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PROGRESS REPORT ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES : APPLICATION OF THE WTO

VALUATION AGREEMENT

(Item IV (b) on the Agenda)

Reference documents :

VT0806E1a (TCCV/33)
VT0828E1a (TCCV/33)
VT0835E1a (TCCV/34)
VT0926E1a (TCCV/38)
VT1025E1a (TCCV/42)

VT0857E1a (TCCV/35)
VT0880E1a (TCCV/36)
VT0902E1a (TCCV/36)
VT0946E1a (TCCV/39)

VT0959E1a (TCCV/39)
VT0972E1a (TCCV/40)
VT0983E1a (TCCV/40)
VT0999E1a (TCCV/41)

1. In pursuance of a decision taken by the Technical Committee on Customs Valuation, the Secretariat has been monitoring progress with the application of the WTO Valuation Agreement by Members and publishing reports on the subject.
2. The Secretariat invites all administrations concerned to provide written reports on the progress made with regard to the application of the WTO Valuation Agreement since the last session, for examination at the 43rd Session of the Technical Committee on Customs Valuation. Such reports could contain, for example, information about preparations underway for the enactment of relevant national legislation, organizational/administrative changes, requirements in respect of technical assistance and the anticipated date for full implementation of the Agreement. All comments should be forwarded to the Secretariat by **4 September 2016** and will be published for the information of the Technical Committee.
3. Members are also encouraged to make oral presentations about their experiences at the 43rd Session of the Technical Committee, since the experiences of Members regarding the application of the WTO Valuation Agreement have been of great benefit to other Members. In particular, the Secretariat invites reports and presentations from Members on the use of valuation databases and also welcomes presentations from Regional Economic Communities on the implementation and application of the WTO Valuation Agreement at the regional level. Those Members wishing to respond to this invitation are requested to inform the Secretariat by **30 September 2016**.
4. Members are reminded that comments received later than six weeks before the start of the 43rd Session will not be published as a document of the Technical Committee.
5. To assist the Secretariat, Members are invited to send this information in electronic format, where possible (e-mail address : valuation@wcoomd.org).

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