

Webinar Series on E-Commerce and Services Domestic Regulation for Chinese Taipei

24, 25, and 27 November 2020

* Format: 3 sessions of 2 h each
* Platform: Cisco Webex (facilitated by Chinese Taipei);
* Objectives:
	+ Familiarize participants with major trends in electronic commerce, the application of the GATS to e-commerce, and developments on in WTO work programme and the discussions in the Joint Statement Initiative.
	+ Update participants on the state of play in the discussions on services domestic regulation in the Joint Initiative

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Programme

WEBINAR 1: E-COMMERCE I

***Tuesday, 24 November 2020, 09:00 – 11:00 (Geneva), 16:00 – 18:00 (Taipei)***

Resource person: *Ms Lee TUTHILL*

**Trends in e-commerce, including Impact of the Pandemic**

* Technology trends (e.g. broadband, cloud, IoT, AI/big data, etc)
* Trends in e-commerce post pandemic and future prospects
* How technology is affecting e-commerce and services trade
* Emerging regulations and barriers

**E-commerce and GATS**

* Applicability of GATS provisions to e-commerce
* Services as infrastructure of e-commerce (telecom, computer services, postal/delivery and distribution services platforms)
* GATS coverage of e-commerce in services: B2C and B2B (professional, business services, education and health, media/audiovisual, etc)
* Market access and classification challenges

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WEBINAR 2: E-COMMERCE II

***Wednesday, 25 November 2020, 09:00 – 11:00 (Geneva), 16:00 – 18:00 (Taipei)***

Resource person: *Ms Lee TUTHILL*

**Geneva Developments**

* WTO work programme
	+ The mood on the customs duties moratorium
	+ WP activities in the Services Council
* Key e-commerce provisions in RTAs and their influence in JSI negotiations
* JSI negotiations
	+ The process and transparency
	+ Compendium of issues and state of play on some of the more difficult issues
* Pending issues - Scope of application and architecture

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WEBINAR 3: JSI Negotiations on Services Domestic Regulation

***Friday, 27 November 2020, 09:00 – 11:00 (Geneva), 16:00 – 18:00 (Taipei)***

Resource person: *Mr Markus JELITTO*

* Context, objectives and status of negotiations
* Substantive content of the negotiations
	+ What is the Reference Paper?
	+ Section I of the Reference Paper – Motivation, Coverage and Modalities, Development
	+ Section II of the Reference Paper – Generally applicable disciplines
		- Disciplines on transparency:
		- Disciplines on legal certainty and predictability:
		- Disciplines on regulatory quality and facilitation:
	+ Possible Section III – Alternative Disciplines on Financial Services
	+ Main outstanding issues concerning the draft Reference Paper
* Entry into effect of the negotiated outcome
* Potential benefits of domestic regulation disciplines (based on a draft Secretariat Working Paper)

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