

Annex C: Ecolabelling coverage paragraph evolution

September 23 (Chair):

In the meantime, the CTE recommends that Members comply fully with their obligations under the TBT Agreement in connection with the preparation, adoption and application of eco-labels by standardizing bodies under their jurisdiction and provide fair access for foreign suppliers to eco-labelling schemes and for their products to eco-labels.

October 10 (Chair):

Without prejudice to the extent of coverage of PPMs by WTO provisions, the CTE recommends that Members comply fully with their obligations under the TBT Agreement as it may be applicable in connection with the preparation, adoption and application of eco-labels by standardizing bodies under their jurisdiction and provide fair access for foreign suppliers to eco-labelling schemes and for their products to eco-labels.

October 18 (Canada):

Without prejudice to the extent of coverage of PPMs by WTO provisions, the CTE recommends that Members comply with the existing obligations of the TBT Agreement and its Code of Good Practice with respect to ecolabelling programs.

October 29 (Canada):

- a) *While there is no consensus on the coverage by the TBT Agreement of ecolabelling programs and criteria, based upon non-product related PPMs, and the extent of the application of existing TBT obligations regarding non-product related PPMs, Members are encouraged to rigorously follow the notification obligations of the TBT Agreement and its Code of Good Practice with regard to semi-annual publication of the work program of ecolabelling standardizing bodies and 60 days prior comment period for draft ecolabelling criteria by interested parties.*
- a) *While there is no consensus on the coverage by the TBT Agreement of ecolabelling programs and criteria, based upon non-product related PPMs, and, consequently, the extent of WTO Members' related obligations regarding such programs and criteria, based upon non-product related PPMs, the CTE recommends that Members rigorously follow the notification obligations of the TBT Agreement and its Code of Good Practice with regard to semi-annual publication of the work program of ecolabelling standardizing bodies and 60 days prior comment period for draft ecolabelling criteria by interested parties.*

October 31 (drafting group):

With regard to voluntary eco-labelling programmes/schemes and criteria, based on non-product related PPMs, there is no consensus on the coverage by, application and obligations of, the TBT Agreement at this time. Nevertheless, with regard to these eco-labelling programmes/schemes, the CTE encourages WTO Members to follow the notification provisions of the TBT Agreement and its Code of Good Practice.