WTO Tariff and Trade databases

Consolidated Tariff Schedules Database CTS

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The CTS database contains, in electronic and standardized form, the tariff and agricultural commitments of all WTO Members.

A tariff (or agricultural) commitment represents a commitment made by a country not to raise the applied duty (or any other concession) to the other WTO Members above a determined (negotiated) level (the bound duty).
What is a CONSOLIDATED Tariff Schedule?

- ONE listing
- ALL the tariff concessions of a Member
- All the UPDATES with respect to tariff concessions
- LATEST nomenclature adopted by the Member

The tariff concessions of all Members are available in the WTO Secretariat. However, for many Members, the information was not consolidated and in some cases even not available in electronic format.
CTS Database - Introduction
Legal Status

The CTS database is a working tool only and has no legal status.

Nevertheless, the CTS databases are subject to MEMBERS’ APPROVAL.

Each consolidated Schedule prepared by the Secretariat has been reviewed by the Member concerned before inclusion of the data in the database.
Contents of CTS
Contents of CTS - Tariff commitments

CTS project: launched in April 1999

The tariff commitments for developing WTO Members have been consolidated and included in the CTS database by the WTO Secretariat.

Some Members agreed to prepare themselves their submissions for the CTS.

These are: Australia, Canada, the European Communities, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, and the United States.
Contents of CTS - Tariff commitments

Sources (1)

• GATT Rounds of Negotiations:
  Pre-Uruguay Round Lists of Concessions

• Uruguay Round (1994) Schedules:
  Part I - MFN tariff
    Section I A - Agricultural products, Tariffs
    Section II - Other products

• HS96 Transposition Documentation
  (transposition of UR Schedules into HS96 nomenclature)
Contents of CTS - Tariff commitments

Sources (2)

• Sectorial Agreements (some annexed to the UR)
  - Information Technology Products (ITA)
  - Pharmaceuticals
  - Civil Aircraft
  - Distilled Spirits

• Accession Protocols

• Art. XXVIII Withdrawal/Modification of a tariff concession

• Rectifications and modifications documents
  - Autonomous
  - Other (e.g. technical corrections)
Contents of CTS - Tariff commitments
Database structure

- **Certification table**: Name/code/date of Certified documents regarding the tariff concessions
- **Concession table**: Consolidated tariff concessions
- **Concession Note and Note tables**: Concession notes recorded at the tariff line level
- **Initial Negotiating Right table**: INRs at the tariff line level
- **Concordance table**
- **References tables** (INR country codes, duty nature codes…)}
## The CONSOLIDATED List of Concessions

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<th>Ex</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Cer</th>
<th>Source</th>
<th>Base</th>
<th>Bound</th>
<th>OD</th>
<th>INR</th>
<th>First Instrument From</th>
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Agricultural commitments - Sources

CTS Phase II: launched in November 2000

These Agricultural commitments are recorded in the Schedules in:
Part I - Section IB - Tariff quotas
Part IV - Section I - Domestic support (AMS)
Part IV - Section II and III - Export subsidies

Again some Members agreed to prepare their own submissions of agricultural commitments according to the standard format.
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Agricultural commitments - Tariff quotas

Recorded at tariff line level and linked to the Concession table

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### Tariff quota tables

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<th>Final quota quantity</th>
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<th>Implementation period from/to</th>
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<td>15,810 kg</td>
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**Agricultural commitments - Export subsidies**

*Linked at tariff line level to the Concession table*

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#### Export Subsidy Table

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<th>HS Level</th>
<th>Description of products and tariff item no. (HS 6 digits)</th>
<th>Base outlay level (US$)</th>
<th>Years of implementation 1995 - 2004</th>
<th>Annual and final outlay commitment levels (US$)</th>
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**Agricultural commitments - Domestic support**

*Total AMS* Commitments - *Not recorded at the tariff line level*

Total AMS table includes the reduction commitments regarding the AMS

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*Aggregate Measurement of Support*
The CTS contains the **tariff and agricultural commitments** for all Members, at the tariff line level. This covers:

- Bound duties: in-/out-of-quota bound duties;
- Other duties and charges;
- Special Safeguards (SSG);
- Initial Negotiating Rights (INR);
- Quota quantity, with country allocation;
- Export subsidy outlays and quantities;
- Implementation period;
- Legal document references; and
- All other information included in the Schedule.
CTS Database
Maintenance of the CTS Database

The CTS database will lose its value if it is not updated regularly

• Modifications and Rectifications to Schedules
  • tariff commitments
  • agricultural commitments
• New HS amendments (HS2002)
• New WTO Members
• Country comments on their CTS files
Uses and link to the IDB
CTS Database

Uses of the CTS database

• Verification of commitments

• Preparation of rectifications and modifications to Schedules (for example, HS amendments or Art. XXVIII)

• Verification of other Members’ rectifications and modifications to Schedules

• IDB notification requirements with respect to bound duties (final bound)

• Complete and reliable information available for all Members
Link the CTS with the IDB

WHY?

- Applied duties and current bound duties from the IDB
- Imports from the IDB
- Final bound duties and concession information from the CTS

AT THE TARIFF LINE LEVEL!
Tomatoes, fresh or chilled? 0702.00.00

Final bound duty? 50%
Final implementation year? 2004

Current bound duty 2004? 55%
Applied duty 2004? 20%

Tariff quota? Yes
Export subsidy? Yes

In Quota bound duty = 20%
Quota quantity + country allocation
Outlay values and quantities

Identify main suppliers
Data Dissemination
CTS Database
Dissemination of the CTS Database

• Principal tools for dissemination are:

INTERNET

File Transfer Facility (FTF)
http://sft.wto.org/

Internet Analysis Facility (IAF)
http://www.wto.org/members/

CD-ROM (twice a year)
CTS Database - Authorized Users

WTO
Secretariat & Members

Countries negotiating their accession to the WTO if they supply their tariff and import data to the IDB

Intergovernmental Organizations:
IMF, WB, OECD, ITC, UNCTAD, FAO, CARICOM etc.
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CTS Database
Conclusion

WORK IN PROGRESS:

• Link between CTS and IDB (69 linked files)
• Update: Transposition to HS2002
  Updating Members’ files
  New Members
• Development of the IAF (portable version, more reports, flexible aggregation and selection criteria...)
