WTO AGRICULTURAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Doha and Beyond

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UPPORTED

Time frame
- Modalities by March 31, 2003
- Draft schedules by 5th Ministerial
ISSUES FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS

♣ UR FRAMEWORK
♣ NEW RULES/RULE CHANGES
♣ OTHER AREAS
ISSUES FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS
UR Framework

Market Access

Objective: Substantially reduce or eliminate tariffs, tariff disparities, and tariff escalation
Agree on formula for reductions in tariffs

Sectoral initiatives

Objective: Increase access under TRQs
Agree on formula for TRQ expansion.
Improve TRQ administration.
ISSUES FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS

UR Framework

Export Subsidies

Objective: Elimination

Agree on formula for reduction/elimination

Domestic Support

Objective: Reduce non-exempt support

Agree on reduction formula
ISSUES FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS

New Rules/Rule Changes

- State Trading Enterprises
- Export Taxes
- Export Credit Programs
- Non-Exempt Domestic Support
- “Green Box”
- “Development Box”
- Safeguards
- Peace Clause
ISSUES FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS

Other Areas

♣ Trade and Environment
♣ Subsidy Rules
♣ Implementation Issues
♣ TRIPs – Geographic Indications
PROSPECTS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS

- Doha an important success
- TPA
- Role of Developing Countries
- Momentum for reform