

November 1 (drafting group):

*As stated above, the CTE's discussion on eco-labelling has focussed primarily on voluntary eco-labelling programmes/schemes. Without prejudice to the coverage and application of the TBT Agreement to certain aspects of such voluntary eco-labelling programmes/schemes and criteria, i.e., those aspects concerning non-product related PPMs, and therefore to the obligations of Members under this Agreement regarding those aspects, the CTE recommends that WTO Members follow the provisions of the TBT Agreement and its Code of Good Practice, including those on transparency. In this context, the CTE underlines the particular importance of ensuring fair access of foreign producers to eco-labelling programmes/schemes.*

November 8 (Final):

*As stated above, the CTE's discussion on eco-labelling has focussed primarily on voluntary eco-labelling schemes/programmes and in particular on the transparency of such schemes/programmes. Without prejudice to the views of WTO Members concerning the coverage and application of the TBT Agreement to certain aspects of such voluntary eco-labelling schemes/programmes and criteria, i.e. those aspects concerning non-product-related PPMs, and therefore to the obligations of Members under this Agreement regarding those aspects, the CTE stresses the importance of WTO Members following the provisions of the TBT Agreement and its Code of Good Practice, including those on transparency. In this context, the CTE underlines the particular importance of ensuring fair access of foreign producers to eco-labelling schemes/programmes.*