in the multilateral trading system. Moreover, increasing trade is critical to stimulating global recovery and to supporting fiscally sustainable growth. Stronger global cooperation is needed to rebuild a robust architecture for trade in the 21st century. Greater international cooperation is also needed to make the case for open trade, escape the current economic crisis, and advance the multilateral trade agenda.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This seventh Report reviews trade and trade-related measures implemented by G-20 economies in the period from mid-October 2011 to mid-May 2012. Trade monitoring reports covering previous periods were issued on 25 October 2011, 24 May 2011, 4 November 2010, 14 June 2010, 8 March 2010, and 14 September 2009.²

2. Section II of the Report presents a full description of all the main trade and trade-related developments during the period under review. Government support measures implemented during this period are covered in section III, and developments in trade finance in section IV. The final section provides an overview of recent economic and trade trends in G-20 economies.

3. The country-specific measures listed in Annex 1 (listing country-specific trade and trade-related measures) and Annex 2 (listing government support measures) comprise new measures taken by G-20 economies during the covered period. Measures and programmes implemented before mid-October 2011 are not included in these annexes. A summary table, listing all trade-related measures taken since the beginning of the trade monitoring exercise in October 2008 and indicating the status of the listed measures, is provided separately and can be downloaded from the WTO's Website.

² These reports have been prepared in response to the request by the G-20 to the WTO, together with the OECD and UNCTAD, to monitor and report publicly on G-20 adherence to their undertakings on resisting trade and investment protectionism and promoting global trade and investment. G-20 Leaders meeting in Cannes on 3-4 November 2011 reaffirmed the extension of their standstill commitment to resist protectionism until the end of 2013 (as agreed at their Toronto Summit), and committed to "roll back any new protectionist measure that may have risen, including new export restrictions and WTO-inconsistent measures to stimulate exports", and asked the WTO, OECD, and UNCTAD to continue monitoring the situation and to report publicly on a semi-annual basis.

4. Information about the measures included in this Report has been collected from inputs submitted by G-20 members and from other official and public sources. All information collected was sent for verification to the G-20 member concerned; this time, all G-20 delegations replied to the verification request.

II. TRADE AND TRADE-RELATED POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

A. OVERVIEW

5. G-20 Leaders at their last summit meeting, which took place in Cannes on 3-4 November 2011, underscored the merits of the multilateral trading system as a way to avoid protectionism, reaffirmed their standstill commitments until the end of 2013, and committed to roll back any new protectionist measure that may have arisen, including new export restrictions and WTO-inconsistent measures to stimulate exports.

6. Notwithstanding the standstill commitment, most G-20 governments have continued to put in place a number of measures which restrict or have the potential to restrict trade. Over the past seven months, 124 new measures (including both import and export measures) were taken by G-20 governments (Table 1). The pace of implementation of trade restrictive measures has hardly changed, when compared with the previous six-month period.

7. As was the case in the past, the most frequently used measures were anti-dumping, followed by countervailing actions, import tariff increases, and non-tariff measures.

8. The upward trend in the imposition of export restrictions observed until mid-October last year has slowed down over the last seven months, but they still remain at an elevated level compared with the period before mid-October 2010. Eleven new export restrictive measures were implemented during the review period compared with 19 over the previous 6-month period.

Table 1
Trade restrictive measures, April 2009 to mid-May 2012

| Type of measure | Apr- Aug 09 (5 months) | Sep09- Feb10 (6 months) | March- mid-May10 (3 months) | Mid-May- mid-Oct10 (5 months) | Mid-Oct10 - Apr11 (6 months) | May - mid-Oct11 (6 months) | Mid-Oct11 - mid-May12 (7 months) |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Trade remedy | 50 | 52 | 24 | 33 | 53 | 44 | 66 |
| Border | 21 | 29 | 22 | 14 | 52 | 36 | 39 |
| Export | 9 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 19 | 11 |
| Other | 0 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 8 |
| Total | 80 | 95 | 56 | 54 | 122 | 108 | 124 |
| <i>Average per month</i> | <i>16.0</i> | <i>15.8</i> | <i>18.7</i> | <i>10.8</i> | <i>20.3</i> | <i>18.0</i> | <i>17.7</i> |

Note: This table includes all measures that restrict or have the potential to restrict and/or distort trade. The measures counted in the table are not all comparable, in particular in terms of their potential impact on trade flows. It has been estimated that G-20 economies put in place 148 trade restrictive measures during the period October 2008 to March 2009 (on average, 24.6 per month). Table 1 does not include government support measures which are listed separately in Annex 2.

9. The measures listed in Annex 1 and summarized in Table 1 are not all comparable either in terms of their trade coverage or the potential impact they may have on imports. Some measures are applied on a temporary basis, some are limited to specific products or origins, while one affects all imports from all origins.

10. The trade coverage of import restrictive measures has increased over the past seven months. New import-restrictive measures introduced by G-20 economies from mid-October 2011 to mid-May 2012, along with new initiations of investigations into the imposition of trade-remedy measures, cover

around 0.9% of total world merchandise imports, or the equivalent of 1.1% of total G-20 imports compared with 0.5% and 0.6% respectively in the preceding periods (Table 2).³

Table 2
Share of trade covered by import restrictive measures
(Per cent)

| | Oct 2008 to Oct 2009 ^a | Nov 2009 to May 2010 ^a | Mid-May 2010 to mid- Oct 2010 ^b | Mid-Oct 2010 to April 2011 ^b | May to mid-Oct 2011 ^c | Mid-Oct 2011 to mid-May 2012 ^c | Cumulative total |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Share in total world imports | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 2.9 |
| Share in G- 20 imports | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 3.8 |

a Based on 2008 import figures.

b Based on 2009 import figures.

c Based on 2010 import figures.

Source: WTO Secretariat calculations based on UNSD Comtrade database using import figures. Import data for G-20 economies include intra-EU27 imports.

11. The new trade-restrictive measures implemented by G-20 economies over the past seven months affect a wide range of products. In terms of the number of trade measures (listed in Annex 1), the sectors most frequently affected during the period under review are: iron and steel, electrical machinery and equipment, vehicles, vegetables, beverages and spirits, and chemical products. The sectors most heavily affected in terms of trade coverage are optical and other precision instruments (LCD panels), motor vehicles, machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical machinery, iron and steel, and meat (Table 3).

12. Despite the G-20 rollback commitment, many of the trade restrictions introduced since the start of the global crisis are still in place. According to information provided to the WTO Secretariat by G-20 delegations, only 18% of the recorded measures (put in place since October 2008) were terminated by mid-May 2012.⁴ The measures eliminated are mainly the termination of trade remedy actions and the end of temporary tariff increases. The slow removal of previous restrictions is becoming a matter of concern because of the accumulation of measures and the fact that trade-restrictive measures continue to be adopted at an unabated pace. All this is gradually adding to the stock of restrictions and distortions that were already in place before October 2008.

13. A more detailed calculation of the trade covered by import-restrictive measures implemented by G-20 governments since the outbreak of the global crisis until mid-May 2012, excluding those that were terminated, indicates that they account for around 3% of total world merchandise imports or 3.8% of G-20 imports. The next step in this analysis would be to estimate the trade impact of these restrictions.

³ These percentages represent the trade coverage of the restrictive measures; they do not indicate the size of their impact on trade. The value of trade is calculated using the UNSD Comtrade database, and is counted at the six-digit tariff line level. In the cases where the same product is subject to more than one restrictive measure, the trade coverage is counted only once.

⁴ This may be an underestimation of the real rate of elimination of measures, as very few G-20 delegations provided information on the termination of old measures.

Table 3
Trade coverage of G20 restrictive import measures, mid-October 2011 to mid-May 2012
 (Per cent)

| HS Chapters | Share in total restriction |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Total imports affected | 100.0 |
| Agriculture (HS 01-24) | 7.7 |
| HS 01 - Live animals | 0.2 |
| HS 02 - Meat and edible meat offal | 3.9 |
| HS 03 - Fish and crustaceans | 0.1 |
| HS 04 - Dairy produce | 0.0 |
| HS 05 - Products of animal origin, n.e.s. | 0.0 |
| HS 06 - Live trees and other plants; cut flowers | 0.0 |
| HS 07 - Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers | 0.4 |
| HS 08 - Edible fruit and nuts | 0.6 |
| HS 09 - Coffee, tea, maté and spices | 0.1 |
| HS 10 - Cereals | 0.4 |
| HS 11 - Products of the milling industry | 0.0 |
| HS 12 - Oil seeds and oleaginous fruit | 0.2 |
| HS 13 - Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps | 0.0 |
| HS 14 - Vegetable products n.e.s. | 0.0 |
| HS 15 - Animal or vegetable fats and oils | 0.1 |
| HS 16 - Preparation of meat and fish | 0.1 |
| HS 17 - Sugar and sugar confectionary | 0.9 |
| HS 18 - Cocoa and cocoa preparations | 0.1 |
| HS 19 - Preparations of cereals | 0.0 |
| HS 20 - Preparations of fruits, vegetables and nuts | 0.1 |
| HS 21 - Miscellaneous edible preparations | 0.1 |
| HS 22 - Beverages, spirits | 0.3 |
| HS 23 - Residues and waste of food industry | 0.1 |
| HS 24 - Tobacco and manufactured products | 0.0 |
| Industry products (HS 25-97) | 92.3 |
| HS 25 - Salt; sulfur; earths and stone; lime and cement | 0.1 |
| HS 26 - Ores, slag and ash | 0.7 |
| HS 27 - Mineral fuels and oils, products thereof | 3.5 |
| HS 28 - Inorganic chemicals | 0.7 |
| HS 29 - Organic chemicals | 2.5 |
| HS 30 - Pharmaceutical products | 1.2 |
| HS 31 - Fertilizers | 0.7 |
| HS 32 - Tanning or dyeing extracts | 0.3 |
| HS 33 - Essential oils, cosmetic preparations | 0.4 |
| HS 34 - Soap, washing preparations | 0.2 |
| HS 35 - Albuminoidal substances | 0.1 |
| HS 36 - Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches | 0.0 |
| HS 37 - Photographic or cinematographic goods | 0.1 |
| HS 38 - Miscellaneous chemical products | 1.6 |
| HS 39 - Plastic and articles thereof | 1.9 |
| HS 40 - Rubber and articles thereof | 1.3 |
| HS 41 - Raw hides and skins, leather | 0.0 |
| HS 42 - Articles of leather | 0.1 |
| HS 43 - Fur skins and artificial fur | 0.0 |
| HS 44 - Wood and articles of wood | 0.1 |
| HS 45 - Cork and articles of cork | 0.0 |
| HS 46 - Manufacture of straw; basketware | 0.0 |
| HS 47 - Pulp of wood; waste and scrap of paper | 0.1 |

Table 3 (cont'd)

| HS Chapters | Share in total restriction |
|--|----------------------------|
| HS 48 - Paper and paperboard | 1.0 |
| HS 49 - Products of the printing industry | 0.1 |
| HS 50 - Silk | 0.0 |
| HS 51 - Wool; fine or coars animal hair | 0.0 |
| HS 52 - Cotton | 0.1 |
| HS 53 - Other vegetable fibres | 0.0 |
| HS 54 - Man-made filaments | 0.2 |
| HS 55 - Man-made staple fibres | 0.2 |
| HS 56 - Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns | 0.1 |
| HS 57 - Carpets and other textile floor coverings | 0.0 |
| HS 58 - Special woven fabrics | 0.0 |
| HS 59 - Impregnated, coated textile fabrics | 0.1 |
| HS 60 - Knitted or crocheted fabrics | 0.1 |
| HS 61 - Clothing, knitted or crocheted | 0.1 |
| HS 62 - Clothing, not knitted or crocheted | 0.2 |
| HS 63 - Other made up textiles articles | 0.1 |
| HS 64 - Footwear | 0.3 |
| HS 65 - Headgear | 0.0 |
| HS 66 - Umbrellas, walking sticks | 0.0 |
| HS 67 - Prepared feathers; artificial flowers and human hair | 0.0 |
| HS 68 - Articles of stone, plaster, mica, cement | 0.1 |
| HS 69 - Ceramic products | 1.0 |
| HS 70 - Glass and glassware | 0.2 |
| HS 71 - Pearls, precious stones and metals | 0.1 |
| HS 72 - Iron and steel | 5.2 |
| HS 73 - Articles of iron and steel | 1.8 |
| HS 74 - Copper and articles thereof | 0.3 |
| HS 75 - Nickel and articles thereof | 0.0 |
| HS 76 - Aluminium and articles thereof | 0.3 |
| HS 78 - Lead and articles thereof | 0.0 |
| HS 79 - Zinc and articles thereof | 0.0 |
| HS 80 - Tin and articles thereof | 0.0 |
| HS 81 - Other base metals and articles thereof | 0.0 |
| HS 82 - Tools of base metals | 0.2 |
| HS 83 - Miscellaneous articles of base metals | 0.2 |
| HS 84 - Machinery and mechanical appliances | 8.0 |
| HS 85 - Electrical machinery and parts thereof | 7.1 |
| HS 86 - Railway or tramway locomotives | 0.0 |
| HS 87 - Vehicles | 9.5 |
| HS 88 - Aircraft, spacecraft and articles thereof | 1.1 |
| HS 89 - Ship, boats and floating structures | 0.1 |
| HS 90 - Optical and other precision instruments | 37.3 |
| HS 91 - Clocks and watches, parts thereof | 0.2 |
| HS 92 - Musical instruments and parts thereof | 0.0 |
| HS 93 - Arms and ammunition | 0.0 |
| HS 94 - Furniture; bedding material; lamps | 0.3 |
| HS 95 - Toys, sports requisites | 0.5 |
| HS 96 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 0.1 |
| HS 97 - Works of art | 0.0 |
| HS 99 - Special classification | 0.3 |

Note: Calculations are based on 2010 import figures. Estimates of trade coverage were made for measure for which HS codes were provided or were easy to identify. The value of total imports affected equals US\$128.8 billion.

Source: WTO Secretariat estimates, based on UNSD Comtrade database.

14. Serious concerns continue to be raised by WTO Members about the implementation of import-restricting measures by some G-20 members, in particular in the area of import-licensing requirements (extensive use of non-automatic licences, long delays in approving licence applications), reported trade-balancing requirements, and other customs-related procedures. Moreover, some restrictions are being implemented through informal procedures and practices which are not codified in official regulations. This has been the subject of extensive discussions in the WTO Committee on Import Licensing and the Council on Trade in Goods.

15. Members have also expressed concerns about the proliferation of non-tariff barriers implemented through national standards, in particular, about the increasing use of private standards and of SPS measures that are not based on scientific standards.

16. During the review period, there were also instances where G-20 governments implemented measures to facilitate trade, in particular through the reduction of import tariffs, although sometimes on a temporary basis, the termination of trade remedy actions, or the streamlining of customs procedures. Out of a total of 225 trade and trade-related measures recorded in Annex 1, around 45% can be considered as measures facilitating trade. This compares with a share of 50% during the previous monitored period. In addition, other measures were taken that facilitate trade, such as a recent agreement between India and Pakistan.

17. Not many developments concerning trade in services among G-20 economies have been reported in the period under consideration. All countries seem to be maintaining the general thrust of their services trade policies and levels of market openness, including nonetheless the restrictive measures reported in previous reports. One reason for the few changes is the comparative difficulty in revoking a market access opportunity for trade in services as opposed to, for example, raising an import tariff.

B. EXPORT RESTRICTIONS

18. Previous monitoring reports have pointed to an increasing trend in the imposition of export restrictions. Over the past seven months, the number of export restrictions put in place by G-20 economies has declined, although the number of measures remain at an elevated level compared with the period up until end-2010. Eleven new export restrictions have been implemented since mid-October 2011 compared with 19 measures taken during the preceding six-month period.

19. The most recent measures by G-20 economies restricting exports were mainly applied in the form of quotas and bans, although some of them were applied only on a temporary basis. The sectors most frequently affected during the period under review include: live animals and dairy produce, cotton, rattan and rattan furniture.

20. Export restrictions raise world prices if the country imposing the measure has a significant world market share. These measures can also reduce partner countries' exports which suffer from increased prices of imported raw materials and they lead to a substitution towards alternative, more costly sources of supply.⁵

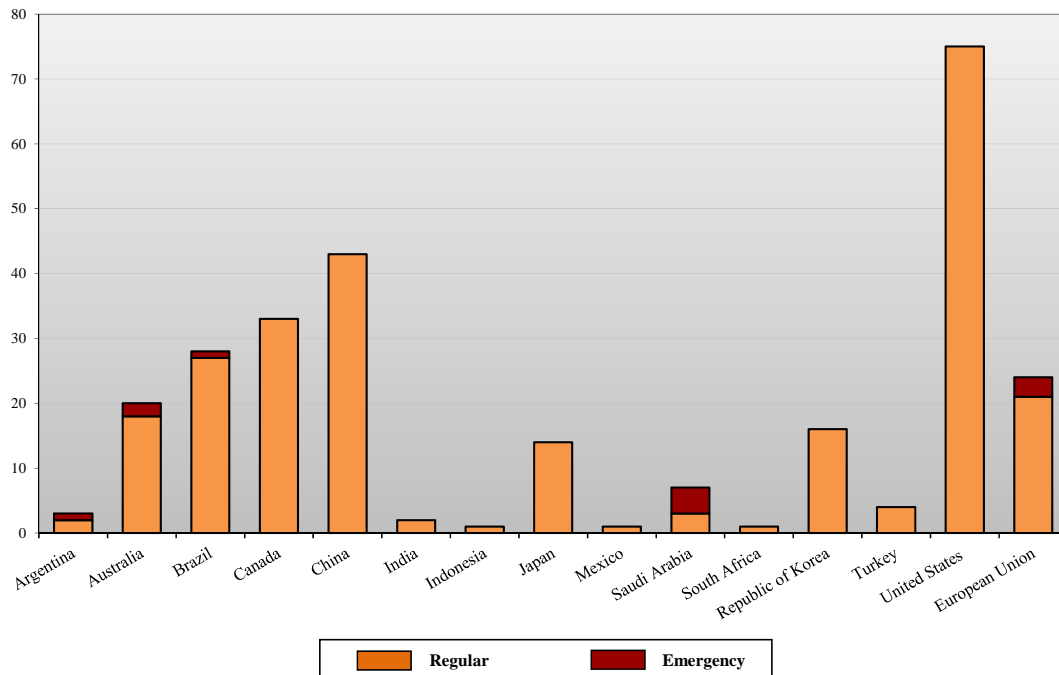
⁵ OECD (2010), *Trade and Economic Effects of Responses to the Economic Crisis*, Trade Policy Studies, Paris.

C. SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES (SPS)⁶

21. WTO Members are required to provide advance notice of their intention to introduce new or modified SPS measures⁷, or to immediately notify when emergency measures are implemented. G-20 members account for more than 63% of the regular SPS notifications, and 23% of emergency notifications, submitted to the WTO from 1995 until the end of 2011. For the period 15 October 2011 to 6 May 2012, the United States was the Member with the most notifications (30%) submitted to the WTO (Chart 1).

Chart 1
SPS notifications by G-20 members (15 October 2011 - 6 May 2012)

(Number of notifications)



Source: WTO Secretariat estimates.

22. The G-20 members' share of the total number of notifications submitted has shown an upward trend over the last four years of the analysed period, 15 October 2011 - 6 May 2012. However, the total number of notifications submitted, in contrast, was lower during the past two years for the corresponding periods (Chart 2).

23. It is encouraging that many G-20 members are following the recommendation to notify SPS measures even when these are based on a relevant international standard, as this substantially increases transparency regarding SPS requirements. Of the regular notifications made by G-20 members from 15 October 2011 to 6 May 2012, 109 notifications (42%) indicated that an international standard, guideline or recommendation was relevant to the notified measure. Of these notifications, 57% indicated that the measure was in conformity with the existing international standard, guideline or recommendation. Regarding emergency notifications for the same period, eight

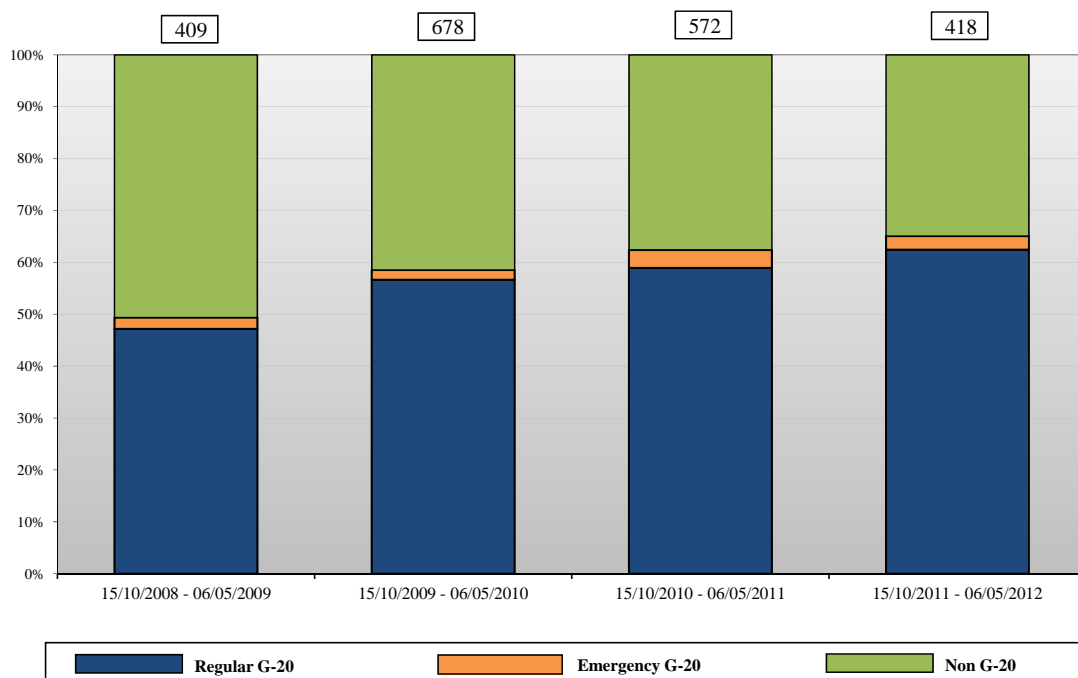
⁶ This section is based on notifications for the period 15 October 2011 to 6 May 2012, and builds on the previous G-20 report (25 October 2011), which covered notifications up until mid-October 2011. Specific trade concerns (STCs) are only raised at SPS Committee meetings. The information in this section summarizes the STCs raised at the October 2011 and March 2012 SPS Committee meetings.

⁷ The WTO's SPS Agreement requires that Members notify measures whose content is not substantially the same as that of an international standard, guideline or recommendation, and when the measure may have a significant effect on trade. However, revised procedures recommend that Members also notify measures which are based on the relevant international standards, and provide a broad interpretation of effects on trade.

of the 11 emergency measures notified by G-20 members indicated that a relevant international standard, guideline or recommendation existed and that the measure was in conformity with such standard.

24. In the reviewed period, food safety and protection of humans from animal/plant pest or disease were the two main objectives identified in the measures notified by G-20 members, accounting for 85% of the notifications. Both objectives figure predominantly in the G-20 members' notifications as the vast majority of the measures notified in that period related to Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) and contaminants, and in many notifications both objectives were identified.

Chart 2
G-20 share of SPS notifications (regular + emergency)



Source: WTO Secretariat.

25. Measures maintained by G-20 members are often discussed in the SPS Committee; the top ten Members in terms of complaints about measures they maintain are all G-20 members (the top five are the European Union, the United States, Japan, China, and Australia). Specific trade concerns (STCs) raised on the basis of measures maintained by G-20 members (232) account for 70% of all STCs raised (331 in total).

26. Twenty-two STCs were raised or discussed in relation to measures maintained by G-20 members in the SPS Committee meetings of October 2011 and March 2012. Seven of the 22 STCs were raised for the first time, whereas the remaining 15 had been raised in previous Committee meetings.

27. The STCs can be categorized as being in the area of: (i) food safety, (ii) animal health, including animal diseases potentially of risk to humans, (iii) plant health, and (iv) other concerns. For the analysed period, more than half of the STCs raised due to measures implemented by G-20 members concerned measures covering food safety, 18% each were measures covering animal health and other concerns. The remaining 5% related to measures covering plant health.

28. The new STCs raised at the October 2011 and March 2012 SPS Committee meetings regarding measures applied by G20 members related to:

- India's concerns regarding China's requirements for the registration and supervision of foreign enterprises (this STC was first raised at the October 2011 meeting and discussed again at the March 2012 meeting).
- Ecuador's concerns regarding an EU regulation on cadmium in cocoa beans (STC raised at the October 2011 meeting).
- Argentina's concerns regarding an EU Court of Justice ruling on pollen derived from GMOs (STC raised at the October 2011 meeting).
- India's concerns regarding United States' default MRLs set at limits of determination or limits of quantification for basmati rice (this STC was first raised at the October 2011 meeting and discussed again at the March 2012 meeting).
- India's concerns regarding China's testing methods for food additives (this STC was raised at the March 2012 meeting).
- US concerns regarding Indonesia's port closure (this STC was raised at the March 2012 meeting).
- China's concerns regarding EU limits of aluminium in flour products (this STC was raised at the March 2012 meeting).

