Integrated Database System (IDB)
Data Sources

Dissemination
• Policy
• Means of Dissemination

Uses
Annual notification from all members

Deadlines for submission:
- tariffs for current year: 30 March
- imports for previous year: 30 September
Notification Requirements - Tariff

- Tariff line number
- Suffixes (seasonal rates, if any, optional)
- Textual description of the products
- Binding situation
- Custom duties (applied, bound, preferences)
  - *Ad Valorem* duties
  - Specific, compound, mixed duties
  - Other duties
Notification Requirements - Imports

- Tariff line number
- Trading partner (country of origin)
- Customs value
- Unit of quantity 1
- Quantity 1
- Unit of quantity 2 (optional)
- Quantity 2 (optional)
Other Reference Information (1)

Related to tariff:

- Tariff nomenclature (HS02, HS96, HS92, other)
- Year of the tariff
- Duty currency units (specific duties)
- Duty assessment (net weight, gross weight)
- A.V.E. calculation method (if applicable)
- Duty averaging method (simple or trade weighted, if applicable)
Other Reference Information (2)

Related to imports:

- Import nomenclature (HS02, HS96, HS92, other)
- Year of imports
- Type of tariff relation
- Imports valuation basis (C.I.F., F.O.B.)
- Imports currency unit
- Imports exchange rate to the US dollar
- System of trade (Special, general)
IDB - Contents

- Customs tariff (HS tariff line code)
  - Current MFN bound and MFN applied duties at the national tariff line level
  - Other duties (e.g. Preferences, General Duty)
- Product description
- Imports
  - Value and volume
  - Broken down by partner at the national tariff line level
- Tariff relation applicable for each partner

Annual Time Series
IDB Authorized Users – Intergovernmental Organizations

- Food and Agricultural Organization
- General Secretariat of the Andean Community
- International Monetary Fund
- International Textiles and Clothing Bureau
- International Trade Center
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- World Bank
- South Center (request received)
Internet File Transfer Facility

Query, Password

File copies

Query Results

CD ROM

Internet Analysis Facility (IAF)

IDB – Dissemination Diagram

IDB Dissemination Database
Self-contained database and analytical software

- Flexible selection criteria – products, trade (including creation of user-defined partner groups) and tariff
- Seven pre-formatted reports available
  - Tariff Line
  - Tariff Averages
  - Tariff and Trade Profiles
  - Imports Summary
  - Principal Suppliers
  - Status of Bindings
  - GSP/LDC Preferences
IDB – CD ROM (2)

- No facility to export query results to other format
- Available only in English
- Updated twice a year (due to space limitation, not all country periods are included in new releases)
IDB – Internet Analysis Facility

Internet-based Analysis Tool of the IDB

Protected Site (userid and password required)

Facility to export reports/query results to Excel or text format

Updated monthly

Available in English, French and Spanish
IDB – Internet Analysis Facility

Eight Reports with flexible display format

- Tariff Line
- Tariff Averages and Imports
- Tariff and Trade Profiles
- Principal Products
- Principal Suppliers
- Status of Bindings
- Duties Comparison
- Total AMS Reduction Commitments Report (CTS data)
IDB – File Transfer Facility

Facility to download the complete dataset for each country period in either MS Access or text format

- Access to server is password protected
- Monthly loading of new and updated country periods
- For selected users, submission of notification requirement can be done on this site.

NO ANALYTICAL FEATURES
IDB – Updates

- **CD ROM** (June and December)
  
  **Release 13 – December 2004**
  

- **IAF and FTF Servers** (monthly updates)
  
  Tariffs and imports for 120 WTO Members/Acceding Countries/Territories representing 582 country-periods (February 2005).
CTS – IDB Dissemination

WTO publications

- Annual Report
- World Trade Report
- World Trade Review
- Trade Policy Review
Uses of IDB and CTS

- Trade policy analyses
  - WTO => Trade Policy Review
  - WTO => Research, Committees, etc
  - Members

- Trade Negotiations
  - Agricultural market access
  - Non-agricultural market access
Uses of IDB and CTS (2)

- Tariff profile
  - Frequency distribution of tariff rates
  - Other statistics: simple average, trade weighted average
  - Tariff peaks

- Status of commitments

- Tariff escalation

*World Trade Report 2005*
Limitations of Current Databases

- **IDB/CTS is a powerful market access toolkit**
  - With powerful analytical functionalities
  - With extensive coverage of trade and tariffs linked at the TL level

- **But there is an incomplete coverage of**
  - Countries
  - Reciprocal and non-reciprocal preferences
  - *Ad valorem* equivalents (AVEs) of specific, mixed, compound, and other complex duties
Common Analytical Market Access Database

- IDB - CTS
- Missing countries
- Preferences AVes
- Extracts, queries
- Aggregated Extracts (HS6)
- Researchers
- Inter-governmental Agencies
CAMAD - Coverage

Ambitious objective is to achieve universal coverage, from 1996 onwards

➢ **Tariffs**
  ✓ bound and applied tariffs, reciprocal and non-reciprocal preferences, linked, at the Tariff line level, to

➢ **Import flows**

➢ **Ad valorem equivalents**
  ✓ for all non-ad valorem duties (bound, applied, preferences)

➢ **Non-tariff measures**
  ✓ In the medium-term
CAMAD – Expected Benefits

- **Allocation of resources**
  - reduction of duplication in the production of market access data among the international organizations.

- **Improvement of data quality**
  - Reduction and elimination of data inconsistencies among different sources

- **Improvement of data coverage**
  - Almost universal coverage of duty and AVEs and imports

- **Provision of relevant data to agencies and researchers**
  - For example, for MDGs-related studies