



THE TELECOM INITIATIVE AND WTO NON TARIFF BARRIERS PROPOSALS

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UNECE TELECOM INITIATIVE - STATUS

- › There has been limited interest from Member Countries towards applying the International Model to the ICT sector
- › The proposed Common Regulatory Objectives under the Telecom Initiative provide practical examples of good regulatory practice
- › There are proposals in the WTO addressing Non Tariff Barriers for the products under the Telecom Initiative

NTB PROPOSALS FOR ICT IN WTO

- › EU: NAMA contribution [TN/MA/W/119](#) (dated 9 September 2009) “Understanding on the Interpretation of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade as Applied to Trade in Electronics”,
 - *The Telecom Initiative corresponds to conformity assessment “option a” for Electromagnetic Compatibility and Safety*

- › US: NAMA contribution [TN/MA/W/105/Rev.2](#) (dated 15 September 2009) “Negotiating Text on Non-Tariff Barriers Pertaining to the Electrical Safety and Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) of Electronic Goods”

SYNERGIES BETWEEN WTO NTBS AND UNECE INTERNATIONAL MODEL

› WTO NAMA Proposals

- NAMA: Covering "electronics" (EC), "electronic goods" (US)
- Electromagnetic compatibility and safety
- International standards
- Conformity assessment
- Transparency
- Establishing permanent working party/committee

› UNECE Telecom Initiative

- Initially 7 ICT products (covered by NAMA/ITA proposals)
- Electromagnetic compatibility, safety and radio
- International standards
- Conformity assessment
- Transparency



EXAMPLE

- › Use of Recommendation L as suggested in Telecom Initiative
- › Application of "option a" of TN/MA/W/119 for conformity assessment
- › Example of: PC and IMT-2000 (3G)



Example of using
Rec L



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