29. Of the 15 previously raised STCs regarding measures applied by G-20 members discussed in the October 2011 and March 2012 SPS Committee meetings, seven addressed persistent problems that have been discussed five times or more:

- Concerns by the European Union and the United States regarding India's restrictions due to avian influenza. This STC has been discussed 18 times in the SPS Committee.
- Colombia, Ecuador and Peru's concerns regarding the application and modification of the EU Regulation on Novel Foods. This concern has been discussed ten times in the Committee, and has gathered the support of 19 Members.
- EU concerns regarding US import restrictions on potted plants from the European Union. This concern has been discussed seven times in the Committee.
- Brazil's concerns regarding Japan's pesticide MRLs. This concern has been discussed five times in the Committee.
- US concerns regarding Turkey's restriction on products derived from biotechnology. This concern has been discussed five times in the Committee.
- India's concerns regarding the US Food Safety Modernization Act. This concern has been discussed five times in the Committee.
- India's concerns regarding EU MRLs for pesticides. This concern has been discussed five times in the Committee.

D. TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE (TBT)

30. During the period October 2011 to May 2012, new notifications of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures to the WTO's TBT Committee increased significantly: 900

notifications were submitted, compared with 623 notifications in the previous seven-month period⁸. Notifications by G-20 members accounted for 38% of total notifications.

31. Measures maintained by G-20 Members are frequently discussed in the TBT Committee. Approximately 80% of the specific trade concerns raised to date (1995 – May 2012) relate to draft measures maintained by G-20 Members. In fact, during 2011, 35 of the 44 new STCs raised were measures maintained by G-20 Members. Further, one or more G-20 Members raised concerns on all 44 of these new STCs. Almost 350 specific trade concerns have been raised to date in the TBT Committee. Some have been discussed more than others.

32. For instance, the European Communities' Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals (REACH) has been the STC most frequently raised by the greatest number of Members (over 30). Other measures that have been raised frequently are: (i) European Communities' Directive on the Restriction of the Use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment and Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment; (ii) European Communities' regulation on certain wine sector products; (iii) India's regulations on pneumatic tyres and tubes for automotive vehicles; (iv) Canada's compositional requirements for cheese; and (v) India's Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 2007.

33. During the period under review, health-related trade concerns continued to elicit much debate in the TBT Committee. Generally, Members support the objective of protecting health, but, in specific instances, they challenge how the measure is designed and/or implemented; the concern being that trade may be unnecessarily affected. For instance, on tobacco-related concerns, several Members took the floor to challenge the requirements set out in measures developed in Australia and Brazil. On alcohol, the EU and Mexico expressed concerns about a Russian draft regulation on the safety of alcoholic beverages which covers definitions, rules for sales (product marking, labelling), product identification, safety requirements (ingredients and processes), and packaging. The European Union also expressed concern about a Mexican draft legislative amendment that would affect the marketing of drinks with added caffeine; the measure seeks to forbid the sale of drinks with added caffeine to persons under 18 years old.

34. The value of the Committee's discussion on specific trade concerns (STCs) was underlined during the Fifth Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement and it was noted that the discussion provides "opportunity for multilateral review of specific trade concerns that enhance the transparency and predictability of standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures." In certain cases this has effectively facilitated the resolution of – or diffused at an early stage – issues arising between Members. Since 1995, Members have raised 345 STCs in the Committee, with the bulk of new STCs raised during the last five years. In 2011, 44 new concerns were raised. To a certain extent, this higher number reflects an increase in participation of Members in the work of the TBT Committee and associated awareness of the importance of the implementation of the TBT Agreement. It could also indicate that Members are increasingly taking regulatory measures affecting trade in goods as a means of meeting policy objectives. The most frequent reason cited for raising a measure is the need for more information or clarification about the measure at issue. Thus, the Committee serves as an important monitoring mechanism in that it provides the opportunity for multilateral review, enhancing both transparency and predictability of regulations.

E. TRADE REMEDIES

35. The most recent data available show that initiations of new trade-remedy investigations continue to decline except for countervailing measures. The analysis provided below is based on a

⁸Under the TBT Agreement, WTO Members are required to make a notification if a proposed regulation may have a significant effect on trade of other Members and if it is not based on an international standard. Since the Agreement entered into force, about 14,900 notifications of new or changed regulations have been submitted by 113 WTO Members.

comparison of trade remedies activity in October 2011 - April 2012⁹ compared with October 2010 - April 2011.

1. Anti-dumping

36. The previous monitoring report for G-20 members reported a slight decrease (5%) in anti-dumping activity between January-September 2010 and January-September 2011. The data in Table 4 show that the decline in anti-dumping initiations¹⁰ has continued over the most recent period. During October 2011-April 2012, G-20 members initiated 73 anti-dumping investigations, compared with 78 in October 2010-April 2011(a 6% decline).

37. This decrease seems to be mainly the result of reduced initiations by Brazil, India and Argentina. Although traditional users of anti-dumping, such as the United States, the European Union and Australia, have slightly increased their initiations in the period October 2011-April 2012 compared with October 2010-April 2011, their level of activity is far below their historical peaks.

Table 4
Initiations of anti-dumping investigations

| G-20 Member | October 2010 - April 2011 | October 2011-April 2012 |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Argentina | 11 | 4 |
| Australia | 2 | 4 |
| Brazil | 25 | 16 |
| Canada | 0 | 3 |
| China | 4 | 3 |
| European Union | 8 | 13 |
| India | 15 | 8 |
| Indonesia | 0 | 0 |
| Korea Rep. of | 0 | 0 |
| Mexico | 2 | 2 |
| Russian Federation | 1 | 4 |
| South Africa | 0 | 1 |
| Turkey | 1 | 3 |
| United States | 9 | 12 |
| TOTAL | 78 | 73 |

Source: WTO Secretariat.

2. Countervailing

38. The last monitoring report for the G-20 members in October 2011 indicated that the decrease in the initiations of countervailing duty investigations had ended, and that an upward trend had started. Table 5 shows that the surge in countervailing duty activity continues although the actual number of new investigations remains low. The number of initiations of countervailing duty investigations went from seven in the period October 2010 - April 2011, up to 15 in October 2011 - April 2012. The table also indicates that the surge in countervailing duty activity is accounted for mainly by increased activity of traditional users such as the United States and the European Union.

Table 5
Initiations of countervailing duty investigations

⁹ Data for October 2011 - April 2012 partly unverified and collected from various unofficial sources.

¹⁰ The initiation of an investigation provides a more timely indication of potential trend changes in trade-remedy action than the final imposition of anti-dumping or countervailing duties, since investigations can take 12 months or more to complete. It should be noted that the initiation of an investigation does not necessarily result in the imposition of a final measure, but the frequency of initiations can be used as a proxy for the degree of pressure exerted on governments to raise trade barriers at a particular time.

| G20 Member | October 2010 - April 2011 | October 2011-April 2012 |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| United States | 4 | 9 |
| European Union | 2 | 3 |
| Canada | 0 | 2 |
| Australia | 0 | 1 |
| Mexico | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 7 | 15 |

Source: WTO Secretariat.

3. Safeguards

39. The last monitoring report for the G-20 members showed that these countries had initiated five safeguards investigations in January-September 2011, compared with nine in the same period in 2010. Table 6 indicates that new safeguards investigations initiated by the G-20 members in the two periods reviewed in this report remained unchanged. G-20 members initiated four safeguards investigations in both October 2010–April 2011 and October 2011–April 2012.

Table 6
Initiations of safeguards investigations

| G-20 Member | October 2010 – April 2011 | October 2011 – April 2012 |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Brazil | 0 | 1 |
| India | 1 | 0 |
| Indonesia | 2 | 3 |
| Turkey | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 4 | 4 |

Source: WTO Secretariat.

F. POLICY DEVELOPMENTS IN TRADE IN SERVICES

40. Not many developments concerning trade in services among G-20 economies have been reported in the period under consideration. All countries seem to be maintaining the general thrust of their services trade policies and levels of market openness, including nonetheless the restrictive measures reported in previous reports.

41. On 30 January 2012, the new Chinese Foreign Investment Industrial Guidance Catalogue entered into force, replacing the previous one that was amended in 2007. The updated 2012 Catalogue is the fifth revision since the Catalogue was first introduced in 1995. The Catalogue lists a number of industries and classifies them according to whether foreign investment is encouraged, restricted or prohibited. An industry which is not expressly listed is deemed to be one in which foreign investment is permitted. The changes introduced to the different categories of industry will affect foreign investment in many service activities, such as environmental services, education, financial services, transport, warehousing and courier services, wholesale and retail distribution, health-related services, media and publication services, and real estate services.

42. In the education sector, foreign investment in vocational skills training has now been classified as encouraged. The establishment of educational institutes for higher education, which remain in the encouraged category, is still limited to equity or cooperative joint ventures. Foreign investment in senior high-school education institutions, which remain in the restricted category, may now only adopt the form of a cooperative joint venture rather than an equity joint venture. The prohibition on foreign investment in compulsory education and special education is retained. The only significant change for the financial services industry is that foreign investment in financial leasing companies is no longer restricted. There is no change to China's foreign investment policy with regard to other financial institutions.

43. An important change in the Catalogue is that foreign investment in domestic express delivery of mails, while once permitted, is now prohibited. Many logistics services are now listed in the encouraged category, including common delivery of ordinary commodities, low-temperature delivery of live and fresh agricultural products and other modern logistics and relevant technological services as well as rural chain delivery. Notably, commercial entities involved in franchising, entrusted operation and business management have been removed from the restricted category, while those relating to direct sales, mail orders and online sales remain. The wholesale and retail distribution of automobiles has been reclassified from the restricted to the permitted category, while the restriction that a distributor of audio-visual products must be controlled by a Chinese majority investor has also been removed. The wholesale and retail distribution of pharmaceuticals has been reclassified from the restricted to the permitted category.

44. Foreign investment in medical care institutions is now classified as permitted as opposed to restricted. Also, foreign investors are no longer prohibited from investing in the main distribution and import of books, newspapers and magazines, the import of audio and visual products and electronic publications as well as music-related Internet culture business. In the case of the real estate industry, the only substantive change is that the development and operation of villas is now reclassified from the restricted to the prohibited category. On 6 February 2012, Citibank announced that it had received approval from the China Banking Regulatory Commission to issue credit cards in mainland China under its own brand. In addition, as of 1 May 2012, foreign insurance companies in China will be able to supply compulsory traffic accident liability insurance, following amendment introduced to the *Regulation on Compulsory Traffic Accident Liability Insurance for Motor Vehicles*. Under the previous regulation, only "Chinese-funded insurance companies" could undertake the compulsory traffic accident liability insurance business after approval by the China Insurance Regulatory Commission. The amendment now allows all insurance companies to undertake that line of insurance business.

45. As a result of the fourth meeting of the US-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue, held in China on 3-4 May 2012, China committed to allow foreign investors to take up to 49% equity stakes in domestic securities joint ventures, going beyond China's WTO commitment of 33%. China also agreed to shorten the waiting period ("seasoning period") for securities joint ventures that apply to expand into brokerage, fund management, and trading activities; and to allow investors from the United States and other economies to establish joint venture brokerages to trade commodity and financial futures and hold up to 49% of the equity in those joint ventures. China will also allow foreign and domestic auto financing companies, currently dependent on China's state-owned banks for funding, to issue bonds, including securitized bonds. Also as part of these changes, China agreed to increase the total dollar amount that foreigners can invest in China's stock and bond markets under its Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (QFII) programme from US\$30 billion to US\$80 billion. This will reduce restrictions on the free flow of capital and increase opportunities for pension and mutual funds and other investment management firms.

46. Following that meeting, the United States allowed a Chinese sovereign wealth fund (China Investment Corp., or CIC) and other Chinese entities to acquire an 80% stake in New York's Bank of East Asia (U.S.A.) NA. CIC manages a portion of China's foreign exchange reserves. This is the first time US banking regulators have allowed Chinese majority ownership of a US bank, although Chinese companies have been permitted to own minority stakes and Chinese banks have been permitted to set up branches in the United States. The 80% ownership will be spread among CIC, CIC-controlled Central Huijin Investment Ltd. and state-owned Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Co. Ltd. To win approval, each entity was required to become a bank holding company subject to oversight of the Federal Reserve. Previously, the Federal Reserve had allowed the Agricultural Bank of China Ltd. to establish a branch in New York and the Bank of China Ltd. to have a branch in Chicago.

47. On 14 March 2012, Canada announced that the Government will pass a law allowing non-Canadians to buy up to 100% of domestic wireless firms that have a market share of 10% or less.

Current federal legislation restricts direct and indirect foreign investment in Canadian telecom companies to a combined total of 46.7%.

48. Pursuant to announcements made by the Cabinet of India in November 2011, the Government of India issued Press Note No. 1 (2012 series) dated 10 January 2012, allowing up to 100% foreign direct investment in single brand retail distribution under the Government approval route. The products to be sold shall be of "single brand" only, and should be already sold under the same brand internationally. The foreign investor should be the owner of the brand. For proposals involving FDI beyond 51%, mandatory sourcing of at least 30% of the value of products sold must be undertaken from Indian small industries, defined as those having total investment in plant and machinery not exceeding US\$1 million.

49. As part of its scheme for "subsidiarisation" of Indian branches of foreign banks, on 7 May 2012, India's Finance Ministry announced a tax neutral regime for such operations. The move is aimed to ease concerns of foreign banks that the conversion of their branch operations into wholly-owned subsidiaries would be subjected to capital gains tax.

50. In early 2012, the Indonesian Government suspended, until 31 December 2012, the application of the MOCT Ministerial Decree No. 55 from 2008, requiring the local replication of all theatrical prints and home video titles (e.g. DVDs) released in Indonesia.

51. There have been some developments regarding the supply of services through the movement of natural persons. Under a US Department of State rule promulgated in February 2012, foreign nationals may be issued L-1 (intra-corporate transfer) visas valid for up to five years even if that period is longer than the one in the underlying petition. The new rule permits some foreign nationals, depending on the maximum period allowed for their country of citizenship, to extend their stay without needing to undergo the sometimes lengthy visa renewal process. However, the rule does not increase the time that an L-1 visa-holder can stay in the United States. The Department of State determines the maximum validity period for the visa category on the basis of reciprocity.

52. On 25 April 2012, the Canadian government introduced an Accelerated Labour Market Opinion (A-LMO) process for qualifying employers sponsoring higher-skilled foreign workers. Under the new process, an LMO will be issued within 10 business days of filing. To benefit from faster processing, employers must consent to have their LMOs audited. A-LMOs are available for managerial, professional and technical positions that usually require a college or university degree or comparable technical training.

53. A new law passed by the Federal Government in Germany in December 2011 simplifies and standardizes the process for foreign professionals to have their qualifications recognized. Under the new law, the Professional Qualifications Assessment Act, individuals will be entitled to apply for recognition of their qualifications regardless of their citizenship or where they obtained their qualification. New standardized assessment procedures will be introduced for non-regulated professions, based generally on the substance and quality of each specific qualification. In addition, applications will be reviewed within three months of submission.

54. In the United Kingdom, the annual cap on Tier 2 non-EU skilled workers will remain at the current level of 20,700 for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 periods. However, as from 14 June 2012, the minimum skill level for a Tier 2 occupation will increase, with the result that 27 occupations will no longer qualify for the category.

III. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT MEASURES

A. NEW MEASURES

55. During the review period, a number of government support measures were implemented by some G-20 economies. Compared with the previous period reviewed, the number of new specific

support measures is unchanged (Annex 2). These measures were mainly in the form of guarantee and rescue aid schemes, and export credits. Export financing schemes in some economies have been renewed and expanded, in most cases to help domestic industries sustain and enlarge their exports.

56. The regular monitoring of government support continues to be a challenge because of difficulties in obtaining relevant information. Only three G-20 delegations volunteered information on this type of measure for the preparation of this Report.

57. In the area of public procurement, some governments have expressed their wish to help domestic industries, in particular SMEs, through preferences and special considerations, such as "indigenous content" in the granting of public contracts. Other governments are in the process of reviewing their legislation with a view to modernizing it and strengthening reciprocal treatment or certain restrictive provisions such as buy-national considerations. Some economies are also using local content requirements with a view to assisting domestic industries in a variety of sectors such as telecommunications. These actions may send the wrong signals and ignite protectionist sentiments and maybe retaliation. Moreover, in the context of high public debt, it would seem contradictory for governments to deny themselves a means of controlling spending through cheaper foreign bidding.

58. There have been press reports about a perceived emerging trend in state intervention to stimulate specific domestic production in some countries. Also, multi-year development plans in some economies entail the identification of key industries and the ensuing industry support for development. No detailed information was available to analyse in depth the specific actions or programmes envisaged.

59. Several countries have expressed concerns about the trade restrictive and distortionary impact of government programmes and traditional domestic support measures pre-dating the global crisis that provide assistance to specific industries, including through the granting of higher levels of subsidies, even if they are within permissible levels under the WTO. Apart from the fiscal stimulus and accommodative monetary policies put in place in the context of the global crisis, other programmes that existed before the onset of the crisis still provide domestic support to some sectors in some countries. An attempt was made to capture the main trends in government support over the past years, in particular in agriculture (see next section).

B. AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT

60. Under the WTO's Agreement on Agriculture, the commitments made by Members on government measures affecting agriculture are grouped into three categories: market access; domestic support; and export competition:

- Market access measures include tariffs, tariff quotas, and other border measures. Such measures directly affect imports and can raise domestic prices and result in a transfer from consumers to agricultural producers;
- Domestic support measures include not only budgetary outlays to support agriculture but also market price support schemes (such as official purchase and storage programmes designed to raise domestic prices), low-interest loans to producers or processors, and low-cost insurance schemes; and
- Export competition measures could include the actions of state-trading enterprises, and officially supported export credit schemes, as well as export subsidies. Export competition measures also cover more than budgetary outlays and include disposal abroad of government stocks, transport, freight and marketing subsidies, and the value of support arising from other government actions that assist exports.

61. Governments may also take measures that lead to transfers from agricultural producers to other sectors, such as maximum price orders or other price-based measures that reduce market prices, or export taxes or restrictions that prohibit or limit exports and can lower domestic prices.

62. The many different forms of support used in different countries means that calculations of the value of support can vary considerably depending on the methodology used. There have been many attempts to develop standard methodologies and all methods have some shortcomings. Furthermore, in some cases, the value of support may depend on measures taken in different categories, for example: a minimum price programme could require a high tariff to prevent imports from undermining the minimum price, a government purchase programme to restrict domestic supply, and an export subsidy scheme to dispose of the stocks acquired. In other cases, a government may be able to maintain high domestic prices compared to international prices without actually having a specified minimum price by using tariffs to increase the price of imports and using production quotas to restrict domestic production.

1. WTO Agreement on Agriculture

63. Under the WTO Agreement on Agriculture, support and protection for agriculture is subject to a variety of disciplines, including in the areas of market access, domestic support, export competition, and export prohibitions and restrictions. Through Article 18 of the Agreement and the Committee on Agriculture, Members are required to provide notifications to show compliance with their obligations under the Agreement. In addition, through information provided to the Integrated Database, Members provide data on applied tariffs.

64. Concerning domestic support under the Agreement on Agriculture, Members' notifications provide information on their support programmes under the Amber Box (Articles 6.1, 6.3 and 7.2, and Annexes 3 and 4) - including the *de minimis* provisions of Article 6.4, Blue Box (Article 6.5), Green Box (Article 6.1 and Annex 2), and certain development programmes in developing countries (Article 6.2).

65. In calculating the value of support in the Amber Box, Members are required to use the methodology set out in Annexes 3 and 4 on the Calculation of Aggregate Measurement of Support (AMS) and the Equivalent Measurement of Support, taking into account the constituent data and methodology used in the tables of supporting material provided in establishing reduction commitments (Article 1(a) and (d)). However, the methodologies used in Members' notifications can differ considerably, which makes difficult the comparison of AMS figures among Members. Furthermore, for market price support measures, the methodology set out in Annexes 3 and 4 uses the difference between the applied administered price for the year of the notification and the external reference price from the base period (1986-1988 for reduction commitments established as a result of the Uruguay Round) to derive the value of support for each unit of eligible production. The difference between current administered prices and historic reference prices means that the measurement of support to agriculture in the notifications is not a measure of the economic value of support to producers but a calculation to show compliance with WTO commitments. Therefore, notifications to the WTO on support to agriculture may not be an accurate measurement of the value of support to producers.

2. OECD methodology to measure agricultural support

66. Another important source of data on agriculture support is the OECD. The OECD publishes an annual report that uses several indicators to show the value of support to the agriculture sector.¹¹ It also maintains the Producer and Consumer Support Estimates database giving details of the value of

¹¹ The most recent being OECD (2011), *Agriculture Policy Monitoring and Evaluation 2011: OECD Countries and Emerging Economies*, OECD Publishing.

support and protection going back several years.¹² Among the indicators of support are the Producer Support Estimate (PSE), Market Price Support (MPS), Single Commodity Transfers (SCT), and the Total Support Estimate (TSE). The methodology for calculating these indicators is different from that used to calculate the AMS and the two sets of data are not compatible or comparable. Furthermore, the methodology used by the OECD is evolving and was revised for the 2007 Monitoring and Evaluation report resulting in several changes, including the way the value of support for specific commodities was calculated.¹³ The countries covered by the OECD database include members of the OECD as well as Brazil, China, the Russian Federation, South Africa, and Ukraine.

67. One of the most commonly quoted indicators used by the OECD is the PSE which is defined as: "the annual monetary value of gross transfers from consumers and taxpayers to agricultural producers, measured at the farm-gate level, arising from policy measures that support agriculture, regardless of their nature, objectives or impacts on farm production or income. It includes market price support, budgetary payments and budget revenue foregone, i.e. gross transfers from consumers and taxpayers to agricultural producers arising from policy measures based on: current output, input use, area planted/animal numbers/receipts/incomes (current, non-current), and non-commodity criteria."¹⁴ Thus, the PSE includes the value of support provided by market access measures (such as tariffs and tariff quotas), as well as input subsidies, budgetary payments to producers that are linked to current parameters (such as area planted, animal numbers or receipts), or income and budgetary payments that are linked to historical parameters, and export subsidies. The percentage PSE is the PSE relative to total farm receipts - that is the total value of sales at farm-gate prices plus any supports paid to agricultural producers.

68. It must be noted that the OECD's PSE and percentage PSE are not measures or indicators of trade distortion. They are measures of transfers to agricultural producers. Furthermore, some support to the agriculture sector is not included in the PSE, such as support for research and development, but the value of these other support programmes may be captured by other indicators such as the Total Support Estimate. The Producer and Consumer Support Estimates database does provide information on different types of support for each of the countries covered as well as the data used to calculate each of these indicators, including the PSE.

69. One of the components of the PSE is market price support (MPS). In most cases, nearly all of MPS is derived from the difference between border reference prices and domestic prices, although it can also include some types of budgetary outlays which are intended to support prices. MPS captures the net effect to which border and domestic policies elevate domestic prices above international reference prices. It can be interpreted as a measure of economic opportunity costs that takes the international reference price as the benchmark.

70. The OECD's Producer and Consumer Support Estimates database provides data on OECD countries and for Brazil, China, the Russian Federation, South Africa, and Ukraine. Among the OECD countries, Chile, the Republic of Korea, Israel, Mexico, and Turkey have commitments in the WTO as developing countries while all the others (Australia, Canada, the EU, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, and the United States) are developed countries.

71. For the OECD as a whole, the trend in the level of support relative to total farm receipts (the percentage PSE) has been declining since about 1999 (Chart 3). This trend has been determined mainly by the fall in market price support; one of the main reasons for the decline in market price support has been the rise in agricultural commodity prices which resulted in lower protection for domestic producers. Furthermore, many tariffs on agricultural products are specific duties or complex

¹² The Producer and Consumer Support Estimates database is available from: http://www.oecd.org/document/59/0,3746,en_2649_33797_39551355_1_1_1_1,00.html [March 2012].

