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### Note for the attention of the 133 Committee

**SUBJECT:** *DDA : EC legal drafting for the NTB negotiations in NAMA*

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**OBJECTIVE:** *For discussion and comments*

**REMARKS:**

The Commission hereby submits for Member States' consideration its **draft legal texts on NTBs for NAMA** in the areas electronics, and textiles, clothing and footwear. The draft texts follow up on the NTB negotiating proposals submitted by the EC to the Negotiating Group on Market Access in April. It should be noted that the legal texts contain all specific NTBs raised in the earlier submissions, with the exception of those NTBs that will be pursued through bilateral request and offer (i.e., with respect to textiles, clothing and footwear, importer's registration systems, tariff quotas for footwear and export quality controls).

The drafts are still subject to some fine-tuning among Commission Services. However, the Commission considers that it was opportune to transmit them to Member States already at this stage, given the time constraints, the importance of having legal drafts in forthcoming consultations with other WTO Members, and the need to maintain the pressure on NTBs in NAMA more generally. The Commission intends to submit any final legal texts to the WTO well in advance of the next NAMA meeting.

**Member States are invited to take note of the drafts in annexes 1 and 2, and provide any comments by 12.00 (noon) on Thursday 27 July.** Any questions and comments on the NTB proposals should be sent to Joakim Reiter, DG Trade, Unit F.1 (email: joakim.reiter@cec.eu.int).