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**Policy Discussions on Trade-Related
Policies to Promote Trade in Environmental
Products and Technologies Including
Regulatory Issues, Contributing to Global
Carbon Neutrality
9 September 2021**

APEC Policy Discussions : Trade-related Policies to Promote Trade in Environmental Products and Technologies including Regulatory Issues, Contributing to Global Carbon Neutrality

Draft Agenda

Thursday 9 September 2:00pm – 4:30pm NZ time

Background

The Paris Agreement calls for achieving a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of GHG in the second half of this century, and by 2020, more than 120 parties including Japan have pledged to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

Working towards the goal of Paris Agreement which is to achieve global carbon neutrality, international trade is one of the key elements which can facilitate and accelerate the wide spread of products and technologies which contribute to emission reduction.

While the negotiation in the WTO on the Environmental Goods Agreement (hereafter “EGA”) had been stalled, there have been growing interests in restarting the negotiations. Also, at APEC, there is a proposal to discuss possible approaches to developing an updated APEC List of Environmental Goods. The discussion of environmental services has also started in Group of Service (GOS).

In addition to discussion on environmental goods and services, the approaches related to non-tariff trade policy issues: to facilitate transactions from production to consumption, and to prevent arbitrary trade obstacles from being introduced in the future, are especially important to achieve carbon neutrality, as it is necessary, to not only utilize existing products and technologies, but also newly develop and globally spread innovative products and technologies that contribute to emission reduction.

The purpose of this policy dialogue is to discuss and identify possible approaches to address trade related policies relating to products and technologies which contribute to GHG emission reduction through APEC process in 2021 in an open-ended manner.

Agenda

- 5 minutes** **Welcome and introduction**
Japan to welcome participating economies and introduce the topics to be taken up at the meeting,
- 10 minutes** **Session 1: Presentation from Japan on approaches to promote trade and development in environmental products and technologies**
Speaker:
- *Mari Shimizu, Director of Legal Affairs, International Legal Affairs Office/WTO Compliance and Dispute Settlement Office, Multilateral Trade System Department Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan*
- 60 minutes** **Session 2: Presentations from stakeholders/experts on potential issues for environmental goods to be developed and traded globally**
Speakers:
- *Dr .Emma Aisbett, Associate Director, Research, Zero-Carbon Energy for the Asia-Pacific Grand Challenge & Fellow, School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University*
“Regulating Trade in a Net-zero World”
 - *Kristen Bondietti, Director – Trade Agreements, Article Three; and Senior Trade Adviser - Australian APEC Study Centre, RMIT University*
“Promoting Trade in Environmental Goods and Technologies – Approaches in Recent Trade Agreements”
 - *Tim Karlsson, Executive Director, International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy (IPHE) Secretariat*
“Perspective and Actions Underway in the International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy”
 - *Ryo Chishiro, Manager, Kawasaki Heavy Industries*
“Way to Decarbonization – Kawasaki Hydrogen Road”
- Speakers could, for example, keep in mind the following questions when giving their presentations.
- What improvements in the regulatory environment would be beneficial to encouraging research and development, production, distribution, and dissemination of environmental goods in the context of global trade?
 - Are there existing policies and agreements that stakeholders believe could serve as best practices for facilitating trade in environmental goods?
 - What could be done in terms of international coordination among different economies to reduce regulatory barriers and build resilient supply chains of environmental goods, their parts and raw materials?

- Are there areas in which partnerships between developed and developing economies would be particularly helpful?

20 minutes **Q&A session**

5 minutes **Break**

45 minutes **Session 3: Discussion among APEC economies on the impact of non-tariff measures on trade in environmental goods**

- Taking into account input from stakeholders, APEC economies will be invited to share their initial views on what they regard as non-tariff obstacles or issues to development and trade of environmental goods, as well as possible ways to overcome them, including both existing trade disciplines and possible new ideas.

5 minutes **Summary and closing remarks**

Japan to provide a summary of the discussion and outline next steps for the policy discussion.

ANNEX 1: Registration Details

General registration information

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