



INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR
TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT

MEETING PROGRAMME

INFORMAL ICTSD DIALOGUE ON SPECIAL PRODUCTS AND SPECIAL SAFEGUARD
MECHANISM

VENUE: WORLD METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE

GENEVA, 25 NOVEMBER 2005 ROOM C 1

MORNING

09:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:15 **INTRODUCTION**
Ricardo MELÉNDEZ-ORTIZ
Executive Director, ICTSD

10:15 – 11:00 **WINNERS AND LOSERS: THE DIFFERENTIAL IMPACTS OF
AGRICULTURAL TRADE POLICIES ON DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES**

Sandra POLASKI
Director Trade, Equity and Development Project Carnegie
Endowment for International Peace

The presentation looks at whether additional flexibilities such as SPs/SSMs for developing countries pose problems for more liberalized global agricultural trade. The findings are based primarily on a general equilibrium model of global trade. A summary of findings and statistical evidence will be provided including policy implications for the negotiations on agriculture. These policy choices include both the general rules for agricultural trade and special and differential treatment, including SP and the SSM.

11:00 – 12:00 **SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN AGRICULTURE:
OPTIONS FOR SELECTION AND TREATMENT OF SPECIAL
PRODUCTS**

Country Experiences on The Selection and Designation of Special
Products

Christophe BELLMANN
Programmes Director, ICTSD

Options for Modalities and Treatment of SP/SSM

Mr. Segfredo SERRANO
Assistant Secretary, Department of Agriculture, The Philippines

WTO Members are concerned that special and differential treatment issues have not been given the full attention that they deserve. The G-33 would like to see the same level of specificity given to SP and SSM as other issues in the market access pillar. This session provides some specific country experiences and options for modalities and treatment of SP/SSM.

12:00 – 12:30 Discussant
H.E. Ambassador Gusmardi BUSTAMI
Ambassador of Indonesia to WTO
Coordinator of the G33 countries

12:30 – 13:00 **Moderated discussion**

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AFTERNOON

14:00 – 15:30

FEASIBLE PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL SAFEGUARD MECHANISM FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Effective Triggers and Remedies for Special Safeguard Mechanism

Mr. Jamie MORRISON

Commodities and Trade Division, FAO

LDCs and Modalities for a Special Safeguard Mechanism

Dr. Francis MATAMBALYA

Faculty of Commerce, University of Dar-es-Salaam

Possible Modalities for SSM

Mr. Raul MONTEMAYOR

Federation of Free Farmers Cooperatives, Philippines

The session will illustrate a feasible architecture of a pro-development and pro-poor SSM that should add value to the current regime of trade remedies. It will show the experience of developing countries with Special Safeguard (SSG) and provide arguments on what developing countries would require based on specific and concrete evidence in the case of Tanzania and Zambia.

15:30 – 16:00

Discussants

Dr. Julio PAZ CAFFERATA

Independent Consultant, Peru

Mr. R. GOPALAN

Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce
Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India

16:00 – 17:00

Moderated discussion

RELATED ICTSD LITERATURE

[HTTP://WWW.AGTRADEPOLICY.ORG](http://www.agtradepolicy.org)

Methodology for the Identification of Special Products (SP) and Products for Eligibility Under Special Safeguard Mechanism (SSM) by Developing Countries.

Issue Paper No. 5, by Luisa Bernal, 2005

Special Products: Options for Negotiating Modalities.

Issue Paper No. 4, by Anwarul Hoda, 2005

Lessons From The Experience With Special Products And Safeguard Mechanisms In Bilateral Trade Agreements.

Issue Paper No. 3, by Dr. Carlos Pomareda, 2005

Tariff Reduction, Special Products and Special Safeguards: An Analysis of the Agricultural Tariff Structures of G-33 Countries.

Issue Paper No. 2, by Mario Jales, 2005

The New SSM: A Price Floor Mechanism for Developing Countries.

Issue Paper No. 1, by Alberto Valdés and William Foster, 2005