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Main Provision

Transparency:

Publications, Notifications, and Trade Policy Review

- Article X of the GATT 1994
- Article III of the GATS
- Article 63 of the TRIPs Agreement

Transparency Mechanism: Implementation in Indonesia

Notification

- ePing: SPS/TBT notification alert system
- The WTO Secretariat

Trade Monitoring Report

- WTO-wide reports on trade-related developments: complete, up-to-date and accurate.
- Indonesia provides trade and trade-related measures, including COVID-19 measures

Trade Policy Review (TPR)

- Seventh Trade Policy Review of Indonesia (9 & 11 December 2020), covers 7 years of Indonesia's trade policies and practices.
- Other Members' TPR.



Case Study: Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)

Implementation Notifications (Categories A and B)

WT/PCTF/N/IDN/1; G/TFA/N/IDN/1 and
G/TFA/N/IDN/1/Corr.1

Category A commitments under TFA:

- Article 3 Advanced Rulings
- Article 5.1 Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections
- Article 7.4 Risk Management

Indonesia provided preliminary information at the Committee TFA Meeting (October 2021), indicating Category B commitments will be implemented within the definitive dates of February 22, 2022.

Transparency notifications

- Article 1.4 TFA: import, export and transit procedures**
 - the official places of publication of measures under Art. 1.1
 - the addresses of the websites referred in Art. 1.2
 - the contact details of its enquiry point(s) (Art. 1.3)
- Article 10.4.3 TFA: the operation of the single window**
- Article 10.6.2 TFA: the use of customs brokers**
- Article 12.2.2 TFA: contact points for the exchange of customs information**

to enhance transparency

Domestic Trade Facilitation Committees **Website**

still under development

Challenges and Benefits

Challenges

- Translations is a big challenge, since Indonesia is not a WTO official language.
- Stakeholders' knowledge about transparency.

Benefits

Trade flows smoothly, predictably, and freely.



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