



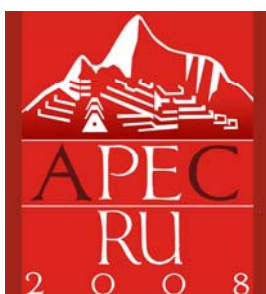
**Asia-Pacific
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Agenda Item: 9

APEC Tariff Database

Purpose: Information
Submitted by: APEC Secretariat



**Second Sub-Committee on Customs
Procedures Meeting
Cusco, Peru
14-17 August 2008**

Key Issues

The update of APEC Tariff Database Jan – June 2008.

Required Action / Decision Points

It is recommended that SCCP:

1. To take note the report.



APEC TARIFF DATABASE

REPORT FOR SCCP II MEETING

JAN – JUN 2008

APEC TARIFF DATABASE

REPORT TO SUB-COMMITTEE ON CUSTOMS PROCEDURES

SYSTEM USAGE

The usage record for Jan – June 2008 has been:

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Total :
Registrations	1,063	957	1,139	1,163	1,062	804	6,188
Emails	324	402	427	574	740	513	2,980
Logins	30,897	14,159	14,315	17,155	20,266	15,274	112,066
Economy Views	35,944	44,625	53,790	53,110	51,821	44,024	283,314
Chapter Lookups	11,471	9,842	10,602	10,478	9,574	7,673	59,640
Tariff Number Lookups	6,095	4,724	5,747	5,891	5,147	4,002	31,606
Description Lookups	13,457	10,933	12,907	13,099	13,659	10,109	74,164
Alphabetic Lookups	7,282	6,586	8,003	7,711	6,953	6,068	42,243
Tariff Heading Lookups	28,270	24,262	27,532	29,562	25,470	20,005	155,101

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
Australia	9,020	9,921	9,755	10,864	10,153	7,558	57,271
Brunei	1,331	1,545	1,888	1,951	1,797	1,670	9,822
Canada	8,294	8,108	9,018	9,379	10,034	6,587	51,420
Chile	1,754	2,300	3,134	3,261	3,660	2,601	16,710
China	11,864	9,435	10,262	10,311	9,477	7,603	58,952
Hong Kong, China	1,185	1,692	2,032	2,028	1,971	1,681	10,589
Indonesia	3,367	3,111	4,728	4,326	3,736	3,653	22,921
Japan	10,737	7,907	9,928	9,393	9,073	7,351	54,389
Korea	4,818	4,889	6,177	5,818	5,379	4,371	31,452

Malaysia	11,690	10,288	13,949	14,082	10,748	10,622	71,379
Mexico	5,609	6,388	6,135	7,936	7,657	5,289	39,014
New Zealand	1,749	2,032	2,513	2,495	2,330	2,111	13,230
Papua New Guinea	1,250	1,618	2,089	2,050	2,105	1,936	11,048
Peru	1,925	2,318	3,869	3,512	2,966	2,102	16,692
Philippines	6,140	5,561	6,170	6,121	7,987	5,522	37,501
Russia	889	1,390	1,706	1,687	1,700	1,400	8,772
Singapore	1,747	2,221	2,647	2,598	2,664	2,137	14,014
Chinese Taipei	1,929	2,234	3,751	4,090	2,767	2,724	16,908
Thailand	2,880	3,694	4,288	3,798	3,793	3,429	21,882
United States	12,073	11,375	11,319	10,679	10,037	9,111	64,594
Viet Nam	1,018	1,409	1,817	1,774	1,781	1,556	9,355

USER FEEDBACK & RECOMMENDATIONS

During the 6-month's period between Jan 2008 and June 2008, 2,980 emails from the users have been logged in. In addition to the usual appreciative feedback, these emails can be grouped into the following categories:

Recommendations

- The system needs to be more user-friendly;
- More frequent update of Tariff data

Complaints

- Custom code not clear;
- Request to have updated tariff data.
- Had difficulty in finding duties code for some items;
- Out dated tariff data. And suggest to include information on preferential rates as most of the members have enter into several FTAsRTAs

Technical Assistance

- Need assistance to search tariff data by economy;
- Need assistance to retrieve the old tariff data;
- Need assistance on what is the difference on Duty Number, Duty Level and AV duty;
- Need assistance on how to understand/read the tariff data

Seeking Assistance

- Seek assistance on the explanation of acronyms.
- Seek assistance on how to apply the duty code on import items;
- Seek assistance on Mexico tariff data, suggest to have English version instead of Spanish

STATUS OF NEW DATA

Economy	Data Type	Received	Converted	Loaded to Review System	Approval to Publish Received	Loaded on Production System
Australia	2008 Tariff Schedule	Feb 2008	Apr 2008	Apr 2008	Jul 2008	Jul 2008
Brunei Darussalam	2001 Tariff Schedule					July 2001
Canada	2006 Tariff Schedule	Sep 2006	Oct 2006	Oct 2006	Nov 2006	Nov 2006
Chile	2003 Tariff Schedule	Jul 2003	Jul 2003	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Aug 2003
China	2003 Tariff Schedule	Jun 2005	Aug 2005	Aug 2005	Aug 2005	Aug 2005
Hong Kong, China	2006 Tariff Schedule	Dec 2006	Jan 2007	Jan 2007	Feb 2007	Feb 2007
Indonesia	2007 Tariff Schedule	Mar 2007	Apr 2007	Apr 2007		
Japan	2008 Tariff Schedule	Apr 2008				
Korea	2006 Tariff Schedule	Aug 2006	Sep 2006	Sep 2006	Nov 2006	Nov 2006
Malaysia	2006 Tariff Schedule	Mar 2006	Mar 2006	Mar 2006	Jul 2006	Jul 2006
Mexico	2002 Tariff Schedule	May 2002	Jun. 2002	Jun. 2002		
New Zealand	2008 Tariff Schedule	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Jul 2008	Jul 2008	
Papua New Guinea	2004 Tariff schedule	Feb 2004	Feb 2004	Feb 2004	Feb 2004	Feb 2004
Peru	2008 Tariff Schedule	Feb 2008				
Philippines	2006 Tariff Schedule	Feb 2007	Mar 2007	Mar 2007		
Russia						
Singapore	2005 Tariff Schedule	May 2005	May 2005	May 2005	Mar 2006	Apr 2006
Chinese Taipei	2008 Tariff Schedule	Feb 2008	Apr 2008	Apr 2008	Jul 2008	
Thailand	2003 Tariff schedule	Mar 2003	Mar 2003	Mar 2003	May 2003	May 2003
United States	2006 Tariff schedule	Aug 2006	Sep 2006	Sep 2006		
Vietnam						

VIETNAM AND RUSSIA – TARIFF SCHEDULE NOT SUBMITTED

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CONCLUSION

1. The TDB has been updated since the last SCCP Meeting. The Secretariat kindly urge the economies who have not submitted their updated TDB to do so as they are essential source of information for the APEC Business community and public in general.
2. Member economies are requested to provide Tariff Schedule updates, contact information, website URLs to the Secretariat at least once a year;
3. Member economies are exhorted to review and update with the Secretariat the contact list or any other information in this report.