



Trade, markets and investments

Course: Agriculture in international trade agreements



Global and regional agreements set out the rules for countries' trade policies and define the policy space available within agriculture for reaching food security objectives. Therefore, balancing the achievement of national policy objectives with the obligations under trade agreements is critical. This course informs the treatment of agriculture in the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Agriculture (AoA) and regional trade agreements (RTAs) and aims to support policy makers to develop and implement appropriate agricultural development and food security strategies.



7 hours



Available in English

You will learn about

- The main provisions of the WTO AoA on market access, domestic support and export competition
- Key concerns in the agriculture negotiations of the Doha Round, focusing on the outcomes from previous WTO Ministerial Conferences
- The significance of non-tariff measures (NTMs) for international trade and the WTO agreements that deal with such measures, particularly Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
- Trends in RTAs and their provisions on policy areas relevant to agricultural trade, compared to those of multi-lateral trade agreements

Who is the course for?

This course is designed primarily for representatives from governments, for example Ministries of Agriculture, Trade, Economy and other entities directly involved in trade negotiations and in the formulation and implementation of agricultural policies and programmes. Private sector participants such as representatives of producer organizations or agro-industry as well as researchers interested in agricultural policy and trade analysis will also benefit from the course.

Key partners

This course has been developed by FAO with contributions by the WTO. Materials developed by the WTO used in its preparation include in particular the WTO E-Learning courses on "Agriculture in the WTO" and "Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures" developed for government officials from developing Members and Observers* (<https://ecampus.wto.org>) and the WTO Agreement series on agriculture and on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (<https://www.wto.org> => Agreement Series). The course material for the WTO E-Learning courses are for teaching and training purposes only.

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