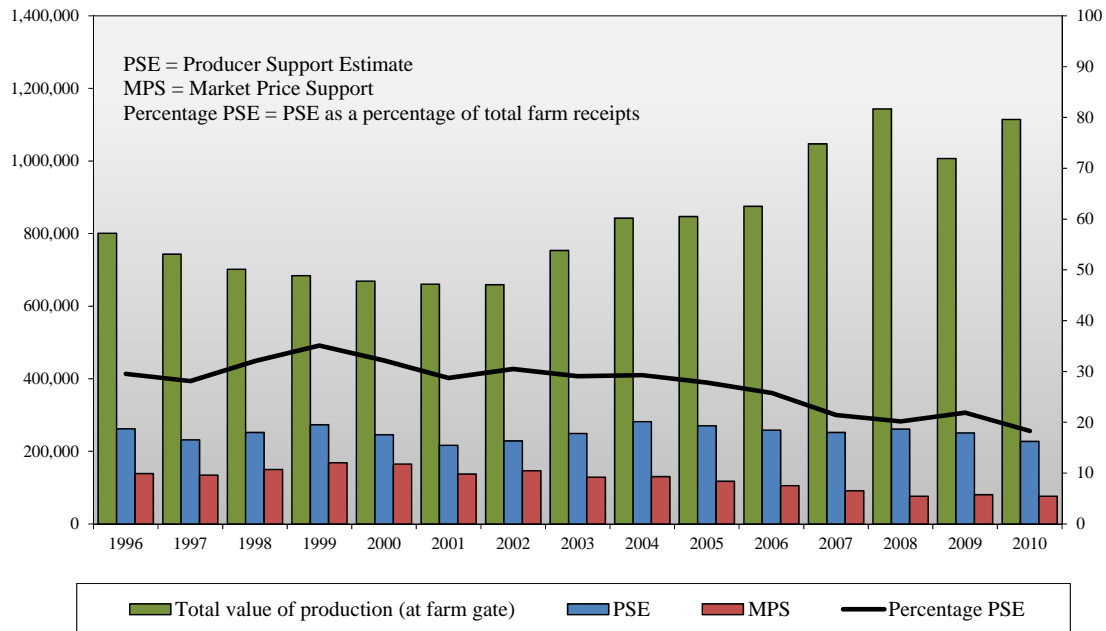
¹³ OECD (2007), *Agricultural Policies in OECD Countries Monitoring and Evaluation 2007*, OECD Publishing, pp 63-75.

¹⁴ OECD (2011), *Agriculture Policy Monitoring and Evaluation 2011: OECD Countries and Emerging Economies*, OECD Publishing, p. 75.

tariffs which include specific duties. Higher import prices reduce the *ad valorem* equivalents of these types of tariffs and, therefore, the relative protection provided by these specific duties. In addition, in some cases *ad valorem* tariffs have also been reduced in response to rising prices.

Chart 3
Support to OECD agricultural producers

(US\$ million and % of total farm receipts)



Source: WTO Secretariat based on OECD data.

72. Although the rise in international prices has led to a reduction in protection, it could also be noted that varying protection depending on prices also has the effect of insulating producers from international prices. Furthermore, in some countries, tariffs may be relatively low and market prices are allowed to fluctuate but producers are insulated from these fluctuations by direct payments based on the difference between these market prices and threshold prices set out in legislation. In these cases the increase in international prices may also lead to a reduction in support with little or no change to agriculture policies.

73. Another factor explaining the decline in market price support has been the reforms in some economies, such as the EU and Mexico, which have contributed to the reduction in the difference between domestic and world market prices.

74. There are big differences in the relative and absolute amounts of support provided in different countries: Australia and New Zealand provide relatively little support to producers while in Japan and Norway over half of total farm receipts are the result of support measures. There are also big differences in the level of support provided to different products which is not captured by the average figures for the entire sector. For the OECD as a whole, the average Single Commodity Transfer for the 2008-10 period for rice was over 50% of gross farm receipts and over 20% for sugar, while other products received lower levels of support (the SCT does not include general transfers to agriculture that producers may also benefit from). Within each country, support can also vary considerably from one product to another, for example in Canada in 2010 the SCT for milk production was 60% of the value of receipts and 0% for wheat.

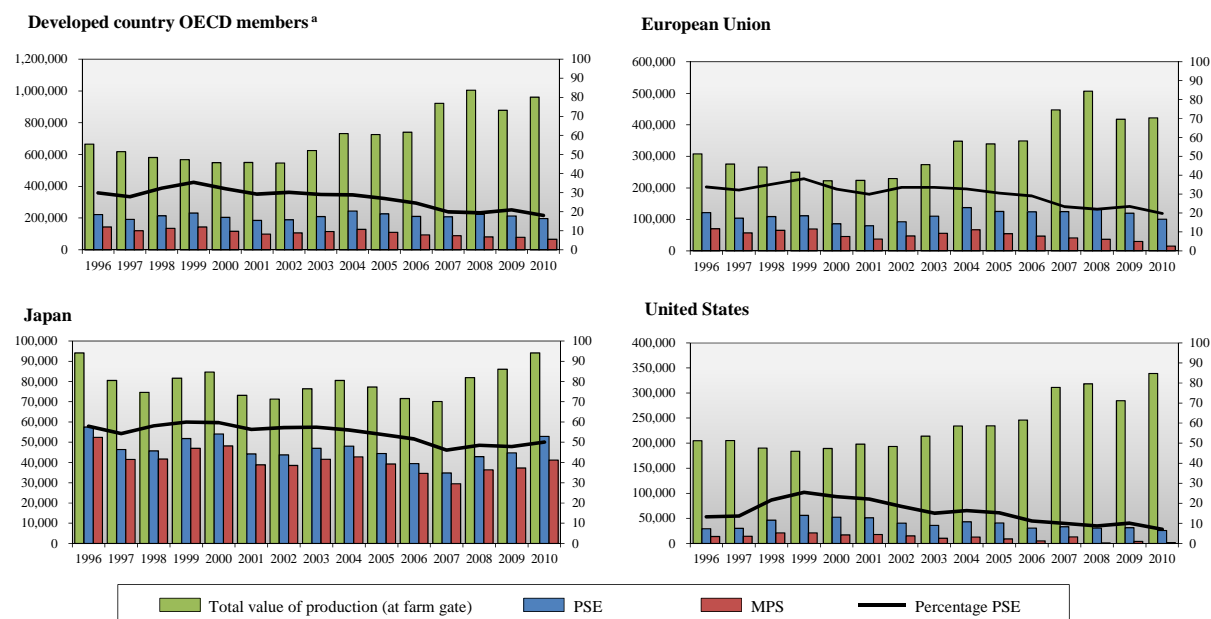
75. The OECD presents country-specific data in national currency terms and general data in US dollars and Euros using annual average exchange rates available from its database. In the following paragraphs and charts, support is expressed in US dollar terms although changes in support levels can

be sensitive to changes in the exchange rate. However, the relative levels of support (the percentage PSE and SCT) are not affected nor do the trends in support levels across different years in different countries change significantly.

(a) Developed country members of the OECD

76. The trend in declining levels of PSE in the OECD as a whole applies also to the developed-country members of the OECD (Chart 4). For this group, the percentage PSE declined from over one-third of total farm receipts in 1999 to less than one-fifth in 2010. The increase in the value of production means that, in absolute terms the decline in support, from over US\$231 billion to US\$197 billion, is less pronounced.

Chart 4
Developed OECD members support to agricultural producers
 (US\$ million and % of total farm receipts)



^a Australia, Canada, the EU, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, and the United States

Source: WTO Secretariat based on OECD data.

77. Taking the three developed-country members of the OECD with the greatest value of production (the EU, Japan, and the United States), the situation also differs from one member to another:

- Support in the EU has followed the overall trend among developed countries in the OECD as the percentage PSE almost halved to less than 20% in 2010 compared with 1999. Over the same period, the total value of agricultural production increased significantly. Therefore, the PSE in US dollar or Euro terms did not decline by the same amount and actually increased until 2003, after which it fell as reforms to the Common Agricultural Policy started to take effect. It could also be noted that the level of market price support in the EU has been declining significantly as international prices have increased and the difference between them and internal EU prices has narrowed. At the same time, direct payments to producers have increased considerably. In 2010, market price support represented only 15% of the PSE and other forms of support (mostly direct payments) represented 85% of the PSE;
- In the case of Japan, the percentage PSE has declined from nearly 60% of total farm receipts in 1999 and 2000 to 50% in 2010. However, the value of the PSE in US dollars has not changed significantly. In Yen terms, there has been a decline but it too has been relatively modest as it fell from JPY 5.9 trillion in 1999 and 2000 to nearly JPY 4.6 in 2010. In line

with rising international prices, the market price support element of the PSE has declined more significantly, while direct payments to producers increased;

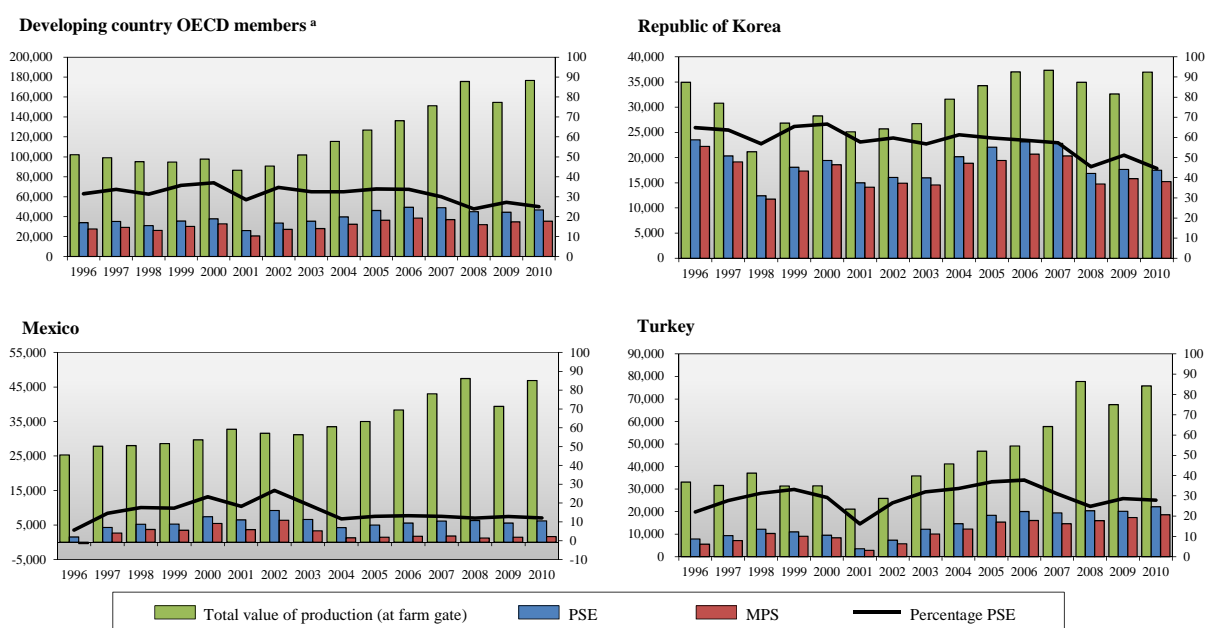
- The PSE in the United States has followed the overall trend among developed countries in the OECD and declined in both relative and absolute terms. With some exceptions, such as the dairy and sugar sectors, tariffs on agricultural products in the United States are not high. Therefore, market price support has normally been low relative to most other OECD countries. Rising international prices have reduced market price support still further. In addition, for the main commodities, direct payments to producers under marketing loans and counter-cyclical payments are based on market prices and, therefore, these have also declined.

(b) Developing-country members of the OECD

78. The total value of agricultural production among the developing-country members of the OECD (Chart 5) was US\$176.6 billion in 2010, which is small compared with the value of production in the EU (US\$422 billion) or the United States (US\$339 billion). Therefore, in monetary terms, support given to agriculture in these countries tends to be much smaller than in the larger developed-country members of the OECD. However, for this group of countries, the percentage PSE (at 25%) is higher than for developed-country members of the OECD and, although this is lower than in 1999 when it was 36%, it has not declined by the same amount. In US dollar terms, the PSE increased from US\$35.6 billion in 1999 to US\$46.8 billion in 2010. There are big differences among this group of countries: the PSE for Chile is about 3% of farm receipts while the PSE for the Republic of Korea is about 45%. For the three developing-country members of the OECD with the largest agriculture sectors the development of support over the past few years differs:

- In the Republic of Korea, the percentage PSE, has been declining since 2000. However, the value of agricultural production increased considerably between 2000 and 2007 which pushed up farm receipts and reduced the percentage PSE. In Won terms, support in 2009 was almost the same as in 1999 although it did decline in 2010. Most support is provided through market price support with big differences between domestic and international prices caused mostly by high tariffs. Furthermore, most of Korea's agricultural tariffs are either simple *ad valorem*, or the higher of a specific duty and an *ad valorem* duty, thus the amount of protection either stays the same or it can even increase with rising prices;
- The percentage PSE in Mexico declined sharply from a peak of nearly 27% in 2002 as market price support measures were reduced and, since 2004, it has remained relatively stable at about 12%. In Mexico, relatively little of the PSE is provided through market price support measures. Instead support comes through direct payments, on-farm services and investment programmes;
- In Turkey, support to agricultural producers has been quite variable. Between 1999 and 2001, the percentage PSE fell quite sharply from 33% to 16% before increasing again to nearly 38% in 2006 and then falling again to 28% in 2010. Nearly all the PSE comes from market price support due to the relatively high tariffs for agricultural goods.

Chart 5
Developing OECD members support to agricultural producers
 (US\$ million and % of total farm receipts)



^a Chile, Republic of Korea, Israel, Mexico, and Turkey.

Source: WTO Secretariat based on OECD data.

(c) Other countries in the OECD database

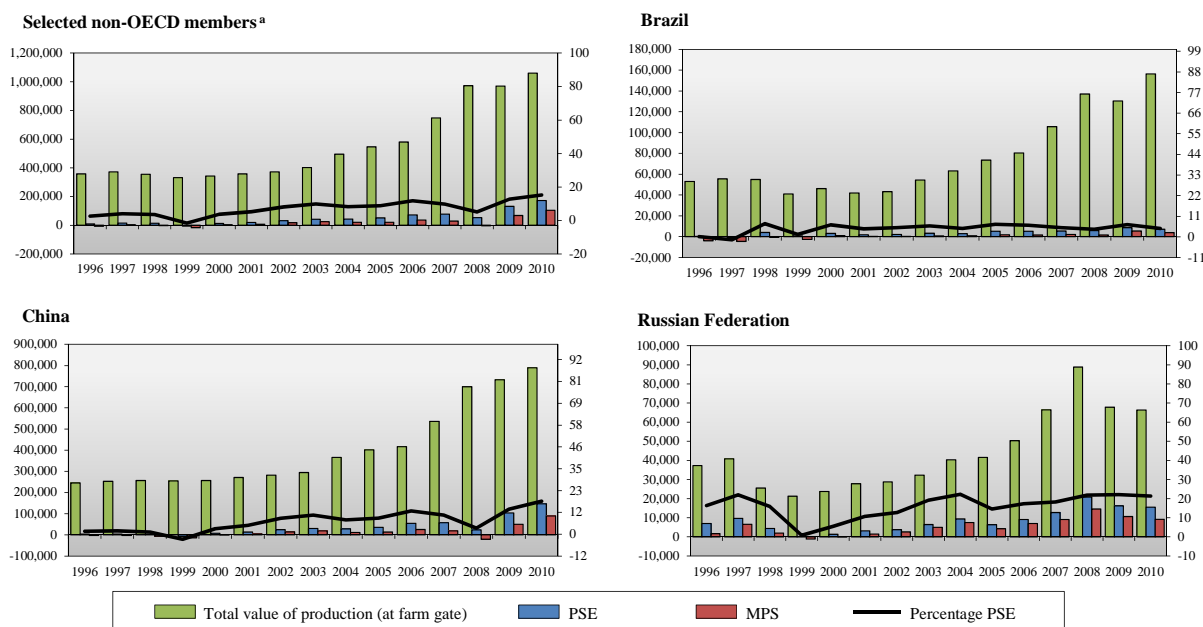
79. Among the non-OECD countries in the OECD database, the value of agricultural production tripled in the period 1999 to 2010 when it reached over US\$1 trillion (Chart 6). In US dollars, the PSE increased as well, reaching US\$172 billion in 2010. This group of non-OECD countries have also applied negative support to agriculture in some years before, mostly from having domestic prices below world prices. Furthermore, China, the Russian Federation and the Ukraine tax some commodities while subsidizing others, which can make average figures across all products difficult to interpret.

80. Throughout the 2000s, market price support has been mostly positive, except in the case of China in 2008 and Ukraine in 2007 and 2008 when market price support was again negative, reflecting lower domestic prices compared to international ones. The PSE level varies considerably from one country to another, from 2% of farm receipts in South Africa to 21% in the Russian Federation. For the three countries in this group with the highest values of production, the development of support varies, although all of them have the same trend towards higher levels of support:

- In Brazil, the percentage PSE was negative in 1997 but then increased to 7% of farm receipts in 1998 and since 2000 has been in the range of between 4% and 7%. At the same time, the values for agricultural production and total farm receipts have increased considerably (the value of support in US dollars increased, reaching US\$8.7 billion in 2009 before falling to US\$7.1 billion in 2010);
- China also had negative levels of support in the past but increasing direct payments to producers and input subsidies as well as rising prices, have seen the percentage PSE increase from -2.6% of farm receipts in 1999 to 17.4% in 2010. As the value of agricultural production and farm receipts have increased over the same period, the US dollar value of support has also increased reaching US\$147 billion in 2010 compared to the total value of production which was US\$799 billion;

- Support to agricultural producers in the Russian Federation has also increased since 1999 when the percentage PSE was 1% of the value of farm receipts to stabilise at just over 20% for 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Chart 6
Selected non-OECD members support to agricultural producers
 (US\$ million and % of total farm receipts)



^a Brazil, China, Russian Federation, South Africa, and the Ukraine.
 Source: WTO Secretariat based on OECD data.

3. Trade distortion

81. As stated above, the PSE is not a measure of trade or production distortion. Although the precise extent to which different policies can affect trade and production is hard to quantify, it has been shown that some types of support, such as support for inputs, have a greater effect than others, such as area-based payments. Furthermore, in each country the level of support and the policies leading to that support vary from one product to another.¹⁵

C. SUPPORT IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

82. To mitigate the impact of the global financial crisis and to sustain growth, governments around the world put in place various support measures. These included macroeconomic measures such as the easing of monetary policy and across-the-board tax reductions, which were aimed at stimulating demand. Some governments also introduced border protection (increases in tariffs, introduction of quotas and import licensing) as well as behind-the-border measures. Behind-the-border government support took many forms including, *inter alia*: direct money transfers, tax concessions, assumption of contingent liabilities, infrastructure development and equity injections. All the above have trade implications.

¹⁵ An assessment of the trade and production effect of different policies can be found in a number of articles by the OECD: OECD (2006), *Decoupling: Policy Implications*, AGR/CA/APM(2005)22/Final, Paris; OECD (2002), *Agricultural Policies in OECD Countries: A Positive Reform Agenda*, OECD Publishing; OECD (2007), *OECD Economic Surveys: European Union*, Chapter 6, OECD Publishing; OECD (2011), *Evaluation of Agricultural Policy Reforms in the United States*, OECD Publishing; OECD (2011), *Evaluation of Agricultural Policy Reforms in the European Union*, OECD Publishing; Martini, R. (2011) *Long-term trends in agricultural policy impact*, OECD Food, Agricultural and Fisheries Working Papers, No 45, OECD Publishing, Paris.

83. A recent OECD analysis based on GTAP simulations found that border restrictions are the most distortive to trade and GDP as they directly alter market prices, thereby affecting both producers and consumers.¹⁶ Fiscal assistance to production could also distort trade. The level of distortion is dependent on how the support is structured. For example, an economy-wide corporate tax cut or concession would be the least distorting. On the other hand, support provided to particular industries or sectors, which results in increased production and displaces imports, would have an adverse impact on trade. Fiscal assistance targeting consumption, if applied in a non-restrictive manner (i.e. if it applies equally to both domestic and imported goods), should in theory enhance trade flows.

84. In cases where fiscal measures exert a "demand-pull" effect, but they are linked to a local-content requirement, it will be difficult for foreign suppliers to benefit from the increased demand. A precise analysis of trade and economic effects of such measures depends on the availability of detailed information on how the measures are implemented.

85. Previous monitoring reports have focused on border measures, which are relatively easy to monitor and assess. A large proportion of behind-the-border government support, which was provided in response to the global financial crisis, was given to the banking sector. These measures have also been covered in some detail in previous reports.

86. Today's networked nature of global production and trade adds a layer of complexity to studying the effects of any behind-the-border measures. Measures that boost domestic production invariably suck in imports because of the global nature of supply chains. Such relationships call into question the simple calculus of believing that behind-the-border support to a sector or industry will boost domestic production and reduce imports, and raise the possibility that an economy's manufacturing sector may stand to gain more in terms of an output increase through trade liberalisation.

87. Data availability on behind-the-border government support varies significantly across countries. In some cases, support provided in the form of cash transfers and equity injections is published as part of budgetary documents. However, support provided as tax exemptions and assumption of contingent liabilities is more difficult to ascertain. Furthermore, data disaggregated on the basis of sectors and industries are also not easily available. For example, in the case of loan guarantees provided by the government, the borrower does not pay the risk premium associated with the default risk, but instead gets the loan at the risk-free interest rate. Only if the borrower defaults would the government be asked to repay the loan.

88. According to data presented in a background note by the WTO Secretariat on the financial and economic crisis and the role of the WTO, most support programmes were of a general nature, making it difficult to determine precisely which sectors or industries were extended such support.¹⁷ Sectors that have been identified include the automobile sector, energy, textiles and clothing, air transport, shipping and tourism. Furthermore, assistance was also provided to small and medium enterprises and to some exporters. However, in most cases the form and quantum of support remains ambiguous.

89. It is mainly developed countries that have used budgetary and other measures in their efforts to revive economic growth. In contrast, developing countries have not been as active. The reason for this is that budgetary support assumes that countries providing such assistance have enough fiscal space to do so, which many developing countries simply may not have.

90. The problem raised by the data issue is two-fold. Firstly not all Members provide adequate data. Secondly, in cases where some information is provided, deciphering the support is not a straightforward matter and ambiguity relating to classification often remains. As already mentioned

¹⁶ OECD (2010), *Trade and Economic Effects of Responses to the Economic Crisis*, Trade Policy Studies, Paris.

¹⁷ WTO document WT/TPR/OV/W/4 of 14 June 2011.

in a background note by the Secretariat, "assessing the trade impact of assistance measures is a complex task in view of the different forms that assistance can take and of its potential to result in different costs and benefits depending on the specifics of each situation."¹⁸

91. Even where data are provided, such as through the subsidies notifications to the WTO, it covers different time periods and differing forms of support, depending on the Member's interpretation of what constitutes a "notifiable" subsidy (Table 7).

Table 7
Subsidy notifications to the WTO

| Country | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011 | Most recent year covered |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|--------------------------|
| Argentina | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2008-2010 |
| Australia | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | July2010-June2011 |
| Brazil | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2009-2010 |
| Canada | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2008-2010 |
| China | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2007-2008 |
| EU | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2009-2010 |
| India | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2008-2009 |
| Indonesia | No | No | No | No | 1995 |
| Japan | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | April2009-March2010 |
| Korea Rep. of | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2009-2010 |
| Mexico | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2009-2010 |
| Saudi Arabia | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2011 |
| South Africa | No | No | No | No | 2001-2002 |
| Turkey | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2010-2011 |
| United States | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Oct2008-Sept2010 |

Source: WTO Secretariat based on notifications to the Subsidies Committee (G/SCM/W/546/Rev.13 of 12 April 2012).

92. In the case of EU notifications, headline numbers are available for member states. Data for the United States tend to be more comprehensive in comparison; information is made available at the federal as well as the sub-federal levels, and these data are provided for specific industries as well as in respect of the measures used.

93. In the case of China, the extent of government support to industry is not clearly stated in the available official documents. For other countries, data availability falls somewhere within the broad spectrum evident in the practice of the major trading economies.

94. Furthermore, in almost all cases no evaluation of the trade impact of such support exists. The United States and Australia are exceptions and do provide analysis with respect to the trade impact of the support provided. In the case of the former, such analysis is provided through their subsidy notification, while in the latter case it is through the Productivity Commission. However, conducting such an evaluation is a costly exercise which most countries do not undertake.

95. A particular difficulty that arises in the case of major traders relates to measures adopted in respect of export finance. It may not always be possible to assess government or official guarantees that underwrite export finance. Equally, the operations of export financing institutions that assist the overseas importers often defy a complete analysis.

96. These and similar difficulties with data preclude meaningful monitoring and analysis of behind-the-border government support measures. A proper analysis would require, at a minimum, that Members provide details of government support extended to specific industries and by specific measure. These would include: direct payments and equity injections, tax concessions, loan guarantees and export promotion measures.

IV. DEVELOPMENTS IN TRADE FINANCE

97. The WTO's Expert Group on Trade Finance met on 15 May 2012. There was a consensus that market conditions returned to some normality at the beginning of 2012, after the pressures felt at

¹⁸ WTO document WT/TPR/OV/W/4 of 14 June 2011.

the end of 2011 on liquidity and capital which were linked to the simultaneous implementation of Basel II and III regulatory requirements. The volumes of trade finance were growing only slowly but this was consistent with the slowing down in the volumes of world trade, as the two were linked by an almost one-to-one relationship. US-dollar funding remained an issue outside the United States, although swap agreements helped alleviate the situation. While liquidity had come back to the main routes of trade and spreads fell somewhat relative to end-2011 levels, the market was characterized by a greater selectivity in risk-taking and flight to "quality" customers. In that environment, the lower end of the market (e.g. low income countries) was struggling to obtain affordable finance, with the smaller companies in the smaller countries most affected. With respect to conditions in different regions, the relatively easy market situation in Asia contrasted sharply with the difficult situation felt in Europe (Western and Eastern), the MENA region, and some African regions (sub-Saharan Africa, for example).

