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How non-tariff measures impact our daily lives

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PROGRAMME

Geneva, Palais des Nations		Room XVII
10:00 - 10:15	<p>Welcome address, Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics</p> <p>Short course will be moderated by Ms. Randa Jamal, Economic Affairs Officer OIC, Policy Capacity Building Section</p>	
10:15 - 10:45	<p>Session 1</p> <p>This session will provide an overview on non-tariff measures (NTMs) and how they impact our daily lives. Non-tariff measures serve policy objectives related to the Sustainable Development Goals, such as the protection of health and the environment. However, they also often raise costs that can create hurdles to trade and economic development, particularly for developing countries.</p> <p>Presented by Mr. Ralf Peters, Chief, Trade Information Section, and OIC, Trade Analysis Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD</p>	
10:45 - 11:30	<p>Session 2</p> <p>This session will focus on the economic impact of NTMs and the interfaces between non-tariff measures and the Sustainable Development Goals, to assist policymakers in designing coherent trade policies. It will also discuss the use of NTMs during the Covid-19 pandemic and its consequences, the gender-dimension of NTMs, UNCTAD's insights from the Global Transparency Initiative and related research.</p> <p>Presented by Mr. Christian Knebel, Economic Affairs Officer, Ms. Mingcong Li and Ms. Seul Lee, Trade Analysis Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD</p>	

11:30 – 12:15	Session 3 This session will discuss instruments to support good policy making; such as, Regulatory Transparency, UNCTAD’s NTM Cost-Effectiveness Toolkit, UNCTAD’s Regional NTM Integration Review and the Non-Tariff Barriers reporting, monitoring and eliminating mechanism of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), among other examples. Presented by Mr. Ralf Peters, Mr. Christian Knebel, Ms. Divya Prabhakar, Trade Analysis Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities , UNCTAD
12:15 – 13:00	Q&A session

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Non-tariff measures (NTMs) affect our daily lives: limits on the use of pesticides ensure safe food; restrictions on toxins in toys protect our children; and emission standards for cars, which have an impact on climate change. Most of non-tariff measures serve legitimate policy objectives related to the Sustainable Development Goals, such as the protection of health and the environment. However, they also often raise costs that can create hurdles to trade and economic development. In most sectors, the restrictiveness of non-tariff measures by far exceeds current tariffs. Particularly in agricultural sectors, developing country exporters face non-tariff measures equivalent to tariffs higher than 20 per cent. Potential carbon border adjustments, currently discussed, can be as high as 50 per cent.

This course will inform delegates on the various types of NTMs and their economic impact; the interfaces between non-tariff measures and the Sustainable Development Goals, to assist policymakers in designing coherent trade policies; the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on trade-related policy making and its consequences; the gender-dimension of NTMs; UNCTAD's insights from the Global Transparency Initiative and related research; tools to support good policy making: UNCTAD's NTM cost-effectiveness toolkit, UNCTAD's Regional NTM Integration Review and the Non-Tariff Barriers reporting, monitoring and eliminating mechanism of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).