

WHAT'S NEXT?

The deadline for the current round of trade negotiations is January 1, 2005. There are already a number of commitments to reduce

tariffs and remove barriers by that date, and more will be negotiated among WTO members. In some cases, such as investment or competition policy, the objective is to prepare for future negotiations; in others, dates have been set for reducing tariffs on specific products. As agreements are reached, members will be able to implement them on a provisional basis, but the whole program of negotiations will go forward as a "single undertaking." This means that nothing is finalized until everything is agreed by all parties.

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