
Committee of Participants on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION

Note by the Secretariat

Revision

1. As of 30 June 1999, the ITA had 31 participants (covering 46 Members and States or separate customs territories in the process of acceding to the WTO) representing approximately 93 percent of world trade in information technology products. Out of these 31, the formal rectification and modification documents of the following 26 participants have been received and circulated:

Australia	Indonesia	Poland ¹
Canada	Israel	Romania ²
Costa Rica	Japan	Singapore
Czech Republic ¹	Korea	Slovak Republic ¹
El Salvador	Macau	Switzerland ²
European Communities	Malaysia ¹	Thailand ¹
Hong Kong, China	New Zealand	Turkey
Iceland	Norway	United States
India	Philippines	

Of the above, El Salvador and Poland, have indicated that implementation would begin after the completion of domestic procedural requirements.³

2. The above mentioned participants that are currently Members of the WTO have submitted their schedules for rectification and modification pursuant to the Decision of 26 March 1980 on Procedures for Modification and Rectification of Schedules of Tariff Concessions (BISD 27S/25). Estonia and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Matsu are not currently Members of the WTO and are therefore not expected to submit documentation for rectification or modification of schedules.⁴ Latvia and the Kyrgyz Republic incorporated their commitments in their schedules annexed to their Protocols of Accession, and therefore it was not necessary to follow the procedures for rectification and modification of tariff schedules. Panama has not yet submitted its formal documentation.

¹First rate reduction occurred on 1 January 1998.

²First rate reduction occurred on 31 December 1997.

³India, Israel, Philippines, Switzerland, and Turkey which had also made such a notification, have subsequently notified that these procedural requirements have been completed.

⁴For those participants that are not Members of the WTO, the Declaration states that: "Each participant that is not a Member of the WTO shall implement these measures on an autonomous basis, pending completion of its WTO accession, and shall incorporate these measures into its WTO market access schedule for goods."

3. Letters of acceptance, in accordance with the provision of paragraph 10 of the Annex to the Declaration on Trade in Information Technology Products, have been received from all participants except three.

4. The following documentation, noted as being submitted under item 1 above, has been formally certified by the Director-General:

Australia; Canada; Costa Rica; Czech Republic; European Communities; Hong Kong, China; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Israel; Japan; Korea; Macau; Malaysia; New Zealand; Norway; Philippines; Romania; Singapore; Slovak Republic; Switzerland; Thailand; Turkey; United States.