98. Concerns were expressed about the persistence of a trade finance gap in the most challenging regions of the world. This certainly justified the continued need for risk mitigation provided by multilateral development banks, several of which saw demand for their products increase significantly since the beginning of 2012 (in particular the Asian Development Bank). The African Development Bank reported progress on the establishment of a "permanent" trade finance facilitation programme comparable to that of the Asian Development Bank - a follow-up on the recommendation of the G-20 Summit in Cannes. Trade finance facilitation programmes corrected the failures at the low end of the market and were clearly development-oriented. G-20 involvement continues to be necessary not only to keep the trade and development mobilized, but also to get the support of finance ministries, which were represented at the boards of MDBs.

99. A discussion took place on the other G-20 trade finance-related topics, i.e. data improvement. With respect to market surveys providing qualitative information about trade finance trends, there was a consensus that one survey per year produced by the ICC, with input by organizations such as SWIFT and the Berne Union, was sufficient in normal times. Should market circumstances change, it would be up to the ICC and its partners to decide on a snapshot survey to take the "temperature" of the markets. With respect to loan-level data collected to feed the dialogue with regulatory agencies ("the registry"), there was a consensus that the current ICC registry containing short-term trade finance data would be usefully enriched by long-term data. The registry was seen as key in achieving dialogue with the regulator, and that its integrity had to be preserved as well as the incentive of banks to participate. The data contained private, commercially-sensitive, and confidential information. If the ICC decided to provide information to other institutions, the data confidentiality would have to be preserved, the information would have to be mutualized, and handed out on a transparent basis, making it accessible to all policy-making organizations on an equal footing.

100. With respect to regulatory matters under the Basel framework, there was a consensus that progress on Basel II issues, announced by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision before the G-20 Summit in Cannes, was beneficial from a development perspective, and that the dialogue with the Basel Committee should be pursued on elements of Basel III regulation that were technical and prioritized. It was important to insist on the development impact of the trade finance industry (contributing to the expansion of trade and hence economic growth), its low risk character (trade finance being safer than major sovereign risks at the present moment), and the absence of leverage (one-to-one relationship with the transaction on merchandise). The industry needs to collect information demonstrating the safe and sound character of its activity. Interest was expressed about the adoption by the European Parliament of the trade finance provisions implementing Basel II and III rules at the European level, particularly in the field of trade finance. Under these rules, the one-year maturity floor would be waived for all short-term trade finance instruments, and the credit conversion factor for the calculation of the leverage ratio would not be a flat rate of 100%, but only 20% and 50% depending on products. These two measures were seen clearly as pro-development. The G-20 group was encouraged to continue to support multilateral development institutions in their trade finance programmes bearing in mind their development impact. The existence of a permanent market gap for poor countries requires long-term public involvement, without which crisis intervention would be meaningless.

V. RECENT ECONOMIC AND TRADE TRENDS

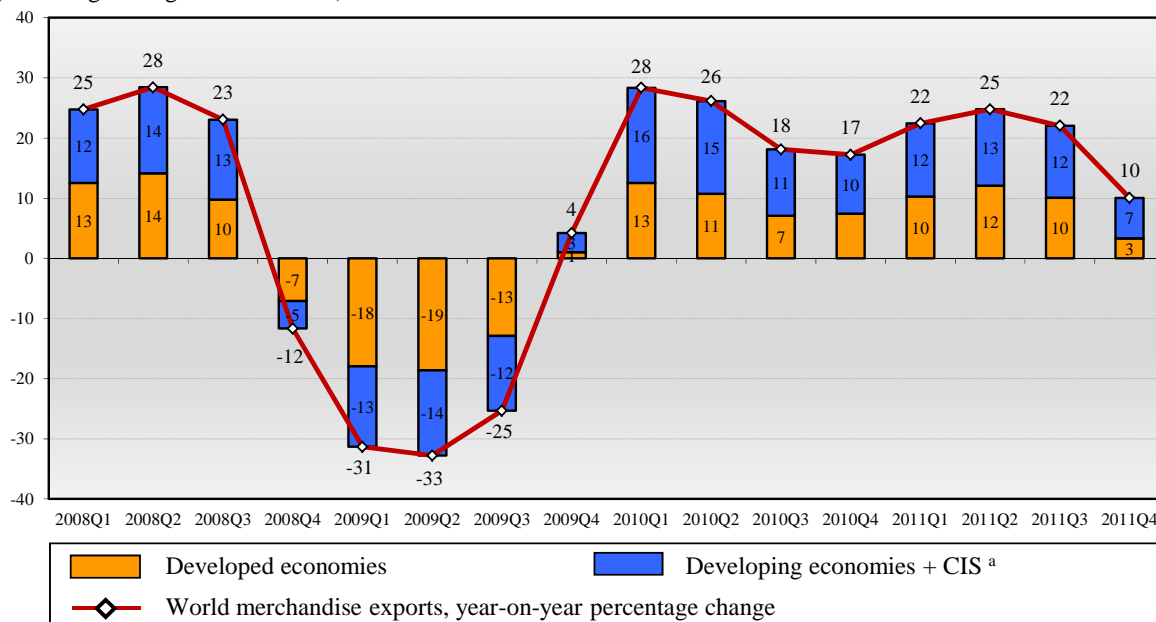
101. World trade and output grew more slowly than expected since the last G-20 report in October 2011, as the European sovereign debt crisis continued to weigh heavily on global economic activity. Weaker demand for imported goods on the part of the European Union has taken a toll on exports from developing economies, including Brazil, South Africa and even China. At the same time, developed economies appear to be diverging, with some countries sinking back into recession and others recording modest but sustained growth. Output has contracted recently in highly-indebted European countries (Italy, Spain, and especially Greece) while other developed economies have seen their economic prospects improve. This divergence is most evident when comparing the recent economic performance of the United States to that of the European Union. Output and employment have both risen modestly in the United States while they have stagnated or contracted in the EU. Japan's economy has recently shown signs of improvement, with indices of leading indicators from the OECD pointing to faster growth in coming months. However, China's economy has decelerated as a result of falling external demand for its exports and reduced investment expenditure at home. Whichever of these trends exerts the greatest influence on global demand in the coming months may determine the trajectory of trade in the remainder of 2012.

102. International trade appears to have been negatively affected by the increased level of financial instability in recent months, particularly during the fourth quarter of 2012 as the sovereign debt crisis deepened. This is illustrated by Chart 7, which shows the contribution of developed and developing economies to growth in world merchandise exports. Year-on-year growth in the dollar value of world merchandise exports fell from 22% in 2011Q3 to 10% in 2011Q4, with developed economies contributing less than one third of the increase, compared to nearly half (46%) in 2011Q3.

Chart 7

Contributions to year-on-year growth in world merchandise exports, 2008Q1 - 2011Q4

(Percentage change in US\$ values)



^a Includes significant re-exports.

Note Due to scarce data availability, Africa and Middle East regional totals are under-represented by about 5% and 10% respectively.

Source: WTO Secretariat estimates, based on data compiled from IMF International Financial Statistics; Eurostat Comext Database; Global Trade Atlas; and national statistics.

103. Since world output is expected to grow more slowly in 2012 than in 2011, the WTO anticipates a slower expansion in merchandise trade as well. The WTO's latest trade forecast, which was released on 12 April, foresees a 3.7% growth in the volume of world exports in 2012, down from

the 5.0% rate of 2011. Exports of developed economies are expected to grow 2.0% this year following an expansion of 4.7% in 2011. Meanwhile, exports of developing economies (including the Commonwealth of Independent States) should increase by 5.6% in 2012, very close to their 5.4% growth rate in 2011. The volume of developed economies' imports should only increase by 1.9% in 2012, down from 2.8% in 2011. Developing economies' imports should grow by 6.2% this year, compared with 7.9% in 2011.

Merchandise trade volumes

104. Estimates of world merchandise trade in volume terms, as provided by the Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis (CPB), are shown in Chart 8. The volume of world trade (average of exports and imports) fell 0.3% in the latest month after increasing 1.3% in January. Although exports of advanced economies rose 2.5% in February, shipments from Japan fell 5.4%. Export growth for emerging and developing economies averaged 2.7% in February, but shipments from Asian developing economies (including China) grew much more slowly at 0.8%. The country or region with the fastest export growth was Latin America at 14.4%, followed by the United States at 7.4%.

105. Imports of advanced economies rose 1.1% in the latest month, including a 2.1% growth in the United States, 1.6% for Japan, and -0.9% for the euro area. Meanwhile, imports of emerging and developing economies increased by 6.5%, led by Africa and the Middle East with growth of 13.0%. Imports of developing Asian economies (including China) were up 5.4%.

106. Growth in the volume of world trade for the year to date (i.e. January-February 2012 compared to January-February 2011) reached 3.1%, slightly less than the WTO's forecast of 3.7%. However, the WTO's forecast assumes that trade growth will pick up in the second half of the year, so the CPB estimate is roughly in line with the WTO's figure. Initial CPB values are volatile and subject to revision, so a measure of "momentum", defined as the growth rate of the last three months over the previous three months, is sometimes preferable. Momentum increased to 1.5% in February from 0.7% in January and from zero per cent in December, which suggests that the most recent period of financial distress associated with the sovereign debt crisis only had a temporary negative impact on trade flows. This would not necessarily be the case if the crisis takes another turn for the worse.

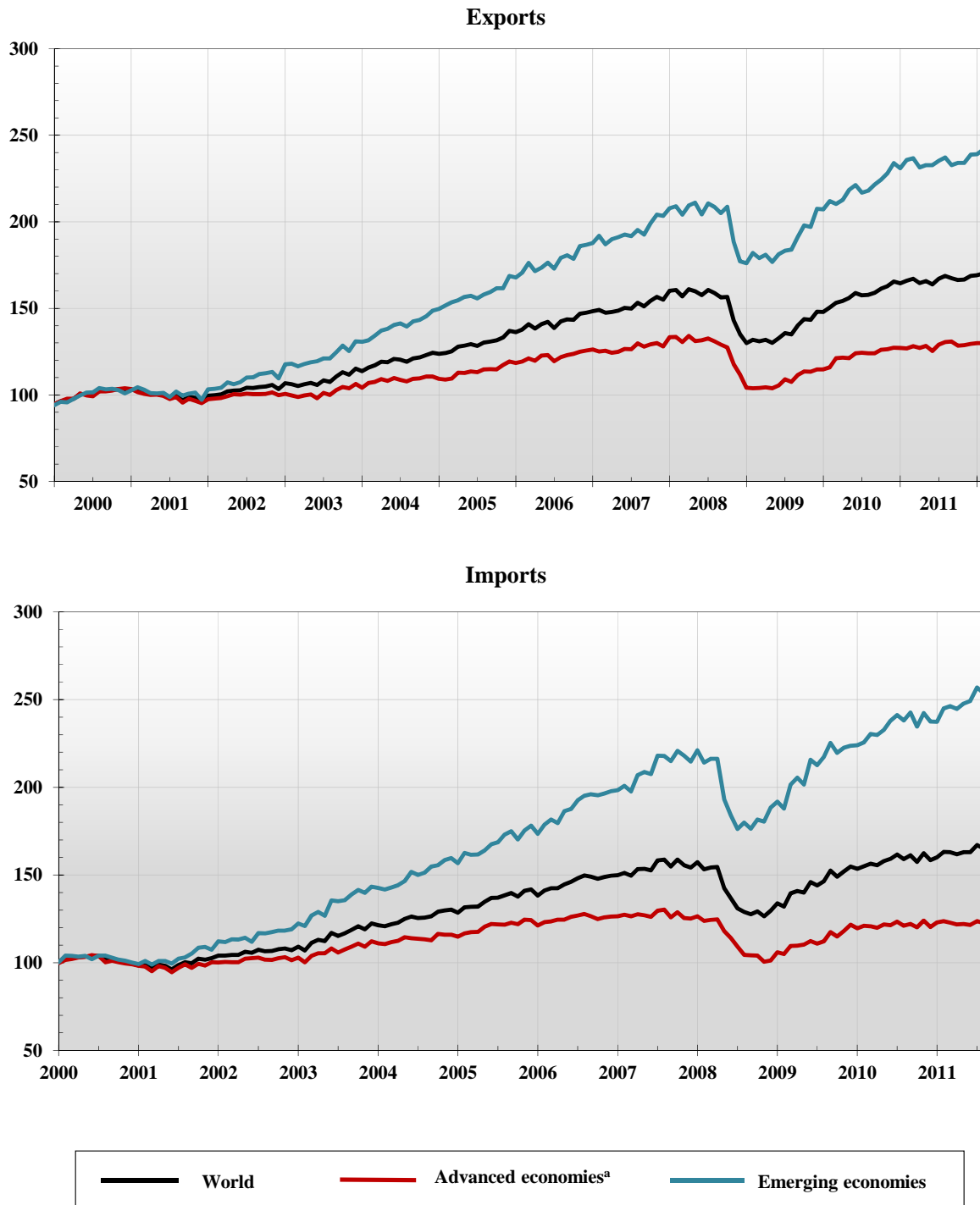
107. Trade volume figures are deflated to remove the influence of export and import prices, including primary commodity prices and exchange rates. Energy prices recorded a strong 11% increase since last October, whereas metals and food only rose 1% and 5%, respectively. The strength of energy prices helps to explain why the volume of exports from the largest oil exporting region (Africa/Middle East) was relatively low (3.7%) compared to the volume of imports (13%). Higher energy prices would have boosted the export earnings of oil producing countries, allowing them to import more, but the physical volume of a country's fuel exports is generally not very sensitive to fluctuations in prices.

Merchandise trade values

108. Chart 9 shows merchandise exports and imports for available G-20 economies in billion current US dollars (not seasonally adjusted) from January 2008 to March 2012. Two countries, China and Brazil, have already reported merchandise trade values for April.

Chart 8
Volume of monthly exports and imports, January 2000 - February 2012

(Indices, 2000 = 100)



^a OECD excluding Turkey, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, and Central European countries.

Source: CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis.

Chart 9
Monthly merchandise exports and imports of selected G-20 economies, January 2008 - April 2012
 (US\$ billion)

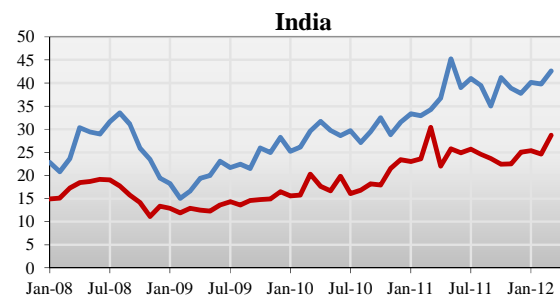
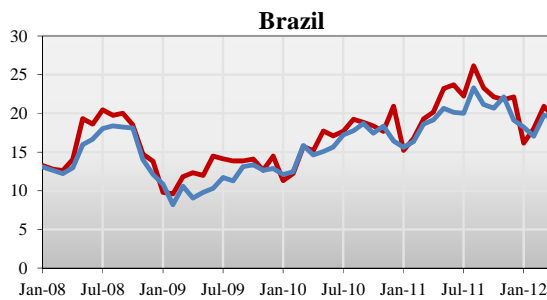
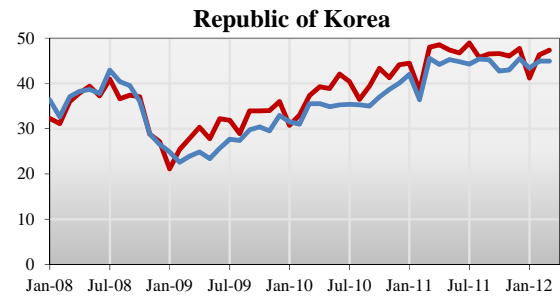
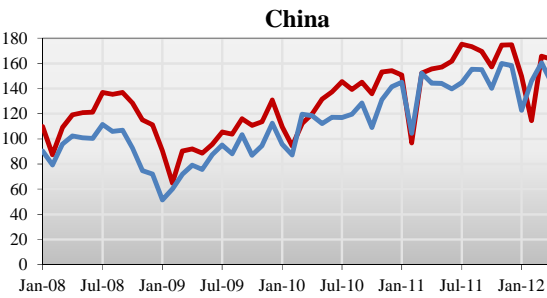
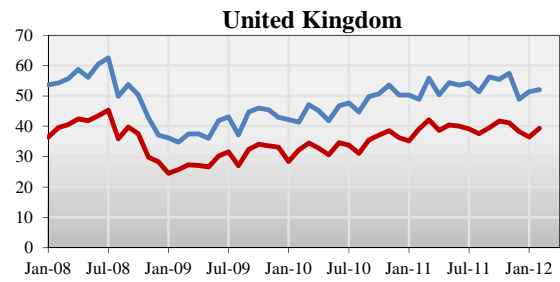
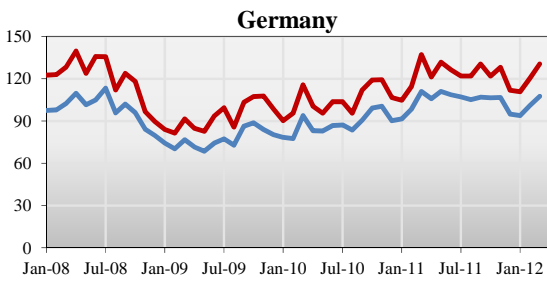
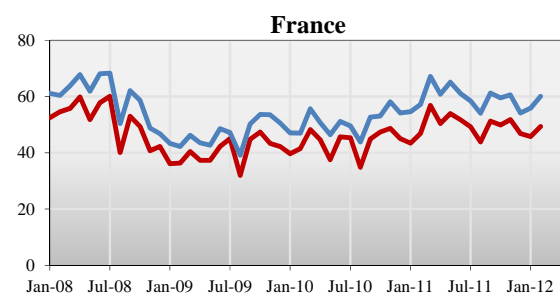
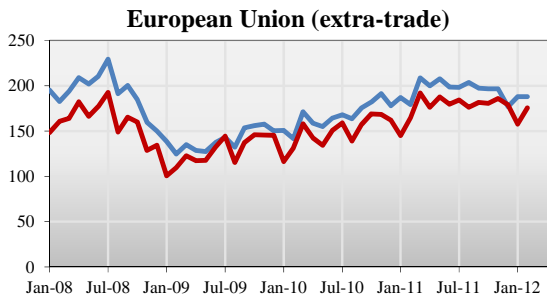
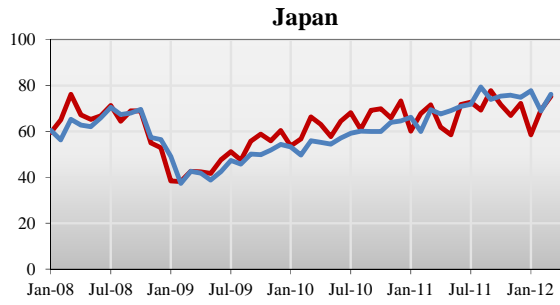
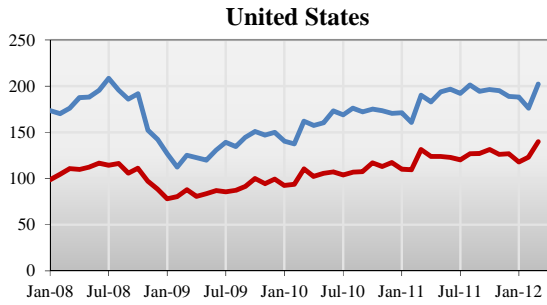
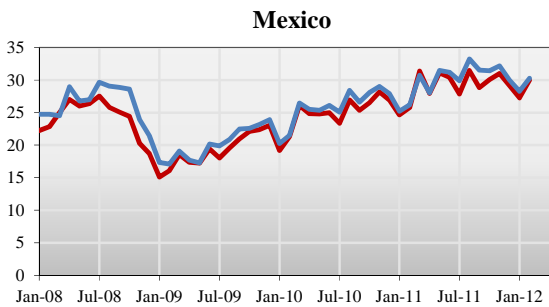
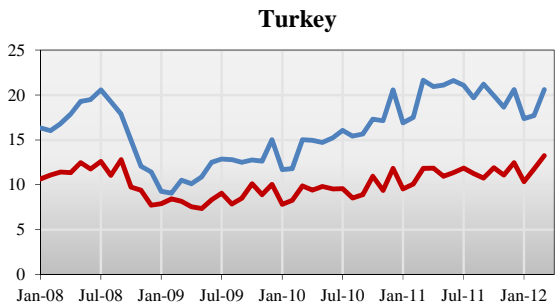
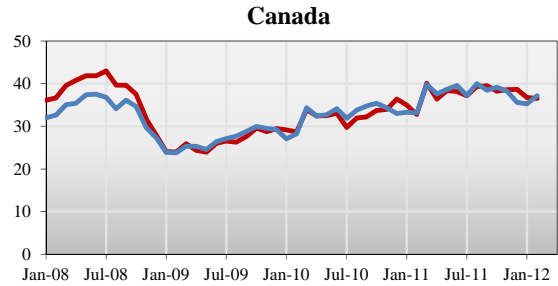
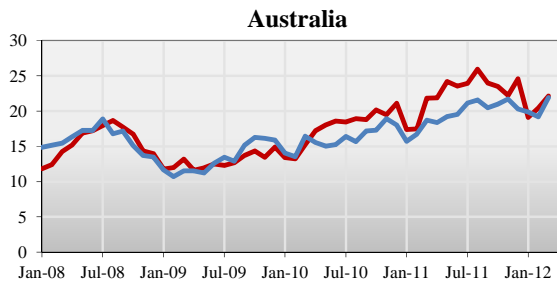
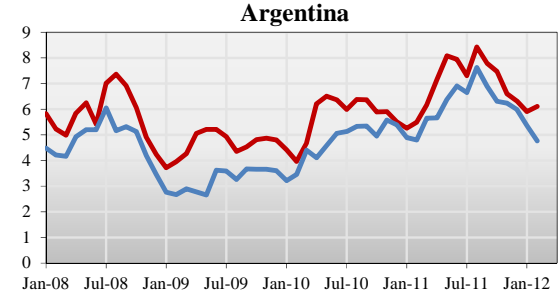
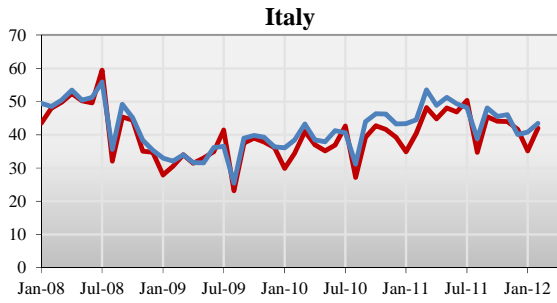
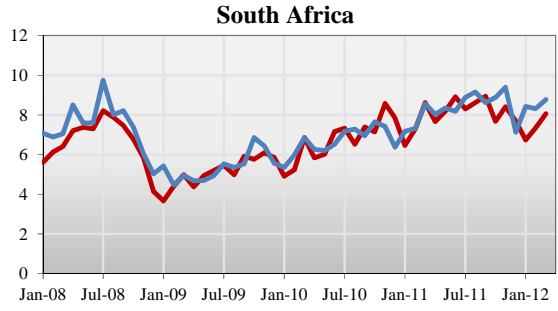


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Source: IMF, International Financial Statistics; GTIS GTA database; national statistics.

109. Exports and imports grew relatively strongly in the United States and Japan in March 2012. The United States recorded a 6% year-on-year growth in the dollar values of its exports, and a similar increase on the import side. Japan's exports in April were up 5% while its imports jumped by 10%. On the other hand, Germany's exports and imports fell 5% and 3%, respectively, from a year earlier.

110. Year-on-year growth in China's exports was just 5% in April 2012. By comparison, export growth averaged 17% over the previous 12 months. China also had zero per cent growth in its imports for April after averaging 20% growth for the 12 months ending in March. Brazil's exports were down 3% year on year in April. Imports did slightly better, with a 2% (positive) growth, but the average over the 12 months ending in March was much higher, at 22%.

Trade in commercial services

111. The availability of statistics on international trade in services is limited compared to those for trade in goods. However, new quarterly figures jointly prepared by the WTO and UNCTAD show a slowdown in services trade coinciding with the worsening sovereign debt crisis, similar to that observed for merchandise trade.

112. According to these figures, year-on-year growth in the dollar value of commercial services exports fell to 3% in 2011Q4 from 13% in Q3, and from 16% in Q2. Developed economies' exports and imports mostly grew slowly or stagnated in Q4, but Japan's fourth quarter exports declined by 3%. Both the Russian Federation and Brazil recorded double-digit export growth in Q4 (21% and 10%, respectively), but China's exports declined by 1% after having grown 26% as recently as in 2011Q1. On the import side, all three countries still managed double-digit growth (11% for Brazil, 18% for China, and 24% for the Russian Federation).

113. Quarterly estimates for world trade in commercial services are not yet available for the first quarter of 2012, but monthly figures point to continued contraction or stagnation for the EU and Japan on both exports and imports. However, exports and imports of the United States both appear to have grown about 10% year-on-year.

