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## Market Access Group Convenor's Report to Committee on Trade and Investment on Updating the APEC List of Environmental Goods in Harmonized System Classifications

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APEC member economies will recall that the APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade Meeting Joint Statement 2021 has tasked officials to, among others, "update the list (i.e. APEC List of Environmental Goods) in terms of Harmonized System (HS) tariff classifications for reference purposes by the APEC Ministerial Meeting in November".

On 9 July 2021, the Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI) directed the Market Access Group (MAG) to take forward the work on transposition with the expectation of an updated common list at the HS six-digit sub-heading level to be endorsed by MAG2, and the MAG Convenor to provide an update to CTI members at CTI3.

Following three rounds of informal/ad hoc group discussions, CTI members may wish to note the following were endorsed by MAG on 16 August 2021 –

- (i) The updated APEC List of Environmental Goods in HS2017 (at <u>Annex</u>); and
- (ii) The following two decision points to take forward the work on this issue
  - (a) Each economy to, on a voluntary basis, update their individual environmental goods implementation plans using the list in HS2017 as a reference point by November 2021, if they have not already done so; and
  - (b) For MAG to continue this work into the next phase of transposing the list from HS2017 to HS2022.

MAG will continue to work on the two agreed decision points and report progress to the CTI.

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