



**Meeting on non-tariff measures classification and  
Productivity, Non-Tariff Measures and Openness meeting**

**5–6 October 2016, Room XXVI, Palais des Nations**

**OVERVIEW**

Trade policy measures have shifted. The difference between trade policy, narrowly defined, and domestic regulations is increasingly blurred, and the ability to gain market access increasingly depends on compliance with trade regulatory measures.

Many such non-tariff measures (NTMs), such as sanitary and phytosanitary measures and technical barriers to trade, are also directly linked to the Sustainable Development Goals. A Multi-Agency Support Team group has developed the taxonomy – the international classification of NTMs – that has become a common language in the international trade community, including for Governments, regional and international organizations and researchers.

Several members of the Multi-Agency Support Team group are also involved in the collection of data on NTMs.

This meeting is a follow-up to a meeting on the classification of NTMs held in September 2015, to take stock of the work that has been conducted on the further development and revision of the taxonomy.

Six expert groups have been working on specific areas to revise and further develop the international classification on NTMs. Meeting participants include Multi-Agency Support Team group representatives and invited experts.

Two sessions are dedicated to advising delegates and policymakers of the work on NTMs classification, data and research. A database covering 80 per cent of world trade will be launched at the meeting.

The event is combined with a Productivity, Non-Tariff Measures and Openness (PRONTO) meeting on NTMs. The PRONTO project is a collaborative research project on regulatory barriers to trade, supported by the European Commission.

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