Output and employment

114. Recent data on GDP growth and unemployment rates for selected G-20 economies are presented in Chart 10. Economic activity in the European Union stagnated in the first quarter of 2012 and the EU-wide unemployment rate increased to 10.2%. Economic conditions in the United States have been trending in a more positive direction. The country's rate of unemployment is also declining slowly but steadily. China's rate of GDP growth has slowed significantly recently. The European Union is China's largest trading partner, so any reduction in demand for goods in the former is bound to have a negative impact on exports and production in the latter. However, despite a slower pace of growth compared to its recent past, China's growth remains impressive compared with most countries in the world.

Chart 10
GDP growth and unemployment rates of selected G-20 economies, 2008Q1 - 2012Q1
 (Annualized percentage change over previous quarter and percentage of labour force)

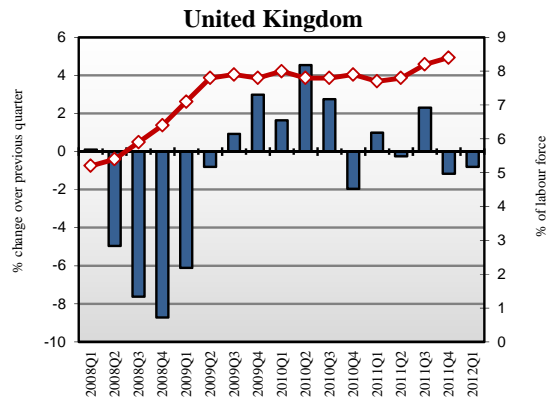
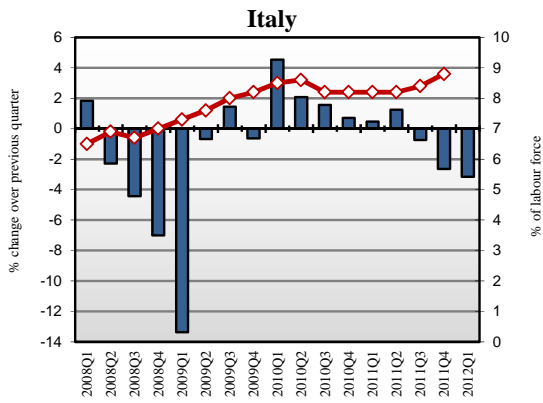
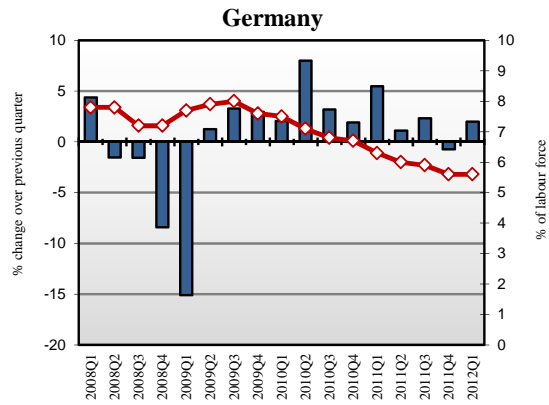
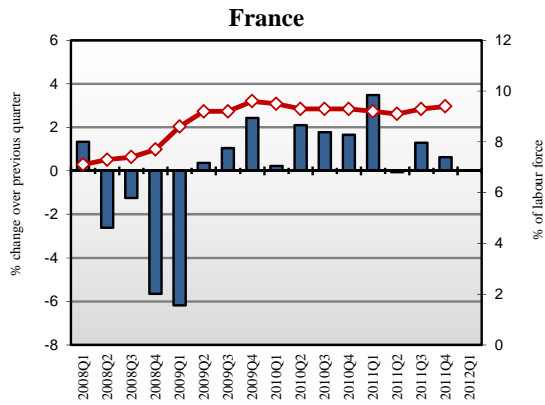
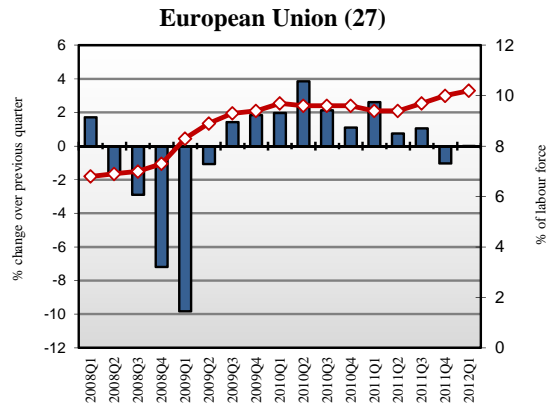
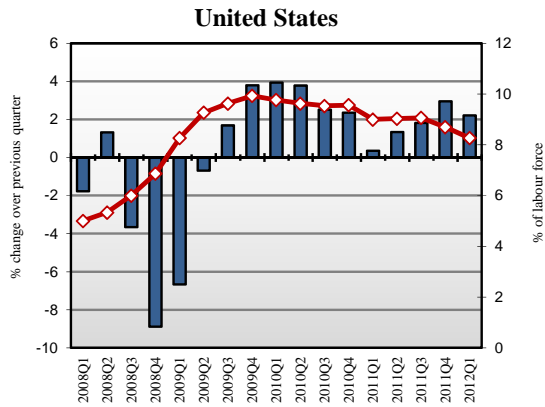
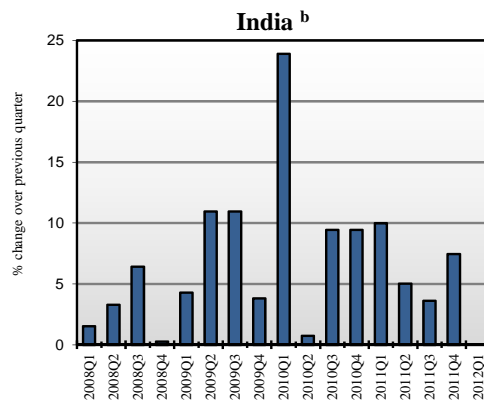
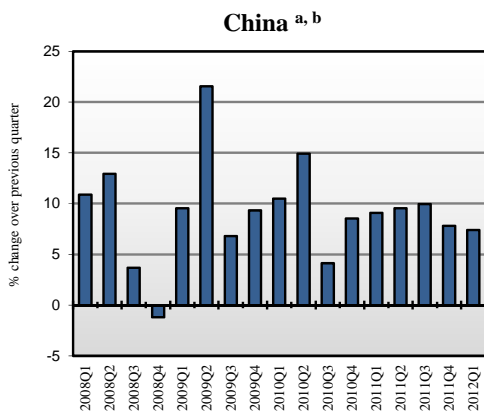
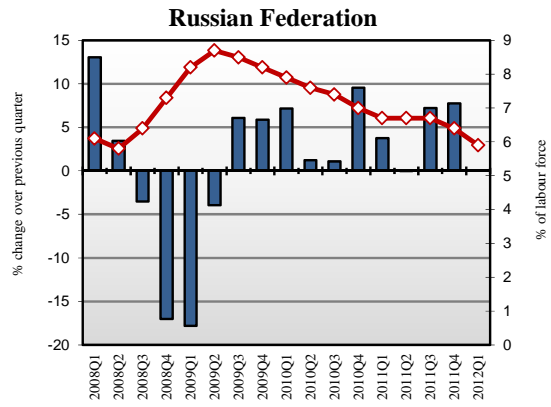
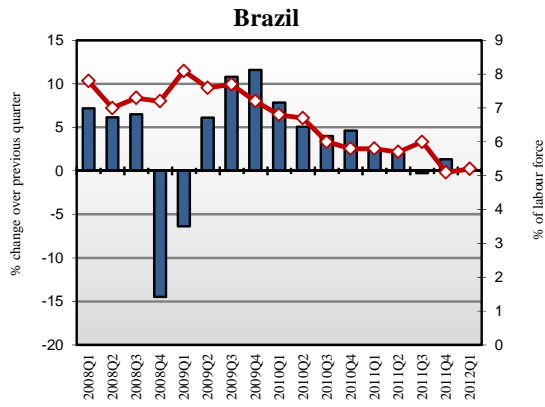
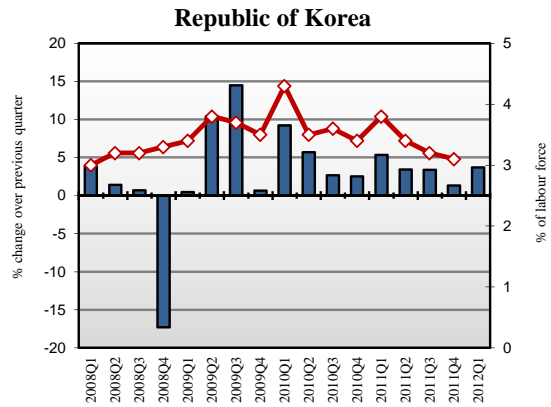
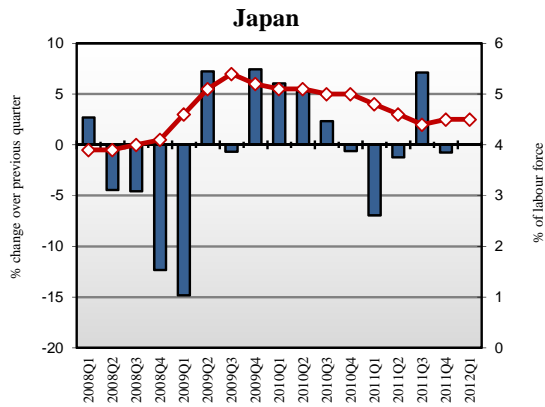


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a GDP growth estimated based on year-on-year changes reported by China's National Bureau of Statistics through 2010Q4.
 b Unemployment data not available.

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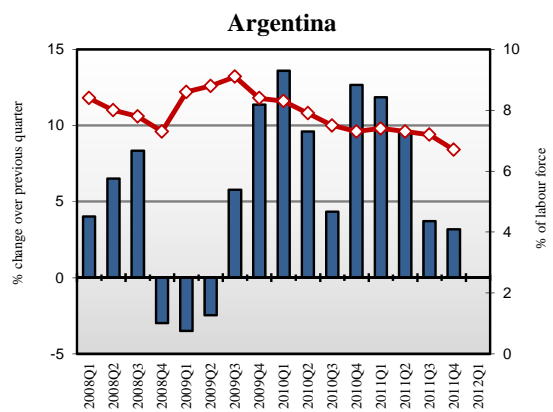
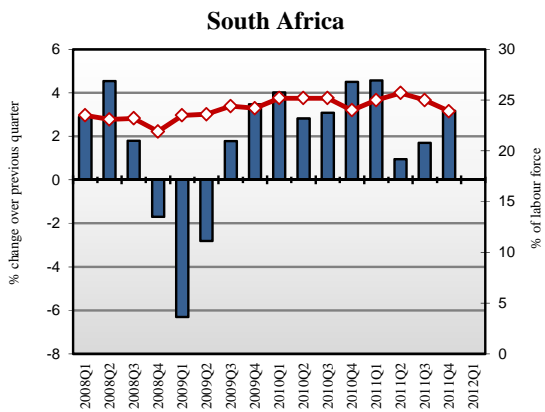
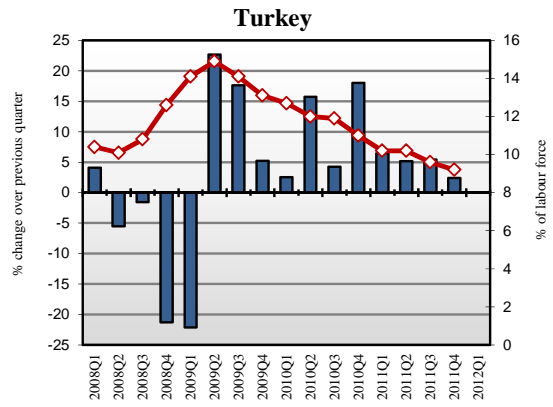
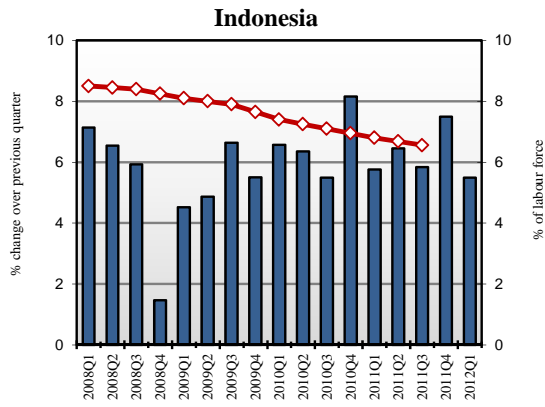
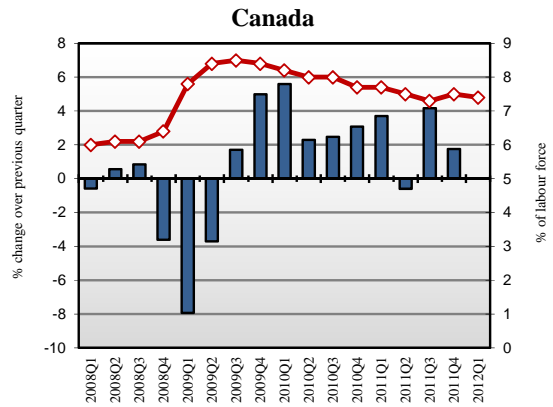
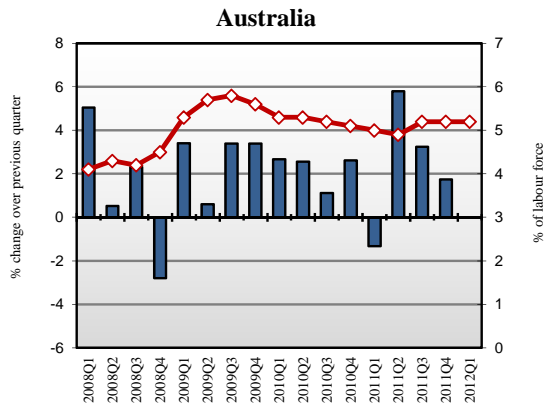
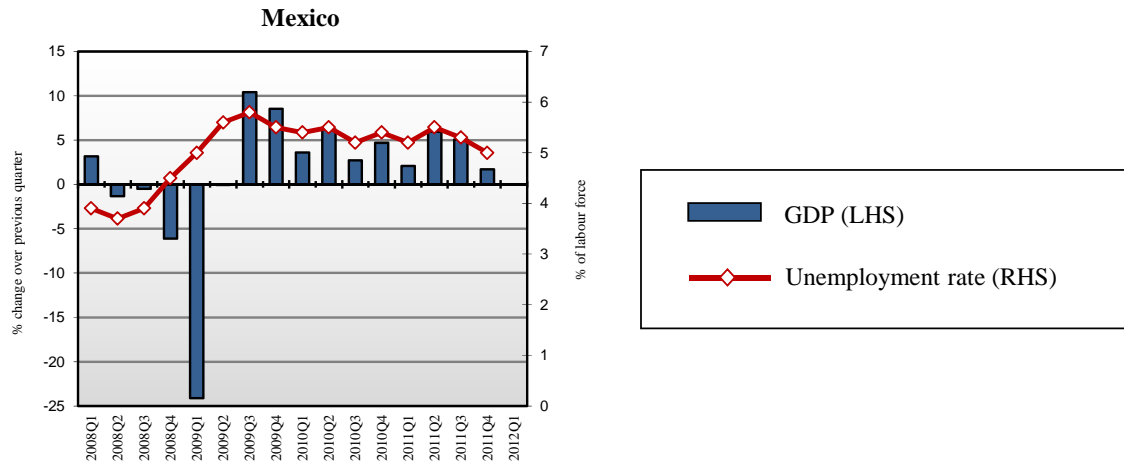


Chart 10 (continued)



Note: All data are seasonally adjusted except for the unemployment rate of Indonesia. Unemployment rates of EU countries are harmonized rates.

Source: Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and National Statistics.

ANNEX 1

Trade and trade-related measures
(Mid October 2011 – mid May 2012)¹

VERIFIED INFORMATION

| Country/ Member State | Measure | Source/Date | Status |
|--------------------------|--|---|--------|
| Argentina | Updated list of "criterion values" (<i>valores criterio de carácter precautorio</i>) for imports of certain products, i.e. woven fabrics of cotton (NCM 5208.11.00; 5208.12.00; 5208.21.00; 5208.22.00; 5208.31.00; 5208.32.00; 5208.33.00; 5208.39.00; 5208.42.00; 5208.51.00; 5208.52.00; 5208.59.10; 5208.59.90); tube or pipe fittings of iron or steel (NCM 7307.19.20; 7307.93.00); certain tubes, pipes and hollow profiles (for example, open seam or welded, riveted or similarly closed), of iron or steel (NCM 7306.40.00; 7306.61.00; 7306.69.00; 7306.90.10; 7306.90.20; 7306.90.90); and machinery for the preparation of meat or poultry (NCM 8438.50.00), from specific origins | Administración Federal de Ingresos Públicos - Resoluciones Generales Nos. 3195, 3198, 3200, and 3203 (October 2011) | |
| Argentina | Reintroduction of repatriation requirements on all proceeds of exports of crude oil, gas and mining | Decreto 1722/2011 (25 October 2011) | |
| Argentina | Updated list of "reference values" (<i>valores referenciales de carácter preventivo</i>) for exports of milk and cream in powder, concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (NCM 0402.21.10; 1901.90.90), for certain specified destinations | Resolución General AFIP No. 3223 (17 November 2011) | |
| Argentina | Updated list of "criterion values" (<i>valores criterio de carácter precautorio</i>) for imports of a variety of products, i.e. plastic bottle caps (NCM 3923.50); tableware and kitchenware (NCM 3924.10.00); plastic and metal boxes (NCM 3926.90; 7326.90; 7616.99); suitcases, backpacks and bags (NCM 4202.12; 4202.32; 4202.92; 4202.99); plywood (NCM 4409.10; 4409.21; 4409.29; 4411.92; 4412.31; 4412.32; 4412.39); terry towelling and similar woven terry fabrics of cotton (NCM 5802.19.00); blankets (NCM 6301.40); metal mountings and fittings (NCM 8302.41; 8302.42; 8302.49); baby carriages and parts thereof (NCM 8715.00.00); and combs (NCM 9615.11), from specific origins | Administración Federal de Ingresos Públicos - Resoluciones Generales Nos. 3213, 3214, 3215, 3216, 3217, 3227, 3228, 3229, 3230 and 3231 (November 2011) | |
| Argentina | Termination on 21 December 2011 of anti-dumping duties on imports of twist drill bits with cylindrical shank (NCM 8207.50.11; 8207.50.19) from India (imposed on 21 December 2006) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/ARG, 25 April 2012 | |
| Argentina | Extension of export taxes on hydrocarbons | Ley No. 26732 (21 December 2011) | |
| Argentina | Updated list of "criterion values" (<i>valores criterio de carácter precautorio</i>) for imports of yarn (NCM 5402.48); and water balloons (NCM 9505.90), from specific origins | Administración Federal de Ingresos Públicos - Resoluciones Generales Nos. 3266 and 3267 (9 February 2012) | |

Annex 1 (cont'd)

¹ The inclusion of any measure in this table implies no judgement by the WTO Secretariat on whether or not such measure, or its intent, is protectionist in nature. Moreover, nothing in the table implies any judgement, either direct or indirect, on the consistency of any measure referred to with the provisions of any WTO agreement or such measure's impact on, or relationship with, the global financial crisis.

| Country/ Member State | Measure | Source/Date | Status |
|--|---|---|--|
| Argentina | Updated list of "criterion values" (<i>valores criterio de carácter precautorio</i>) for imports of a variety of products, i.e. plastic household articles (NCM 3924.90); plastic parts (NCM 3926.90); woven fabrics of cotton (NCM 5211.12.00; 5211.20.20; 5211.32.00; 5211.39.00; 5211.42.10; 5211.42.90; 5211.43.00); yarn (NCM 5509.21; 5509.22; 5510.11; 5510.30; 5510.90); woven fabrics of synthetic staple fibres (NCM 5512.11.00; 5512.19.00); ceramic or porcelain tableware, kitchenware, other household articles and toilet articles (NCM 6911.10.10; 6911.10.90; 6911.90.00; 6912.00.00), and waste and scrap (NCM 8113.00.10); plates, sticks, tips and the like for tools, unmounted, of cermet (NCM 8209.00.11; 8209.00.19; 8209.00.90), from specific origins | Administración Federal de Ingresos Públicos - Resoluciones Generales Nos. 3296, 3297, 3298, 3299, 3300, 3301, 3302, and 3315 (March and April 2012) | |
| Argentina | New import requirements introduced covering all products. Online import sworn statements/affidavit (<i>Declaración Jurada Anticipada de Importación</i>) to be sent to the Argentinian Tax Agency (AFIP) for its approval through a "single window" (<i>ventanilla única electrónica</i>). AFIP granting import authorization could take up to 10 working days | Resoluciones Generales Nos. 3252 y 3255 (5 January and 25 January 2011 respectively) | Effective 1 February 2012 |
| Argentina | Termination on 13 March 2012 (without measure) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of paper and paperboard, coated on one or both sides with kaolin (China clay) or other inorganic substances, with or without a blinder, and with no other coating, whether or not surface-coloured, surface-decorated or printed, in rolls or rectangular (including square) sheets, of any size (NCM 4810.13.89; 4810.13.90; 4810.19.89; 4810.19.90) from Korea, Rep. of (initiated on 15 December 2010) | WTO document G/ADP/N/209/ARG, 31 March 2011 and Permanent Delegation of Argentina to the WTO (26 April 2012) | |
| Argentina | Extension of the temporary reduction of export tariffs " <i>derecho de exportación</i> " on fish and crustaceans (NCM 0304; 0305), prepared or preserved fish (NCM 1604), and on prepared or preserved crustaceans (NCM 1605) (originally implemented from 18 August 2011 to 18 February 2012) | WTO document WT/TPR/OV/14, 21 November 2011 and Permanent Delegation of Argentina to the WTO (26 April 2012) | Effective until 19 June 2012 |
| Argentina | New requirements introduced on locally manufactured and imported products of the printing industry (NCM 49). Mandatory affidavit conformity-assessment requirement to be presented to the Secretary of State for Internal Trade | Disposición No. 26/2012, Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas Publicas - Dirección Nacional de Comercio Interior (23 March 2012) | |
| Argentina | Pre-approval requirement (sworn statement) for all imports of services exceeding the amount of US\$100,000 | Permanent Delegation of Argentina to the WTO (10 May 2012) | Effective 1 April 2012 |
| Argentina | Initiation on 23 April 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of poly(ethylene terephthalate) granules "PET" (NCM 3907.60.00) from China; India; Korea, Rep. of; Chinese Taipei; and Thailand | Resolución No. 39/2012 Comercio Exterior - Secretaría de Comercio Exterior (23 April 2012) | |
| Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay (Mercosur) | Prolongation of temporary increase of the Mercosur Common Tariff (to 35%) for imports of prepared or preserved peaches, including nectarines (NCM 2008.70.10; 2008.70.90) (initially effective from 1 April 2011 to 31 December 2011). Paraguay given a waiver on this measure | Decisión No. 36/11 del Consejo del Mercado Común (19 December 2011) and Camex Resolution No. 99 (29 December 2011) | Effective 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012 |

| Country/ Member State | Measure | Source/Date | Status |
|--|--|---|--|
| Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay (Mercosur) | Prolongation of temporary authorization to increase the Mercosur Common Tariff applied rates, but not above their bound levels, for imports of 14 tariff lines (certain toys: NCM 9503.00.10; 9503.00.21; 9503.00.22; 9503.00.31; 9503.00.39; 9503.00.40; 9503.00.50; 9503.00.60; 9503.00.70; 9503.00.80; 9503.00.91; 9503.00.97; 9503.00.98; 9503.00.99) (initially effective from 1 April 2011 to 31 December 2011). Paraguay and Uruguay given a waiver on this measure | Decisión No. 37/11 del Consejo del Mercado Común (19 December 2011) and Camex Resolution No. 98 (29 December 2011) | Effective 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012 |
| Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay (Mercosur) | Special authorization to increase the Mercosur Common Tariff applied rates, but not above their bound levels, for certain products (no more than 100 tariff lines per Member), for renewable periods of 12 months | Decisión No. 39/11 del Consejo del Mercado Común (20 December 2011) and Permanent Delegation of Brazil to the WTO (15 May 2012) | Effective until 31 December 2014, (but still pending incorporation to domestic legal systems of all Mercosur members, in order to take effect) |
| Australia | Initiation on 31 October 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of quicklime "calcium oxide" (HS 2522.10.00) from Thailand | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/AUS, 2 April 2012 | |
| Australia | Initiation on 7 November 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of aluminium road wheels (ARWs) for passenger motor vehicles, including wheels used for caravans and trailers, in diameters ranging from 13 to 22 inches (HS 8708.70.91) from China | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/AUS, 2 April 2012 | |
| Australia | Initiation on 7 November 2011 of countervailing investigation on imports of aluminium road wheels (ARWs) for passenger motor vehicles, including wheels used for caravans and trailers, in diameters ranging from 13 to 22 inches (HS 8708.70.91) from China | WTO document G/SCM/N/235/AUS, 4 April 2012 | |
| Australia | Initiation on 6 February 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of formulated glyphosate (HS 3808.93.00) from China | Permanent Delegation of Australia to the WTO (11 May 2012) | |
| Australia | Termination on 6 February 2012 (without measure) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of single and multi-core cables insulated with polymeric materials intended for use in electric installations at working voltages up to and including 1 kV (HS 8544.49.20) from China (initiated on 9 September 2011) | Permanent Delegation of Australia to the WTO (11 May 2012) | |
| Australia | Livestock Export Regulatory Framework setting post-arrival regulatory arrangements (HS 0102; 0104; 0106.13; 0106.19), for specific destinations (different implementation dates) | Permanent Delegation of Australia to the WTO (11 May 2012) | |
| Australia | Initiation on 19 April 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of poly(vinyl chloride) homopolymer resin "PVC" (HS 3904.10.00) from Korea, Rep. of | Australia Customs Dumping Notice No. 2012/14 (19 April 2012) | |
| Brazil | Increase of import tariffs (from 2% to 14%) on tall oil fatty acids (NCM 3823.13.00) | Secex Circular No. 49 (13 October 2011) | |
| Brazil | Temporary elimination of import tariffs on antisera and other blood fractions and modified immunological products, whether or not obtained by means of biotechnological processes (NCM 3002.10.37; 3002.10.39) | Camex Resolution No. 83 (31 October 2011) and Secex Portaria No. 40 (23 November 2011) | Effective 3 November 2011 to 2 November 2012 |
| Brazil | Temporary reduction of import tariffs (to 2%) on certain products, i.e. sardines (NCM 0303.71.00) (quota 30,000 tonnes), disodium sulphate (<i>anidro</i>) (NCM 2833.11.10) (quota 650,000 tonnes), and sodium triphosphate (sodium tripolyphosphate) (NCM 2835.31.90) (quota 30,000 tonnes) | Camex Resolution No. 83 (31 October 2011) and Secex Portaria No. 40 (23 November 2011) | Effective 3 November 2011 to 2 November 2012 |

| Country/ Member State | Measure | Source/Date | Status |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| Brazil | Termination on 4 November 2011 (without measure) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of nitrile rubber "NBR" not hydrogenated (NCM 4002.59.00) from India and Poland (initiated on 1 October 2010) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/BRA, 26 March 2012 | |
| Brazil | Initiation on 10 November 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of tubes and pipes of refined copper (NCM 7411.10.10; 7411.10.90) from China | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/BRA, 26 March 2012 | |
| Brazil | Temporary reduction of import tariffs (to 2%) on informatics and telecommunication equipment (NCM 8471.90.12; 8517.62.39; 9030.82.10; 9032.89.82); and (to 2% and zero) on 162 capital goods and 29 integrated systems (NCM Chapters 82; 84; 85; 86; 90), through the "ex-out" regime (mechanism designed to temporarily reduce import tariffs on capital goods and informatics and telecommunication equipment not locally produced) | Camex Resolutions No. 84 and 85 (10 November 2011) | Effective until 31 December 2012 |
| Brazil | Termination on 23 November 2011 (without measure) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of heavy plates (NCM 7208.51.00; 7208.52.00) from Korea, Rep. of; Romania; Russian Federation; and Spain (initiated on 26 August 2010) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/BRA, 26 March 2012 | |
| Brazil | Termination on 29 November 2011 (without measure) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of colourless flat glass, clear, produced by float process, with a thickness between 2 and 19 mm (NCM 7005.29.00) from China and Mexico (initiated on 8 July 2010) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/BRA, 26 March 2012 | |
| Brazil | Temporary reduction of import tariffs (to 2%) on informatics and telecommunication equipment (NCM 8517.62.59; 8532.24.10; 9030.89.90; 9032.89.23); and (to 2% and zero) on 387 capital goods and 29 integrated systems (NCM Chapters 39; 73; 82; 84; 85; 86; 87; 90; 94), through the "ex-out" regime (mechanism designed to temporarily reduce import tariffs on capital goods and informatics and telecommunication equipment not locally produced) | Camex Resolutions No. 95 and 96 (9 December 2011) | Effective until 31 December 2012 |
| Brazil | Temporary reduction of import tariffs (to 2%) on certain products, i.e. other colouring matter (NCM 3206.11.19) (quota 95,000 tonnes, except imports from Colombia); and poly(vinyl chloride), not mixed with any other substances (NCM 3904.10.20) (quota 12,000 tonnes) | Camex Resolution No. 97 (23 December 2011) and Secex Portaria No. 1 (6 January 2012) | Effective 26 December 2011 to 25 December 2012 |
| Brazil | Initiation on 29 December 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of polycarbonate resins (NCM 3907.40.90) from Korea, Rep. of and Thailand | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/BRA, 26 March 2012 | |
| Brazil | Temporary reduction of import tariffs (to 2%) on 164 capital goods and integrated systems (NCM Chapters 73; 82; 84; 85; 90); and creation of 6 new informatics and telecommunication equipment tariff lines (NCM 8517; 8543; 9030; 9032), resulting in a temporary decrease of import tariffs (to 2%), through the "ex-out" regime (mechanism designed to temporarily reduce import tariffs on capital goods and informatics and telecommunication equipment not locally produced) | Camex Resolutions No. 1 and 2 (12 January 2012) | Effective until 31 December 2012 |
| Brazil | Temporary reduction of import tariffs (to 2%) on 134 capital goods and integrated systems (NCM Chapters 73; 84; 85; 90); (to 6%) on constant weight scales and scales for discharging a predetermined weight of material into a bag or container, including hopper scales (NCM 8423.30.11); and creation of 4 new informatics and telecommunication equipment tariff lines (NCM 8517; 8543; 9030), resulting in a temporary decrease of import tariffs (to 2%), through the "ex-out" regime (mechanism designed to temporarily reduce import tariffs on capital goods and informatics and telecommunication equipment not locally produced) | Camex Resolutions No. 9 and 10 (13 February 2012) | Effective until 30 June 2013 |

| Country/ Member State | Measure | Source/Date | Status |
|--------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| Brazil | Termination on 26 February 2012 of anti-dumping duties on imports of methyl methacrylate (NCM 2916.14.10) from France, Germany, Spain, and the United Kingdom (imposed on 23 March 2001) | Secex Circular No. 24 (27 May 2011) | |
| Brazil | Initiation on 7 March 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of tubes, pipes welded of circular cross-section of stainless steel (NCM 7306.40.00; 7306.90.20) from China and Chinese Taipei | Secex Circular No. 6 (6 March 2012) | |
| Brazil | Initiation on 15 March 2012 of safeguard investigation on imports of fine or table wine (NCM 2204.21.00) | WTO document G/SG/N/6/BRA/5, 2 April 2012 | |
| Brazil | Termination on 27 March 2012 (without measure) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of nitrile rubber "NBR" not hydrogenated (NCM 4002.59.00) from Argentina; France; Korea, Rep. of; and the United States (initiated on 1 October 2010) | WTO document G/ADP/N/209/BRA, 28 March 2011 and Secex Circular No. 13 (26 March 2012) | |
| Brazil | Temporary reduction of import tariffs (to 2%) on 45 capital goods tariff lines (NCM Chapters 84; 85; 87; 90); and (to 10%) on certain continuous-action elevators and conveyors, for goods or materials (NCM 8428.39.90), and creation of a new tariff line for informatics and telecommunication equipment (NCM 9030.89.90), resulting in a temporary decrease of import tariffs (to 2%), through the "ex-out" regime (mechanism designed to temporarily reduce import tariffs on capital goods and informatics and telecommunication equipment not locally produced) | Camex Resolutions Nos. 18 (4 April 2012) and 28 (25 April 2012) | Effective until 30 June 2013 |
| Brazil | Temporary elimination of import tariffs on terephthalic acid and its salts (NCM 2917.36.00) (quota 75,000 tonnes) (effective until 31 July 2012); and temporary reduction (to 2%) of import tariffs on flat-rolled products, not in coils, with patterns in relief of a thickness exceeding 10 mm (NCM 7208.51.00) (quota 145,000 tonnes) (effective until 2 October 2012) | Camex Resolution No. 19 (4 April 2012) | |
| Brazil | Initiation on 13 April 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of flat-rolled products of stainless steel of a width of 600 mm or more, of a thickness exceeding 0.35 mm but less than 4.75 mm (NCM 7219.32.00; 7219.33.00; 7219.34.00; 7219.35.00; 7220.20.90) from China; Finland; Germany; Korea, Rep. of; South Africa; Chinese Taipei; the United States; and Viet Nam | Secex Circular No. 17 (12 April 2012) | |
| Brazil | Initiation on 19 April 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of flat-rolled products of other alloy steel (NCM 7225.19.00; 7226.19.00) from China; Korea, Rep. of; and Chinese Taipei | Secex Circular No. 18 (17 April 2012) | |
| Brazil | Temporary reduction (to 2%) of import tariffs on adiponitrila (1,4-dicianobutano) (NCM 2926.90.91) (quota 40,000 tonnes) | Camex Resolution No. 23 (19 April 2012) | Effective 23 April 2012 |
| Brazil | New legislation granting preference in government procurement to locally produced products in certain sectors, i.e. textile and footwear (8 November 2011); and motor and machinery, medicines, and pharmaceutical products (3 April 2012) (NCM Chapters 28; 29; 30; 35; 42; 61; 62; 63; 64; 65; 94; 96) | Permanent Delegation of Brazil to the WTO (27 April 2012) | |
| Brazil | Special Tax Refund Regime for Exporting Companies (<i>Reintegra</i>) reducing the tax on industrialized products (IPI) for the automotive industry | Permanent Delegation of Brazil to the WTO (27 April 2012) | |
| Brazil | Initiation on 3 May 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated, of a thickness of 4.75 mm or more (NCM 7208.51; 7208.52) from Australia; China; Korea, Rep. of; Russian Federation; South Africa; and Ukraine | Secex Circular No. 19 (2 May 2012) | |

| Country/ Member State | Measure | Source/Date | Status |
|--------------------------|--|---|---|
| Brazil | Initiation on 10 May 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of monoethanolamine and triethanolamine (NCM 2922.11.00; 2922.13.10) from Germany and the United States | Secex Circular No. 20 (9 May 2012) | |
| Brazil | Termination on 11 May 2012 (without measure) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of polymeric MDI (NCM 3909.30.20) from Belgium (initiated on 8 June 2011) | WTO document G/ADP/N/216/BRA, 23 September 2011 and Secex Circular No. 21 (9 May 2012) | |
| Brazil | Introduction of non-automatic import licensing requirements on apricots (NCM 0809.10) and wheat flour | Permanent Delegation of Brazil to the WTO (15 May 2012) | |
| Brazil | Bilateral agreement signed with Mexico on 19 March 2012 limiting duty-free imports for automobiles and utility vehicles (NCM 8703; 8704) (US\$1.45 billion for 2012-13; US\$1.56 billion for 2013-14; and US\$1.64 billion for 2014-15). Free-trade to be re-established on 19 March 2015 | Permanent Delegation of Brazil to the WTO (15 May 2012) | |
| Brazil | CERAD "National Centre on Risk Management" , new division created with the aim of coordinating intelligence and risk management related to customs operations, to improve the quality of inspections by applying risk management techniques | Permanent Delegation of Brazil to the WTO (15 May 2012) | |
| Canada | Initiation on 27 October 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of stainless steel sinks with a single drawn bowl having a volume between 1,600 and 5,000 cubic inches or with multiple drawn bowls having a combined volume between 2,200 and 6,800 cubic inches, excluding sinks fabricated by hand (HS 7324.10.00) from China | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/CAN, 22 March 2012 and Permanent Delegation of Canada to the WTO (30 April 2012) | Provisional duty imposed on 25 January 2012 |
| Canada | Initiation on 27 October 2011 of countervailing investigation on imports of stainless steel sinks with a single drawn bowl having a volume between 1,600 and 5,000 cubic inches or with multiple drawn bowls having a combined volume between 2,200 and 6,800 cubic inches, excluding sinks fabricated by hand (HS 7324.10.00) from China | WTO document G/SCM/N/235/CAN, 23 March 2012 and Permanent Delegation of Canada to the WTO (30 April 2012) | Provisional duty imposed on 25 January 2012 |
| Canada | Elimination of import tariffs on 70 tariff lines (goods used in manufacturing) (HS Chapters 15; 20; 34; 39; 64; 74; 76; 79; 87) | Permanent Delegation of Canada to the WTO (10 May 2012) | Effective 17 November 2011 |
| Canada | Amendments to the customs tariff to simplify its structure, and reduce the customs processing burden by consolidating similar tariff items that have the same tariff rates and by removing end-use provisions where appropriate | Permanent Delegation of Canada to the WTO (10 May 2012) | Effective 15 December 2011, and changes to tariff schedule effective 1 January 2012 |
| Canada | Creation of new tariff items/lines to facilitate the importation of low-value non-commercial shipments arriving by post or courier (HS 9825) | Permanent Delegation of Canada to the WTO (10 May 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 |
| Canada | Temporary elimination of import tariffs on petroleum oils (HS 2710.19.91; 2710.20.10), for fuels used in the production of energy and electricity | Permanent Delegation of Canada to the WTO (10 May 2012) | Effective 30 March 2012 |
| Canada | Elimination from the import control list of steel products (HS 7206; 7207; 7208; 7209; 7210; 7211; 7212; 7213; 7214; 7215; 7216; 7217; 7218; 7219; 7220; 7221; 7222; 7223; 7224; 7225; 7226; 7227; 7228; 7229; 7301; 7302; 7304; 7305; 7306; 7308; 7312; 7313; 7317) | Permanent Delegation of Canada to the WTO (30 April 2012) | Effective 1 April 2012 |
| Canada | Termination on 23 April 2012 (without measure) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of potassium silicate of all grades and ratios in a soluble solid including chunks, flakes or powder forms (also known as silicic acid, potassium salt, potassium water glass, potash water glass, potassium silicate glass) (HS 2839.90.10) from Pakistan (initiated on 6 January 2012) | Permanent Delegation of Canada to the WTO (10 May 2012) | |

| Country/ Member State | Measure | Source/Date | Status |
|--------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| Canada | Termination on 23 April 2012 (without measure) of countervailing investigation on imports of potassium silicate of all grades and ratios in a soluble solid including chunks, flakes or powder forms (also known as silicic acid, potassium salt, potassium water glass, potash water glass, potassium silicate glass) (HS 2839.90.10) from Pakistan (initiated on 6 January 2012) | Permanent Delegation of Canada to the WTO (10 May 2012) | |
| Canada | Initiation on 23 April 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of certain liquid dielectric transformers (HS 8504.23.00; 8504.90.90) from Korea, Rep. of | Permanent Delegation of Canada to the WTO (10 May 2012) | |
| Canada | Initiation on 4 May 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of certain carbon and alloy steel pipe piles "piling pipe" (HS 7306.30.00) from China | Permanent Delegation of Canada to the WTO (10 May 2012) | |
| Canada | Initiation on 4 May 2012 of countervailing investigation on imports of certain carbon and alloy steel pipe piles "piling pipe" (HS 7306.30.00) from China | Permanent Delegation of Canada to the WTO (10 May 2012) | |
| China | Import ban on poultry products (HS 0207) from Iran (9 November 2011) and Australia (10 February 2012), due to pathogenic avian influenza disease | Permanent Delegation of China to the WTO (25 April 2012) | |
| China | Initiation on 18 November 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of coated bleached folding, solid bleached sulfate (SBS), folding boxboard (FBB), coated ivory board or white card paper (HS 4810.31.00; 4810.32.00; 4810.39.00; 4810.92.00; 4810.99.00; 4811.51.90; 4811.59.99; 4811.60.90) from the United States | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/CHN, 17 April 2012 | |
| China | Initiation on 18 November 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether and diethylene glycol monobutyl ether (HS 2909.43.00) from the EU and the United States | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/CHN, 17 April 2012 | |
| China | First batch of 2012 export quotas for rare-earth minerals (10,546 tonnes) | Permanent Delegation of China to the WTO (9 May 2012) | Announced by MOFCOM in December 2011 |
| China | Termination on 13 December 2011 of anti-dumping duties on imports of wear-resistant overlay (HS 4804.39.00) from the EU and the United States (imposed on 13 December 2006) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/CHN, 17 April 2012 | |
| China | Promulgation of the "Catalogue of Commodities subject to Export Licence Administration 2012" (including 49 categories of commodities), under the Foreign Trade Law and Management Regulations for Commodity Import & Export. (i) Export quotas for: wheat, corn, rice, wheat flour, rice flour, cotton, sawn timber, live cattle, live pigs, live chicken, coal, coke, crude oil, refined oil, rare-earth, antimony and antimony products, tungsten and tungsten products, zinc ore, tin and tin products, silver, indium and indium products, molybdenum, phosphate ores; (ii) quota bidding: mat rush and mat rush products, silicon carbide, talcum lump (powder), magnesia, alumina, licorice and licorice products; and (iii) export licensing control: live cattle, live pigs, live chicken, fresh chilled beef, frozen beef, fresh chilled pork, frozen pork, fresh chilled chicken, frozen chicken, ozone depleting substances, paraffin, zinc and zinc-based alloys, certain metals and metal products, platinum (for processing trade), automobiles (including complete knock-down kits) and their chassis, motorcycles (including all-terrain vehicles) and their engines and frames, natural sand (including standard sand), molybdenum products, citric acid, vitamin C, penicillin industrial salt and disodium sulphate | Permanent Delegation of China to the WTO (9 May 2012) and MOFCOM Announcement No. 98/2011 (30 December 2011) | Effective 1 January 2012 |
| China | Reduction of interim import tariff rates on around 730 products, i.e. energy and raw materials, high-tech manufacturing equipment, inputs for agricultural production, food, and public health products | Permanent Delegation of China to the WTO (9 May 2012) and Tariff Commission No. 27 of 2011 | Effective 1 January 2012 |

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| China | Revised Regulation on the administration of Certificates of Import and Export Licensing | Permanent Delegation of China to the WTO (9 May 2012) and MOFCOM Decree No. 1/2012 (4 February 2012) | Effective 5 March 2012 |
| China | Initiation on 23 March 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of "resorcinol" M-dihydroxybenzene (HS 2907.21.00) from Japan and the United States | Permanent Delegation of China to the WTO (25 April 2012) | |
| China | Initiation on 23 March 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of toluene diisocyanate (TDI80/20) (HS 2929.10.10) from the EU | Permanent Delegation of China to the WTO (25 April 2012) | |
| China | Revised Guiding Catalogue of Indigenous Innovation in Key Technologies and Equipment removing specific eligibility criteria relating to import substitution and to the generation of foreign exchange earnings through exports. It no longer provides that products will be eligible for government procurement preferences, nor does it any longer identify subsidies and other benefits for which listed products are eligible | Permanent Delegation of China to the WTO (9 May 2012) | Effective 14 November 2011 |
| China | Reduction of import tariffs on certain products, i.e. (from 8% to 3%) slitting blade for paper cutting machine (HS 8447.90.10), (from 15% to 10%) objective lenses (HS 9002.90.10; 9002.90.90) | Permanent Delegation of China to the WTO (9 May 2012) | Effective 1 April 2012 |
| China | Termination of the lower interim tariff and resumption of MFN import tariff on LCD panels (32-inch and above) (HS 9013.80.30) | Permanent Delegation of China to the WTO (9 May 2012) | |
| EU | Initiation on 1 November 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of tube and pipe fittings (other than cast fittings, flanges and threaded fittings), of iron or steel (not including stainless steel), with a greatest external diameter not exceeding 609.6 mm, of a kind used for butt-welding or other purposes (HS 7307.93.11; 7307.93.19; 7307.99.30; 7307.99.90) from the Russian Federation and Turkey | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/EU, 18 April 2012 | |
| EU | Initiation on 10 November 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of open mesh fabrics made of glass fibres, with a cell size of more than 1.8 mm both in length and in width and weighing more than 35 g/m ² , excluding fibreglass discs (HS 7019.51.00; 7019.59.00) from Malaysia (possible circumvention of anti-dumping measures of imports from China imposed in 2011) | Commission Regulation No. 1135/2011 (9 November 2011) | |
| EU | Initiation on 25 November 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of bioethanol, sometimes referred to as "fuel ethanol", i.e. ethyl alcohol produced from agricultural products denatured or undenatured, excluding products with a water content of more than 0.3% (m/m) measured according to the standard EN 15376, as well as ethyl alcohol produced from agricultural products contained in blends with gasoline with an ethyl alcohol content of more than 10% (v/v) (HS 2207.10.00; 2207.20.00; 2208.90.99; 2710.11.11; 2710.11.15; 2710.11.21; 2710.11.25; 2710.11.31; 2710.11.41; 2710.11.45; 2710.11.49; 2710.11.51; 2710.11.59; 2710.11.70; 2710.11.90; 3814.00.10; 3814.00.90; 3820.00.00; 3824.90.97) from the United States | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/EU, 18 April 2012 | |

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| EU | Initiation on 25 November 2011 of countervailing investigation on imports of bioethanol, sometimes referred to as "fuel ethanol", i.e. ethyl alcohol produced from agricultural products denatured or undenatured, excluding products with a water content of more than 0.3% (m/m) measured according to the standard EN 15376, as well as ethyl alcohol produced from agricultural products contained in blends with gasoline with an ethyl alcohol content of more than 10% (v/v) (HS 2207.10.00; 2207.20.00; 2208.90.99; 2710.11.11; 2710.11.15; 2710.11.21; 2710.11.25; 2710.11.31; 2710.11.41; 2710.11.45; 2710.11.49; 2710.11.51; 2710.11.59; 2710.11.70; 2710.11.90; 3814.00.10; 3814.00.90; 3820.00.00; 3824.90.97) from the United States | WTO document G/SCM/N/235/EU, 23 March 2012 | |
| EU | Opening of a tendering procedure for the 2011-12 marketing year for imports of sugar (HS 1701) at reduced import tariffs | Commission Implementing Regulations Nos. 1239/2011 (30 November 2011) and 356/2012 (24 April 2012) | |
| EU | Termination on 10 December 2011 of anti-dumping duties on imports of furfuryl alcohol "FA" (HS 2932.13.00) from China (imposed on 31 October 2003) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/EU, 18 April 2012 | |
| EU | Termination on 14 December 2011 (without measure) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of polyethylene terephthalate having a viscosity number of 78 ml/g or higher, according to the ISO Standard 1628-5 (HS 3907.60.20) from Oman and Saudi Arabia (initiated on 16 February 2011) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/EU, 18 April 2012 | |
| EU | Termination on 14 December 2011 (without measure) of countervailing investigation on imports of polyethylene terephthalate having a viscosity number of 78 ml/g or higher, according to the ISO Standard 1628-5 (HS 3907.60.20) from Oman and Saudi Arabia (initiated on 16 February 2011) | WTO document G/SCM/N/235/EU, 23 March 2012 | |
| EU | Initiation on 17 December 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of white phosphorus (elemental/yellow phosphorus) (HS 2804.70.00) from Kazakhstan | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/EU, 18 April 2012 | |
| EU | Initiation on 20 December 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of aluminium foil of a thickness of 0.007 mm or more but less than 0.021 mm, not backed, not further worked than rolled but whether or not embossed, in low weight rolls of a weight not exceeding 10 kg (HS 7607.11.11; 7607.19.10) from China | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/EU, 18 April 2012 | |
| EU | Temporary suspension of import tariffs (to zero) on certain cereals, i.e. common wheat of low and medium quality (HS 1001.90.99), and feed barley (HS 1003.00), for all imports under reduced-duty tariff quotas (2011-12 marketing year) | Commission Implementing Regulation No. 1350/2011 (21 December 2011) | Effective 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012 |
| EU | Initiation on 21 December 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of certain organic coated steel products, i.e. flat-rolled products of non-alloy and alloy steel (not including stainless steel) which are painted, varnished or coated with plastics on at least one side, excluding so-called "sandwich panels" of a kind used for building applications and consisting of two outer metal sheets with a stabilizing core of insulation material sandwiched between them, and excluding those products with a final coating of zinc-dust (a zinc-rich paint, containing by weight 70% or more of zinc) (HS 7210.70.80; 7212.40.80; 7225.99.00; 7226.99.70) from China | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/EU, 18 April 2012 | |
| EU | Termination on 21 December 2011 of anti-dumping duties on imports of mixtures of urea and ammonium nitrate in aqueous or ammoniacal solution (HS 3102.80.00) from Algeria, Belarus, Russian Federation, and Ukraine (imposed on 23 September 2000) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/EU, 18 April 2012 | |

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| EU | Termination on 12 January 2012 of anti-dumping duties on imports of vinyl acetate (HS 2915.32.00) from the United States (investigation initiated on 4 December 2010 and provisional duty imposed on 17 August 2011) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/EU, 18 April 2012 and Commission Decision (2012/24/EU) (11 January 2012) | |
| EU | Termination on 12 January 2012 (without measure) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of molybdenum wire, containing by weight at least 99.95% of molybdenum, of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeds 1.35 mm but does not exceed 4 mm (HS 8102.96.00) from Switzerland (possible circumvention of anti-dumping measures of imports from China imposed in 2010) (initiated on 19 May 2011) | Commission Regulation No. 477/2011 (17 May 2011) and Council Implementing Regulation No. 14/2012 (9 January 2012) | |
| EU | Termination on 9 February 2012 of anti-dumping duties on imports of "steel wire ropes - SWR", steel ropes and cables, including locked coil ropes, excluding ropes and cables of stainless steel, with a maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeding 3 mm (HS 7312.10.81; 7312.10.83; 7312.10.85; 7312.10.89; 7312.10.98; 7312.10.98) from South Africa (imposed on 17 August 1999) | Council Implementing Regulation No. 102/2012 (27 January 2012) | |
| EU | Initiation on 16 February 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of ceramic tableware and kitchenware (HS 6911.10.00; 6912.00.10; 6912.00.30; 6912.00.50; 6912.00.90) from China | Commission Notice (2012/C 44/07) (16 February 2012) | |
| EU | Initiation on 16 February 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of threaded tube or pipe cast fittings, of malleable cast iron (HS 7307.19.10) from China, Indonesia, and Thailand | Commission Notice (2012/C 44/08) (16 February 2012) | |
| EU | Initiation on 22 February 2012 of countervailing investigation on imports of certain organic coated steel products, i.e. flat-rolled products of non-alloy and alloy steel (not including stainless steel) which are painted, varnished or coated with plastics on at least one side, excluding so-called "sandwich panels" of a kind used for building applications and consisting of two outer metal sheets with a stabilising core of insulation material sandwiched between them, and excluding those with a final coating of zinc-dust (a zinc-rich paint containing by weight 70% or more zinc) (HS 7210.70.80; 7212.40.80; 7225.99.00; 7226.99.70) from China | Commission Notice 2012/C 52/05 (22 February 2011) | |
| EU | Termination on 28 February 2012 of anti-dumping duties on imports of polyethylene terephthalate "PET" having a viscosity of 78ml/g or higher according to ISO Standard 1628-5 (HS 3907.60.20) from Korea, Rep. of (imposed on 30 November 2000) | Commission Notices 2011/C 122/08 (20 April 2011) and 2012/C 57/06 (25 February 2012) | |
| EU | Termination on 22 March 2012 (without measure) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of stainless steel fasteners and parts thereof "SSF" (HS 7318.12.10; 7318.14.10; 7318.15.30; 7318.15.51; 7318.15.61; 7318.15.70) from India (initiated on 13 May 2011) | Commission Decision 2012/163/EU (22 March 2012) | |
| EU | Initiation on 31 March 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of "hollow sections" welded tubes, pipes and hollow profiles of square or rectangular cross-section, of iron other than cast iron or steel other than stainless, but excluding line pipe of a kind used for oil or gas pipelines and casing and tubing of a kind used in drilling for oil or gas (HS 7306.61.92; 7306.61.99) from FYR of Macedonia, Turkey, and Ukraine | Commission Notice (2012/C 96/07) (31 March 2012) | |

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| EU | Termination on 5 April 2012 (complainant withdrew its complaint) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of sodium cyclamate (HS 2929.90.00) from China limited to two producers (Fang Da Food Additive "Shen Zhen" Limited and Fang Da Food Additive "Yang Quan" Limited) (initiated on 17 February 2011) | WTO document G/ADP/N/216/EEC, 14 October 2011 and Commission Decision (2011/185/EU) (4 April 2012) | |
| EU | Termination on 18 April 2012 of anti-dumping duties on imports of strawberries, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweeteners (HS 0811.10.11; 0811.10.19; 0811.10.90) from China (imposed on 17 April 2007) | Commission Notice 2012/C 110/06 (17 April 2012) | |
| EU | Termination on 20 April 2012 (without measure) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of tartaric acid (HS 2918.12.00) from China, limited to one producer (Hangzhou Bioking Biochemical Engineering Co. Ltd.) (initiated on 29 July 2011) | Commission Notice 2011/C 223/08 (29 July 2011) and Commission Implementing Regulation No. 332/2012 (13 April 2012) | |
| EU | Initiation on 27 April 2012 of countervailing investigation on imports of bicycles and other cycles (including delivery tricycles but excluding unicycles) (HS 8712.00.30; 8712.00.70) from China | Commission Notice (2012/C 122/06) (27 April 2012) | |
| EU | Termination on 8 May 2012 (without measure) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel, excluding seamless pipes and tubes of stainless steel, of circular cross-section, of an external diameter not exceeding 406.4 mm with a Carbon Equivalent Value (CEV) not exceeding 0.86 according to the International Institute of Welding (IIW) formula and chemical analysis (HS 7304.19.10; 7304.19.30; 7304.23.00; 7304.29.10; 7304.29.30; 7304.31.80; 7304.39.58; 7304.39.92; 7304.39.93; 7304.51.89; 7304.59.92; 7304.59.93) from Belarus (initiated on 28 June 2011) | WTO document G/ADP/N/216/EEC, 14 October 2011 and Commission Decision (2012/247/EU) (7 May 2012) | |
| India | Termination (case closed) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of cold rolled flat products of stainless steel of 200 series having a width of less than 600 mm including all austenitic grades having nickel content of less than 6% (HS 7220.20.10; 7220.20.21; 7220.20.22; 7220.20.29; 7220.20.90; 7220.90.10; 7220.90.21; 7220.90.22; 7220.90.29; 7220.90.90) from China, United Arab Emirates, and the United States (initiated on 16 August 2010) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/IND, 5 April 2012 | |
| India | New telecoms regulation which includes (among others) provisions to: (i) promote the domestic production of telecommunication equipment to meet 80% Indian telecom sector demand through domestic manufacturing with a value addition of 65% by 2020; and (ii) provide preferential market access for domestically manufactured telecommunication products, including mobile devices, SIM cards with enhanced features, with special emphasis on Indian products for which IPRs reside in India to address strategic and security concerns of the Government, consistent with international commitments | Permanent Delegation of India to the WTO (10 May 2012) referring to Draft National Telecom Policy released by the Press Information Bureau | Announced on 10 October 2011 |
| India | Reduction of import tariffs (from 30% to 20%) on dates (HS 0804.10.20; 0804.10.30) | Notification No. 97/2011 - Customs, Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) (13 October 2011) | |

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| India | Termination on 13 October 2011 of safeguard duties (China specific) on imports of aluminium flat-rolled products and aluminium foil (HS 7606; 7607) (investigation initiated on 27 January 2009, provisional and definitive duties imposed on 23 March 2009 and 19 June 2009 respectively) | WTO documents G/SG/N/16/IND/4, 9 February 2009 and G/SG/N/16/IND/4/Suppl.5, 25 October 2011 | |
| India | Initiation on 25 October 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of choline chloride of all forms and concentrations used for animal feed (HS 2309.90.10; 2923.10.00) from China | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/IND, 5 April 2012 | |
| India | Initiation on 11 November 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of resin or other organic substances bonded wood or ligneous fibre boards of thickness below 6 mm, except insulation boards, laminated fibre boards and boards which are not bonded either by resin or other organic substances (HS 4411.12.00; 4411.13.00; 4411.14.00; 4411.92.11; 4411.92.19; 4411.92.21; 4411.92.29; 4411.93.11; 4411.93.19; 4411.93.21; 4411.93.29; 4411.94.11; 4411.94.19; 4411.94.21; 4411.94.29) from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/IND, 5 April 2012 | |
| India | Initiation on 2 December 2011 of safeguard investigation (China Specific) on imports of carbon black (HS 2803.00.10) | WTO documents G/SG/N/16/IND/8, 9 January 2012 and G/SG/N/16/IND/8/Suppl.1, 30 March 2012 | On 16 March 2012 DG (Safeguards) recommended imposition of provisional duty |
| India | Termination on 20 December 2011 of anti-dumping duties on imports of flexible slabstock polyol - I (HS 3907.20) from Singapore (imposed on 11 February 2002) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/IND, 5 April 2012 | |
| India | Termination on 30 December 2011 of anti-dumping duties on imports of polypropylene (HS 3902.10.00; 3902.30.00) from Saudi Arabia (investigation initiated on 24 February 2009, provisional and definitive duties imposed on 30 July 2009 and 19 November 2010 respectively) | WTO document G/ADP/N/209/IND, 19 April 2011 and Notification No. 130/2011- Customs Ministry of Finance - Department of Revenue (30 December 2011) | |
| India | Elimination of export tax on iron ore fines (HS 2601.11.30; 2601.11.40)), and on iron ore lumps and pellets (HS 2601.11.10; 2601.11.20) (originally imposed in March 2011) | Permanent Delegation of India to the WTO (10 May 2012) | Effective 30 December 2011 |
| India | Reduction of import tariffs (from 10% to 2%) on platinum (HS 7110.11; 7110.19.00) | Permanent Delegation of India to the WTO (10 May 2012) | Effective 17 January 2012 |
| India | Conversion of specific duty to <i>ad valorem</i> import tariffs on certain products, i.e. (2% and 5%) gold (HS 7108), and (6%) silver (HS 7106; 7107) | Notifications Nos. 2/2012- Customs and 3/2012- Customs, Ministry of Finance - Department of Revenue (16 January 2012) | Effective 17 January 2012 |
| India | Preference to domestically manufactured electronic goods in procurement due to security considerations and in government procurement (not less than 30% of the total procurement value of that electronic products or products) | Notification No. 8(78)/2010-IPHW, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (10 February 2012) | |
| India | Initiation on 10 February 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of soda ash (HS 2836.20) from the Russian Federation and Turkey | WTO document G/ADP/N/227, 4 April 2012 | |
| India | Reduction of the minimum export price "MEP" (to US\$700/tonne) on basmati rice (HS 1006) | Permanent Delegation of India to the WTO (10 May 2012) | Effective 21 February 2012 |

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| India | Initiation on 22 February 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of bulk drug cefadroxil monohydrate (HS 2942.00.11) from the EU | Notification No. 14/08/2011-DGAD Ministry of Commerce & Industry - Department of Commerce (22 February 2012) | |
| India | Termination on 22 February 2012 of anti-dumping duties on imports of sodium tripoly phosphate (STPP) (HS 2835.31.00) from China (investigation initiated on 5 November 2009, provisional and definitive duties imposed on 21 September 2010 and 8 July 2011 respectively) | Notifications Nos. 58/2011-Customs Ministry of Finance - Department of Revenue (8 July 2011) and 13/2012-Customs (ADD) Ministry of Finance - Department of Revenue (22 February 2012) | |
| India | Ministerial panel adopted the following trade-related measures: (i) authorization to export an additional 1 million metric tonnes of sugar (HS Chapter 17), on top of the 2 million metric tonnes already permitted; (ii) no imposition of exports cap on rice (HS 1006) and wheat (HS 1001); and (iii) new extension of export ban on pulses (HS 0713) (originally implemented on 27 June 2006, and extended until 31 March 2012) | Permanent Delegation of India to the WTO (10 May 2012) | |
| India | Authorization to export (from additional ports and agencies) wheat (HS 1001.10.90; 1001.90.20; 1001.90.39) and non-basmati rice (HS 1006.10.90; 1006.20.00; 1006.30.10; 1006.30.90; 1006.40.00) from non-EDI land customs stations (electronic data interchange) | Permanent Delegation of India to the WTO (10 May 2012) | Effective 23 February 2012 |
| India | Termination on 29 February 2012 of anti-dumping duties on imports of phenol (HS 2707.99.00; 2907.11.10) from Korea, Rep. of; Chinese Taipei; and the United States (imposed on 19 September 2007) | Notification No. 14/2012- Customs (ADD) Ministry of Finance - Department of Revenue (29 February 2012) | |
| India | Export prohibition on cotton (HS 5201; 5203) effective 5 March 2012. On 12 March 2012 the prohibition was lifted, subject to prior registration of contracts. On 4 May 2012 permission for registration of contracts for export was authorized again, under some conditions | Permanent Delegation of India to the WTO (10 May 2012) | |
| India | Elimination of import tariffs on re-imported cut and polished diamonds (HS 71) | Permanent Delegation of India to the WTO (10 May 2012) | |
| India | Elimination of the "Education Cess" and "Secondary and Higher Education Cess" taxes on imported products | Permanent Delegation of India to the WTO (10 May 2012) | |
| India | Reduction of import tariffs on certain products, i.e. live animals, vegetables, food, minerals, pharmaceuticals, fertilizers, plastics, woods, papers, textiles, ceramics, jewellery, tools, machineries, and dredgers (HS Chapters 02; 03; 04; 05; 06; 07; 08; 10; 11; 12; 13; 14; 15; 17; 19; 21; 22; 23; 25; 26; 27; 30; 31; 33; 39; 40; 44; 47; 48; 49; 50; 51; 54; 55; 56; 61; 62; 63; 68; 69; 70; 71; 72; 74; 82; 84; 85) | Permanent Delegation of India to the WTO (10 May 2012) | Effective 17 March 2012 |
| India | Increase of import tariffs on certain products, i.e. (from 60% to 75%) vehicles with a petrol engine superior to 3,000 cc (HS 8703); and vehicles with a diesel engine superior to 2,500 cc (HS 8703); (from 10% to 30%) bicycles (HS 8712); (from 10% to 20%) bicycles parts and components (HS 8713); and (from 5% to 7.5%) on flat-rolled products of non-alloy steel (HS 7208; 7209; 7210; 7211; 7212) | Permanent Delegation of India to the WTO (10 May 2012) | Effective 17 March 2012 |

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| India | Extension of the concessional rate (5% of the basic customs tariff) on certain products, i.e. drugs/vaccines and their bulk drugs used in their manufacturing process | Permanent Delegation of India to the WTO (10 May 2012) | |
| India | Public procurement Bill 2011 establishing "open competitive bidding" as the preferred method for all public entities | Permanent Delegation of India to the WTO (10 May 2012) | |
| Indonesia | Decree of Ministry of Agriculture (14 December 2011) on the importation of fresh bulbous plants reducing (from 14 to 4) the list of entry points (selected seaports equipped with stricter quarantine centres) for imports of agricultural and horticultural products | Permanent Delegation of Indonesia to the WTO (11 May 2012) | |
| Indonesia | New Indonesian tariffs and classification book (BTKI 2012) adjusting its classification system and facilitating import process | Permanent Delegation of Indonesia to the WTO (26 April 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 |
| Indonesia | New regulation on pre-shipment inspection on tire imports (HS 4011) | Permanent Delegation of Indonesia to the WTO (26 April 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 |
| Indonesia | Export ban on raw and semi-processed rattan products (HS 1401.20). Certain rattan (HS 4601; 4602; 9401; 9403) can only be exported by firms holding export licenses on forestry products. The exports require an independent surveyor for technical and pre-shipment verification | Permanent Delegation of Indonesia to the WTO (11 May 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 |
| Indonesia | Initiation on 20 January 2012 of safeguard investigation on imports of articles of finished casing and tubing with yield strength of over 75,000 psi and worked pipe-end (HS 7304.29.00) | WTO document G/SG/N/6/IDN/17, 27 January 2012 | |
| Indonesia | Initiation on 27 January 2012 of safeguard investigation on imports of "Mackerel", excluding fillets, livers and roes, fresh or chilled, or frozen (HS 0302.64.00; 0303.74.00) | WTO documents G/SG/N/6/IDN/18, 8 February 2012 and G/SG/N/8/IDN/13, 5 March 2012 | |
| Indonesia | Threshold of mining and coal production prioritizing the supply to domestic needs at a benchmark price in accordance with effective price in the international market. Mechanism in place in order to manage and prevent shortages | Permanent Delegation of Indonesia to the WTO (11 May 2012) | Effective 6 February 2012 |
| Indonesia | Import procedures for used capital goods (but not scrap) (HS Chapters 84; 85; 87; 88; 90) implemented. Used capital goods can only be imported by a direct user, reconditioning, manufacturing, and health equipment supplier companies. The goods are subjected to a technical inspection by a surveyor in the country of origin. A recommendation from the Ministry of Industry is required before importing used capital goods | Permanent Delegation of Indonesia to the WTO (11 May 2012) | Effective 13 February 2012 to 31 December 2013 |
| Indonesia | New import regulations on procurement, circulation, sale, supervision, and control on alcoholic beverages (HS 2203.00.10; 2203.00.90; 2204.10.00; 2204.21.11; 2204.21.12; 2204.21.21; 2204.21.22; 2204.29.11; 2204.29.12; 2204.29.21; 2204.29.22; 2204.30.10; 2204.30.20; 2205.10.10; 2205.10.20; 2205.90.10; 2205.90.20; 2206.00.10; 2206.00.20; 2206.00.30; 2206.00.40; 2206.00.90; 2208.20.10; 2208.20.20; 2208.20.30; 2208.20.40; 2208.30.10; 2208.30.20; 2208.40.10; 2208.40.20; 2208.50.10; 2208.50.20; 2208.60.10; 2208.60.20; 2208.70.10; 2208.90.10; 2208.90.20; 2208.90.30; 2208.90.40; 2208.90.50; 2208.90.60; 2208.90.70; 2208.90.90) | WTO document WT/TPR/OV/14, 21 November 2011 and Permanent Delegation of Indonesia to the WTO (26 April 2012) | Effective 1 March 2012 |
| Indonesia | Termination on 13 April 2012 (without measure) of safeguard investigation on imports of conveyor belts or belting reinforced only with metal of a width exceeding 20 cm (HS 4010.11.10) (initiated on 3 November 2011) | WTO document G/SG/N/9/IDN/5, 20 April 2012 | |

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| Indonesia | Decree of Minister of Agriculture No. 03/Permentan/OT.140/1/2012 on Horticultural Product Import Recommendation introducing import quota system on fresh and processed fruits and vegetables (HS Chapters 06; 07; 08; 09; 20; 21) | Permanent Delegation of Indonesia to the WTO (11 May 2012) | Effective 1 May 2012 |
| Indonesia | New regulations on imports of certain products, i.e. rice (HS 1006.30.99); sodium tripolyphosphate (sodium triphosphate) (HS 2835.31.90); used capital goods; ozone depleting substances; colour multifunction machine, colour photocopy machine, and colour printer machine; and iron and steel | Permanent Delegation of Indonesia to the WTO (26 April 2012) | |
| Korea, Rep. of | Extension of the temporary reduction of import tariffs on certain products, i.e. pork (HS 0203.29), milk powder (HS 0402.10; 0402.21; 0402.29), coffee (HS 0901.11; 0901.12), soap (HS 3401.20), and lauryl alcohol (HS 3823.70) (originally effective from 28 January 2011 to 30 June 2011) | Permanent Delegation of Korea to the WTO (10 May 2012) | Effective until 31 December 2011 |
| Korea, Rep. of | Reduction of import tariffs (from 35% to 30%) on refined sugar (HS 1701.91; 1701.99) | Permanent Delegation of Korea to the WTO (25 April 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 |
| Korea, Rep. of | Temporary elimination of import tariffs on refined sugar (HS 1701.10; 1701.91) | Permanent Delegation of Korea to the WTO (25 April 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012 |
| Korea, Rep. of | Temporary reduction of import tariffs on garlic (HS 0703.20) (quota 5,400 tonnes) | Permanent Delegation of Korea to the WTO (25 April 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 to 31 March 2012 |
| Korea, Rep. of | Temporary reduction of import tariffs on certain food products, i.e. live swine (HS 0103.91; 0103.92); pork (HS 0203.19; 0203.29) (quota 120,000 tonnes); fish (HS 0303.54); cream (HS 0401.40; 0401.50); milk powder (HS 0402.10; 0402.21; 0402.29); butter (HS 0405.10); processed butter (HS 0405.20; 2106.90); cheese (HS 0406.10; 0406.90); egg powder (HS 0408.91); guts for casing (HS 0504.00); manioc chips for alcohol production (HS 0714.10); raisin (HS 0806.20); hot pepper (HS 0904.21) (quota 11,185 tonnes); wheat for milling (HS 1001.99); malting barley for alcohol production (HS 1003.90); corn for processing (HS 1005.90); flake, granules and pellets of potatoes (HS 1105.20); malt (HS 1107.10; 1107.20); manioc starch for paper (HS 1108.14); sweet potato starch (HS 1108.19); crude soybean oil for food (HS 1507.10); olive oil (HS 1509.10; 1509.90); sunflower-seed oil (HS 1512.11; 1512.19); rape or colza oil (HS 1514.11; 1514.91); rice bran and grape-seed oil (HS 1515.90); raw cane or beet sugar (HS 1701.12; 1701.13; 1701.14); lactose (HS 1702.11; 1702.19); processed chocolates (HS 1806.20); processed groundnut (HS 2008.11); roughly distilled alcohol for beverage (HS 2207.10); and industrial modified starch (HS 3505.10) | Permanent Delegation of Korea to the WTO (25 April 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012 |
| Korea, Rep. of | Temporary reduction of import tariffs on certain products, i.e. whey for feeding (HS 0404.10); manioc chips and pellets for feeding (HS 0714.10); rye seed for green manure (HS 1002.10); unhulled barley for feeding (HS 1003.90); oats for feeding (HS 1004.90); maize for feeding and mushroom growing (HS 1005.90); soya beans for feeding (HS 1201.90); rape or colza seeds for feeding (HS 1205.10; 1205.90); cotton seeds for feeding (HS 1207.29); whey straw and husks for mushroom growing (HS 1213.00); alfalfa for feeding (HS 1214.10; 1214.90); fodder roots for feeding and mushroom growing (HS 1214.90; 2308.00); animal or vegetable fats and oils (HS 1518.00); molasses (HS 1703.10; 1703.90); anhydrous glucose (HS 1702.30); bran of wheat (HS 2302.30); beet-pulp (HS 2303.20); distillers dried grains (HS 2303.30); oil-cake from soya bean oil (HS 2304.00); oil-cake of cotton seeds (HS 2306.10); oil-cake of coconut (HS 2306.50); oil-cake of palm nuts (HS 2306.60); cotton seed hulls (HS 2308.00); agricultural pesticides (HS 2903.39); and urea for agricultural fertilizers (HS 3102.10) | Permanent Delegation of Korea to the WTO (25 April 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012 |

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| Korea, Rep. of | Initiation on 18 January 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of aluminium bottle cans (HS 7612.90.90) from Japan | Permanent Delegation of Korea to the WTO (25 April 2012) | |
| Mexico | Termination on 20 October 2011 (without measure) of anti-dumping investigation on imports of amoxicillin trihydrate (HS 2941.10.12) from China (initiated on 12 July 2011) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/MEX, 12 March 2012 | |
| Mexico | Termination on 20 October 2011 (without measure) of countervailing investigation on imports of amoxicillin trihydrate (HS 2941.10.12) from China (initiated on 12 July 2011) | WTO document G/SCM/N/235/MEX, 12 March 2012 | |
| Mexico | Termination on 21 October 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of woven fabrics of cotton "denim" (HS 5209.42.01; 5209.42.99; 5211.42.01; 5211.42.99) from China (investigation initiated on 21 April 2010) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/MEX, 12 March 2012 | |
| Mexico | Elimination of import tariffs on certain fruits not locally produced, i.e. kiwis (HS 0810.50.01) and mealybugs (<i>cochinillas</i>) (HS 0511.99.01) | Permanent Delegation of Mexico to the WTO (25 April 2012) | Effective 26 December 2011 |
| Mexico | Elimination of import tariffs on certain products (113 tariff lines), i.e. fish, alcohols, marble, floor tiles or mosaics, feathers and articles of feathers, jewelry, precious metals, parts for motor vehicles, motorcycles, machinery and mechanical appliances, domestic appliances, furnaces and ovens, sound recording or reproducing apparatus, cathode-ray tube monitors (HS Chapters 04; 16; 22; 25; 30; 32; 37; 40; 45; 46; 49; 67; 69; 71; 82; 83; 84; 85; 87; 90; 92; 96); and reduction of import tariffs on 87 tariff lines, i.e. textiles and clothing, brooms, lighters, buttons, pens, combs, and thermos (HS Chapters 57; 61; 62; 63; 95; 96) (<i>Decreto de Competitividad y Reducción Arancelaria de la Zona Económica fronteriza</i>) | Permanent Delegation of Mexico to the WTO (25 April 2012) | Effective 23 January 2012 |
| Mexico | Measure to facilitate trade through the implementation of the High Level Regulatory Cooperation Council "HLRCC" framework (<i>Programa de Trabajo del Consejo de Alto Nivel para la Cooperación Regulatoria</i>) aimed at eliminating unnecessary costs | Permanent Delegation of Mexico to the WTO (25 April 2012) | Effective 28 February 2012 |
| Mexico | Initiation on 5 March 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of bicycles for children (HS 8712.00.02; 8712.00.04) from China | Secretaría de Economía, Unidad de Prácticas Comerciales Internacionales Notificación EXP 12/11 (5 March 2012) | |
| Mexico | Termination on 29 March 2012 (without measure) of safeguard investigation on imports of spiral-welded steel pipes and tubes of 30 inches in diameter and 11.5 metres in length, manufactured in accordance with the specifications of American Petroleum Institute (API), Standard API 5L (HS 7305.19.01) (initiated on 3 July 2010) | WTO document G/SG/N/9/MEX/1, 12 April 2012 | |
| Mexico | Import quota (<i>cupo de importación</i>) on beans (<i>frijol</i>) (HS 0713.33.02; 0713.33.03; 0713.33.09) (100,000 tonnes) extended for the year 2012 | Permanent Delegation of Mexico to the WTO (11 May 2012) | |
| Russian Federation | Extension of price preference for locally manufactured goods under government procurement scheme | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (14 May 2012) | |
| Russian Federation and (Belarus, Kazakhstan) | Initiation on 18 November 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of motor vehicles (HS 8704.21.31; 8704.21.91) from Germany, Italy, Poland, and Turkey | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (14 May 2012) | |

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| Russian Federation and (Belarus, Kazakhstan) | Initiation on 25 November 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of certain types of tubes of stainless steel (HS 7304.41.00) from China | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (14 May 2012) | |
| Russian Federation and (Belarus, Kazakhstan) | Increase of import tariffs (from zero to 5%) on machines for cleaning sorting or grading seed, grain or dried leguminous vegetables (HS 8437.10.00) | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (3 October 2011) | Effective 1 January 2012 |
| Russian Federation and (Belarus, Kazakhstan) | Increase of import tariffs (from zero to 10% but not less than €2.5/kg) on drilling machines (HS 8430.41.00; 8430.49.00) | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (26 April 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 |
| Russian Federation and (Belarus, Kazakhstan) | Introduction of import tariff quotas for 2012 on certain products, i.e. poultry (HS 0207.14.20; 0207.14.60) (250,000 tonnes), beef (HS 0202) (530,000 tonnes), and pork (400,000 tonnes) (HS 0203) | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (26 April 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 |
| Russian Federation and (Belarus, Kazakhstan) | Increase of import tariffs (from zero to 15%) on carbon electrodes not exceeding 1,000 mm (HS 8545.11.00) | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (14 May 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 |
| Russian Federation and (Belarus, Kazakhstan) | Temporary elimination of import tariffs on concentrated apple juices and apple puree including compotes (HS 2007.99.97; 2009.79.19; 2009.79.30) | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (26 April 2012) | Effective 2 January 2012 to 2 September 2012 |
| Russian Federation and (Belarus, Kazakhstan) | Extension of the temporary reduction of import tariffs (from 15% to 5%) on paper and cardboard (HS 4810.13.80; 4810.19.90; 4810.22.10; 4810.29.30) | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (26 April 2012) | Effective 22 February 2012 to 31 December 2012 |
| Russian Federation and (Belarus, Kazakhstan) | Reduction of import tariffs (from 15% to 10%) on bars of non-alloy steel (HS 7214.91.00; 7214.91.90; 7214.99.10; 7214.99.39; 7216.21.00; 7216.22.00; 7216.31.90; 7216.32.11; 7216.33.10; 7216.33.90; 7216.40.10) | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (26 April 2012) | Effective 9 March 2012 |
| Russian Federation and (Belarus, Kazakhstan) | Temporary increase of import tariffs (to US\$140/tonne) on certain types of sugar (HS 1701.13.10; 1701.13.90; 1701.14.10; 1701.14.90; 1701.91.00) | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (26 April 2012) | Effective 1 May 2012 to 31 July 2012 |
| Russian Federation and (Belarus, Kazakhstan) | Modification of import tariffs (from 20% but at least €3/unit to 10% but at least €10/unit) on certain watches (HS 9102.11.00; 9102.12.00; 9102.19.00; 9102.21.00; 9102.29.00; 9102.91.00; 9102.99.00) | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (14 May 2012) | |
| Russian Federation and (Belarus, Kazakhstan) | Elimination of import tariffs (previously 15%) on cobalt powders (HS 8105.20.00) | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (14 May 2012) | |

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| South Africa | Elimination of import tariffs on certain products, i.e. feed supplements, containing by mass 40% or more lysine, whether or not containing added antibiotics or added melengestrol acetate (HS 2309.90.65); and lysine and its esters, salts thereof (HS 2922.41) | Report No. 380 of 2011 - International Trade Administration Commission - Government Gazette No. 34671 (No. R.845) (14 October 2011) | |
| South Africa | Reduction of import tariffs on certain products, i.e. artificial filament yarn (excluding sewing thread), not put up for retail sale, including artificial monofilament of less than 67 dtex (HS 5403); yarn (excluding sewing thread) containing 85% or more by mass of staple fibres of nylon or other polyamides, not put up for retail sale (HS 5509.1); other yarn (excluding sewing thread) containing 85% or more by mass of synthetic staple fibres, not put up for retail sale (HS 5509.4); other yarn (excluding sewing thread) of polyester staple fibres mixed mainly or solely with artificial staple fibres, not put up for retail sale (HS 5509.51); and yarn (excluding sewing thread) of artificial staple fibres, not put up for retail sale (HS 5510) | Report No. 381 of 2011 - International Trade Administration Commission - Government Gazette No. 34671 (No. R.847) (14 October 2011) | |
| South Africa | Initiation on 18 November 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of fully threaded screws with hexagon heads, excluding those of stainless steel (HS 7318.15.39) from China | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/ZAF, 6 February 2012 | Provisional duty imposed |
| South Africa | Termination on 21 December 2011 (no sunset review initiated before lapse date) of anti-dumping duties on imports of multi-ply paper and paperboard with a mass of 180g/m ² or more but not exceeding 550g/m ² , coated on one side with kaolin clay (commonly known as white liner or gray back paperboard) (HS 4810.92) from Korea, Rep. of (duty imposed on 22 December 2006) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/ZAF, 6 February 2012 | |
| South Africa | Creation of a new tariff line "pistons, with an outside diameter not exceeding 155 mm, whether or not fitted with gudgeon pins, piston rings or cylinder liners or sleeves, for motor vehicle engines" (HS 8409.99.30), resulting in the elimination of import tariffs | Notice No. R. 1066 (Government Gazette No. 34859) - South African Revenue Service (23 December 2011) | Effective 23 December 2011 |
| South Africa | Creation of a new tariff line "mechanical water supply meters, designed for use with pipes with an inside diameter not exceeding 40 mm" (HS 9028.20.10), resulting in an increase of import tariffs (to 10%). Imports from the EU, EFTA, and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) members exempted | Notice No. R. 1067 (Government Gazette No. 34859) - South African Revenue Service (23 December 2011) | Effective 23 December 2011 |
| South Africa | Elimination of import tariffs (from 10%) on hydraulic brake fluids, not containing or containing less than 70% by mass of petroleum oils or oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3819.00.90) | Permanent Delegation of South Africa to the WTO (15 May 2012) | |
| South Africa | Increase of import tariffs (from zero to 20%) on lawn mower blades (HS 8208.40) | Permanent Delegation of South Africa to the WTO (15 May 2012) | |
| South Africa | Elimination of import tariffs (from 20%) on reception apparatus for television not designed to incorporate a video display or screen (i.e. set top boxes) (HS 8528.71) | Permanent Delegation of South Africa to the WTO (15 May 2012) | |
| South Africa | Decrease of import tariffs (currently 20%) on certain fittings for loose-leaf binders or files (HS 8305.10; 8305.90) | Permanent Delegation of South Africa to the WTO (15 May 2012) | |

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| South Africa | New provisions established in December 2011 under which preferential public procurement regime defined the sectors from which government institutions will exclusively procure locally. The sectors are: power pylons, railway rolling stock, buses, canned and processed vegetables, clothing and textiles, footwear, leather products, and television set top boxes | Permanent Delegation of South Africa to the WTO (15 May 2012) | Effective 7 December 2011 |
| Turkey | Initiation on 29 November 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of vulcanized rubber thread and cord (HS 4007.00) from Thailand | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/TUR, 22 March 2012 | |
| Turkey | Termination on 21 December 2011 of anti-dumping duties on imports of polyester textured yarn (HS 5402.33) from Korea, Rep. of (imposed on 27 June 2000) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/TUR, 22 March 2012 | |
| Turkey | Increase of import tariffs (from zero to 35%) on hydrogenated palm oil and palm seed oil for technical and industrial uses (HS 1516.20.98) | Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the WTO (26 April 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 |
| Turkey | Elimination of import tariffs on certain products, i.e. (from 135%) bovine animals (HS 0102.29.59; 0102.29.99); (from 30%) desiccated coconut (HS 0801.11); (from 10%) soya-bean oil (HS 1507.10.10); (from 46.8%) coconut oil (HS 1516.20.98); and (from 135%) glucose and glucose syrup (HS 1702.30.50) | Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the WTO (9 May 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 |
| Turkey | Reduction of import tariffs on certain products, i.e. (from 23.4% to 10%) sesamum seeds (HS 1207.40.90); (from 30% to 20%) maize (HS 1005.90); and (from 19.5% to 5%) soya-bean oil (HS 1507.90.10); (from 58.5% to 20%) tropical nuts, mixtures containing 50% or more by weight of tropical nuts and tropical fruits (HS 2008.19.11) | Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the WTO (9 May 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 |
| Turkey | Initiation on 31 January 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of granite (HS 6802.23; 6802.93) from India | Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the WTO (26 April 2012) | |
| Turkey | Increase of import tariffs (from zero to 15%) on bovine animals (HS 0102.29.59) | Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the WTO (26 April 2012) | Effective 6 March 2012 |
| Turkey | Initiation on 20 March 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of electric storage water heaters (HS 8516.10.80) from China, Italy, and Serbia | Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the WTO (26 April 2012) | |
| Turkey | Termination on 21 March 2012 of anti-dumping duties on imports of monoethylene glycol (MEG) (HS 2905.31) from Saudi Arabia (investigation initiated on 26 December 2008, and definitive duty imposed on 2 May 2010) | WTO document G/ADP/N/202/TUR, 6 August 2010 and Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the WTO (9 May 2012) | |
| Turkey | Increase of import tariffs (from 1% to 5%) on certain food products, i.e. potatoes seed (HS 0701.10); rice for sowing (HS 1006.10.10); melon seeds (HS 1207.70); sugar beet seeds (HS 1209.10); and vegetable seeds (HS 1209.91.80) | Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the WTO (26 April 2012) | Effective 22 March 2012 |
| Turkey | Initiation on 19 April 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of welded stainless steel tubes, pipes and profiles (HS 7306.40.20; 7306.40.80; 7306.61.10) from China and Chinese Taipei | Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the WTO (9 May 2012) | |
| United States | Termination on 28 October 2011 of anti-dumping duties on imports of diamond sawblades and parts thereof (HS 8202.39; 8206.00) from Korea, Rep. of (imposed on 4 November 2009) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/USA, 3 April 2012 and Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | US Court of International Trade enjoined revocation of the order, while an appeal is on going |

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| United States | Initiation on 16 November 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells and modules (HS 8501.61.00; 8507.20.80; 8541.40.60) from China | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/USA, 3 April 2012 | |
| United States | Initiation on 16 November 2011 of countervailing investigation on imports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells and modules (HS 8501.61.00; 8507.20.80; 8541.40.60) from China | WTO document G/SCM/N/235/USA, 4 April 2012 and Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | Provisional duty imposed on 19 March 2012 |
| United States | Initiation on 22 November 2011 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe (HS 7306.19; 7306.30; 7306.50) from India, Oman, United Arab Emirates, and Viet Nam | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/USA, 3 April 2012 | |
| United States | Initiation on 22 November 2011 of countervailing investigation on imports of circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe (HS 7306.19; 7306.30; 7306.50) from India, Oman, United Arab Emirates, and Viet Nam | WTO document G/SCM/N/235/USA, 4 April 2012 and Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | Provisional duty imposed on 30 March 2012 for imports from India and Viet Nam |
| United States | Termination on 1 December 2011 of anti-dumping duties on imports of stainless steel sheet and strip in coils (HS 7219.13; 7219.14; 7219.32; 7219.33; 7219.34; 7219.35; 7219.90; 7220.12; 7220.20; 7220.20.90) from Korea, Rep. of (imposed on 21 May 1999) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/USA, 3 April 2012 | |
| United States | Termination on 4 January 2012 (revocation of order pursuant to determination in sunset review, retroactive to 2010) of anti-dumping duties on imports of certain cut-to-length carbon-quality steel plate (HS 7208.40; 7208.51; 7208.52; 7208.53; 7208.90; 7210.70; 7210.90; 7211.13; 7211.14; 7211.90; 7212.40; 7212.50; 7225.40; 7225.50; 7225.99; 7226.91; 7226.99) from Italy and Japan (imposed on 10 February 2000) | WTO document G/ADP/N/223/USA, 3 April 2012 | |
| United States | Termination on 4 January 2012 (revocation of order pursuant to determination in sunset review, retroactive to 2010) of countervailing duties on imports of certain cut-to-length carbon-quality steel plate (HS 7208.40; 7208.51; 7208.52; 7208.53; 7208.90; 7210.70; 7210.90; 7211.13; 7211.14; 7211.90; 7212.40; 7212.50; 7225.40; 7225.50; 7225.99; 7226.91; 7226.99) from Italy (imposed on 10 February 2000) | WTO document G/SCM/N/235/USA, 4 April 2012 | |
| United States | Elimination of import tariffs on pure ethanol (minimum 190 proof) | Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 |
| United States | Initiation on 24 January 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of wind towers or sections thereof, whether assembled or unassembled, and designed to support the nacelle and rotor blades for use in wind turbines with minimum rated electrical power generation capacities in excess of 100 kilowatts (HS 7308.20.00; 8502.31.00) from China and Viet Nam | Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | |
| United States | Initiation on 24 January 2012 of countervailing investigation on imports of wind towers or sections thereof, whether assembled or unassembled, and designed to support the nacelle and rotor blades for use in wind turbines with minimum rated electrical power generation capacities in excess of 100 kilowatts (HS 7308.20.00; 8502.31.00) from China | Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | |

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| United States | Initiation on 25 January 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of steel wire garment hangers, fabricated from carbon steel wire, whether or not galvanized or painted, whether or not coated with latex or epoxy or similar gripping materials, and/or whether or not fashioned with paper covers or capes (with or without printing) and/or nonslip features such as saddles or tubes (HS 7323.99.90; 7326.20.00) from Chinese Taipei and Viet Nam | Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | |
| United States | Initiation on 25 January 2012 of countervailing investigation on imports of steel wire garment hangers, fabricated from carbon steel wire, whether or not galvanized or painted, whether or not coated with latex or epoxy or similar gripping materials, and/or whether or not fashioned with paper covers or capes (with or without printing) and/or nonslip features such as saddles or tubes (HS 7323.99.90; 7326.20.00) from Viet Nam | Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | |
| United States | Initiation on 26 January 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of large residential washers (HS 8450.11.00; 8450.20.00; 8450.90.20; 8450.90.60) from Korea, Rep. of and Mexico | Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | |
| United States | Initiation on 26 January 2012 of countervailing investigation on imports of large residential washers (HS 8450.11.00; 8450.20.00; 8450.90.20; 8450.90.60) from Korea, Rep. of | Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | |
| United States | Termination on 2 March 2012 of anti-dumping duties on imports of fresh and chilled Atlantic salmon (HS 0302.12) from Norway (imposed on 12 April 1991) | Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | |
| United States | Termination on 2 March 2012 of countervailing duties on imports of fresh and chilled Atlantic salmon (HS 0302.12) from Norway (imposed on 12 April 1991) (order has been revoked effective 13 February 2011) | Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | |
| United States | Interagency Trade Enforcement Centre (ITEC) created for stricter enforcement of trade deals and targeting unfair trading practices | Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | Executive order signed on 28 February 2012, and published on 5 March 2012 |
| United States | Amendments to Section 701 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C 1671) clarifying that the countervailing duty law can be applied to subsidized goods from non-market economy countries, and that the Department of Commerce can adjust anti-dumping duties applied to goods from non-market economy countries when countervailing duties are applied to the same good | PL 112-99 (13 March 2012) and Legislation H.R. 4105 "Enrolled Bill" (7 March 2012) | |
| United States | Initiation on 27 March 2012 of anti-dumping investigation on imports of drawn stainless steel sinks (HS 7324.10) from China | Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | |
| United States | Initiation on 27 March 2012 of countervailing investigation on imports of drawn stainless steel sinks (HS 7324.10) from China | Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | |
| United States | Termination on 20 April 2012 of anti-dumping duties on imports of orange juice (HS 2009.11; 2009.12) from Brazil (imposed on 9 March 2006) | Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | |

ANNEX 2

General Economic Stimulus Measures
(Mid October 2011 – mid May 2012)¹

VERIFIED INFORMATION

| Country/ Member State | Measure | Source/Date | Status |
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| Argentina | Fleet Renewable Scheme (<i>Programa de Financiamiento para la Ampliación y Renovación de Flota del Transporte Automotor de Cargas</i>), through <i>Banco de la Nación Argentina</i> , granting preferential credit line to purchase trucks and lorries | Permanent Delegation of Argentina to the WTO (10 May 2012) | |
| Australia | State and Federal aid (\$A 275 million) for car manufacturer GM Holden for the manufacture of two next-generation models | Permanent Delegation of Australia to the WTO (11 May 2012) | |
| Brazil | Export credit insurance scheme (<i>Seguro de Crédito à Exportação-SCE</i>) for micro and SMEs with a gross income of up to R\$90 million and annual exports up to US\$1 million (previous year figures) | Camex Resolution No. 20 (4 April 2012) | |
| Brazil | Export credit scheme (up to US\$50,000) (<i>Programa de Financiamiento às Exportações -PROEX</i>) for enterprises with a gross income of up to R\$3.6 million. Certain flexibilities on type of warranties accepted by banking institutions introduced | Camex Resolution No. 21 (4 April 2012) | |
| Brazil | Government incentives to specific sectors, i.e. telecommunications, computers, semiconductors. For example, extension of tax breaks for certain products, e.g. stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, furniture, laminated plastic PET, wallpaper, light fixtures, and chandeliers | Provisional Executive Order No. 563 (3 April 2012) and Permanent Delegation of Brazil to the WTO (15 May 2012) | Effective 3 April 2012 to 30 June 2012 |
| Brazil | The Incentive Programme for Technological Innovation and Consolidation of the Productive Chain of Motor Vehicles (INOVAR-AUTO) was created by Provisional Executive Order No. 563 and partially regulated by Executive Decree No. 7716, both dated 3 April 2012. The Programme aims at supporting technological development, innovation, safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and quality of cars, trucks, buses and auto parts. The companies qualified may benefit from tax credits (IPI) based on expenses incurred in the country in each calendar quarter. Such expenses must be related to: (i) research; (ii) technological development; (iii) technological innovation; (iv) strategic raw materials; (v) tooling; (vi) collections to the National Fund for Scientific and Technological Development - FNDCT - as provided for in regulations, and (vii) capacity-building of providers. Automobile manufacturers must meet at least 3 of the following 4 criteria to be eligible for the new industrial and trade regime: (i) investing a specified share of gross revenue in research and development; (ii) investing a proportion of revenue in engineering; (iii) having some production steps onshore; and (iv) carrying out energy-efficiency evaluations | Permanent Delegation of Brazil to the WTO (15 May 2012) and Decree No. 7.716 (3 April 2012) | |
| Brazil | Complementary measures to <i>Plano Brasil Maior I</i> , including a series of fiscal incentives such as national preference in public procurement, more flexibility on trade financing, incentives for IT industry, and tougher enforcement of trade regulations against unfair trade practices. New support programme through BNDES for preferential loans to foster local production and technological innovation | Permanent Delegation of Brazil to the WTO (15 May 2012) | |

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¹ The inclusion of any measure in this table implies no judgement by the WTO Secretariat on whether or not such measure, or its intent, is protectionist in nature. Moreover, nothing in the table implies any judgement, either direct or indirect, on the consistency of any measure referred to with the provisions of any WTO agreement or such measure's impact on, or relationship with, the global financial crisis.

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| China | Termination on 31 December 2011 of 2 government support programmes encouraging the purchase of efficient vehicles ("Automobiles Going to the Countryside" and "Old for New Automobiles") | Permanent Delegation of China to the WTO (25 April 2012) | |
| EU | | | |
| Denmark | Large growth guarantee scheme (global budget DKr 75 million), extension of aid element calculation methodology in guarantees for SMEs | Public information available on the European Commission's website transmitted by the EU Delegation. EU State Aid SA. 33810 (11/N) (6 January 2012) | Effective until 31 December 2015 |
| Denmark | Extension of the export credit financing scheme (overall budget DKr 20 billion) | Public information available on the European Commission's website transmitted by the EU Delegation. EU State Aid SA. 33844 (11/N) (11 January 2012) | Effective until 31 December 2015 |
| Germany | Rescue aid scheme (€0.046 million) for manufacturing industry (Retungsbeihilfe an Odersun AG) | Public information available on the European Commission's website transmitted by the EU Delegation. EU State Aid SA. 34143 (11/N) (7 February 2012) | Effective 7 February 2012 to 9 August 2012 |
| Germany | Extension of interest make-up scheme "CIRR" (€2.295 million) for ship financing | Public information available on the European Commission's website transmitted by the EU Delegation. EU State Aid SA. 34067 (11/N) (8 February 2012) | Effective 2 January 2012 to 31 December 2013 |
| Greece | Extension of the temporary guarantee scheme to support access to finance through loan guarantees | Public information available on the European Commission's website transmitted by the EU Delegation (25 April 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 to 31 March 2012 |
| Greece | Aid scheme (€2 million) through direct grant for post and telecommunications | EU State Aid SA. 32562 (11/N) (25 January 2012) | |
| Greece | Aid scheme (€25.14 million) through direct grant for air transport | EU State Aid NN 26/09 (18 February 2012) | |

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| Italy | Aid scheme (€94 million) through soft loan to AgustaWestland SpA for the development of medium-sized helicopters (AW 169) | Public information available on the European Commission's website transmitted by the EU Delegation. EU State Aid SA. 33731 (11/N) (7 March 2012) | |
| Netherlands | Aid scheme for shipbuilding | EU State Aid SA. 33051 (11/N) (25 January 2012) | Effective 1 January 2009 to 1 January 2020 |
| Poland | State aid (ZI 5.28 million) (October 2011) and (ZI 3.65 million) (December 2011), in the form of equity intervention to transport firms | Public information available on the European Commission's website transmitted by the EU Delegation. EU State Aids SA. 32612 (11/N) (19 October 2011) and SA. 33042 (11/N) (7 December 2011) | Effective October 2011 to December 2015 |
| Poland | State aid in the form of guarantees for export and "internationalization" | Public information available on the European Commission's website transmitted by the EU Delegation. EU State Aid SA. 33422 (11/N) (20 December 2011) | Effective 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2016 |
| Portugal | Aid scheme (overall budget €137.3 million) (<i>sistema de incentivos a revitalização e modernização do tecido empresarial "SIRME"</i>) | EU State Aid SA. 32012 (10/N) (16 November 2011) | Effective 16 November 2011 to 31 October 2012 |
| United Kingdom | National Loan Guarantee Scheme (£20 billion) granting issuance of unsecured debt to reduce the cost of finance for SMEs | Public information available on the European Commission's website transmitted by the EU Delegation (25 April 2012) | |
| India | New telecoms regulation which includes (among others) provisions to: (i) promote indigenous R&D, innovation and manufacturing that serve domestic and foreign markets; and (ii) create a fund to promote indigenous R&D, IPR creation, entrepreneurship, manufacturing, commercialising and deployment of state-of-the-art telecom products and services | Permanent Delegation of India to the WTO (10 May 2012) referring to Draft National Telecom Policy released by the Press Information Bureau | Announced on 10 October 2011 |
| Korea, Rep. of | Government support for first-time exporters and domestic firms with insufficient experience in exports with a view to increasing the number of export-oriented SMEs. For example, trade insurance contract limit for SMEs increased (from W 19 trillion to W 22 trillion) for the year 2012 | Permanent Delegation of Korea to the WTO (10 May 2012) | During the first quarter of 2012, contract limit disbursed amounted W 4.5 trillion |
| Russian Federation | Additional financial aid (Rub 6 billion) for development of pig meat processing | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (14 May 2012) | |

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| Russian Federation | Government programme (total budget Rub 3,700 billion) for development of coal industry until 2030. Rub 250 billion to be financed by the Government and the rest by private investments. State finance allocated to: restructuring of the coal industry (Rub 31.1 billion), development of transportation infrastructure (Rub 195.5 billion), and prevention of emergency situations (Rub 12.8 billion) | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (14 May 2012) | |
| South Africa | Stimulus Package (R 3.2 billion) over 6 years, for industrial development | Permanent Delegation of South Africa to the WTO (15 May 2012) | |
| South Africa | New implementation phase of the Second Industrial Policy Action Plan (released in March 2012) providing grant finance to a number of sectors, tax breaks, and capital investment | Permanent Delegation of South Africa to the WTO (15 May 2012) | |
| United States | Trade Adjustment Assistance Legislation PL112-40 extending TAA programmes | Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (14 May 2012) | |
| United States | Expiration of Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit "VEETC" (US\$0.45/gallon of pure ethanol (minimum 190 proof)) | Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | Effective 1 January 2012 |
| United States | Global Credit Express Pilot Loan Programme delivering short-term working capital loans to SMEs. Loans may not exceed (US\$500,000) with a fixed-rate financing at a relatively low interest cost (fixed at Commercial Interest Reference rate 2.6%) | Permanent Delegation of the United States to the WTO (9 May 2012) | |