



Electronic commerce at the WTO



Work Programme on Electronic Commerce

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• What is electronic commerce?

• The production, distribution, marketing, sale or delivery of goods and services by electronic means

How should it be addressed?

• Relation between e-commerce and WTO agreements; consideration of economic, financial, and development needs; examination of aspects related to the moratorium

Where should it be discussed?

General Council and relevant bodies

Thematic Dedicated Discussions in 2023



- Consumer protection
- Digital divide
- Legal and regulatory frameworks
- Digital trade facilitation and facilitation of electronic transactions
- Digital industrialization
- E-commerce-related technology transfer
- Moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions → definition, scope and impact

Work Programme on Electronic Commerce MC13 Ministerial Decision



- Reinvigoration of the Work Programme, with a focus on development
- Deepening discussions on e-commerce-related topics, building on previous Dedicated
 Discussions
- Continued discussions and examination of empirical evidence on scope, definition, and impact of the moratorium
- Cooperation with other intergovernmental organizations
- Periodic reviews and report to MC14, including with recommendations for action
- Extension of the moratorium until MC14 or 31 March 2026, whichever is earlier moratorium and the Work Programme will expire on that date



Joint Statement on Electronic Commerce

Status of negotiations



- Stabilized text circulated in July
- Operative provisions covering
 - digital trade facilitation
 - open digital environment
 - trust in e-commerce

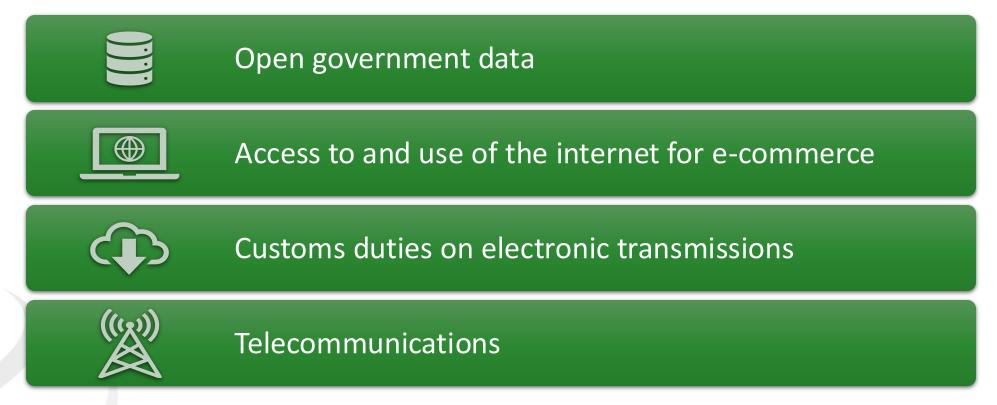
Digital trade facilitation



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am .	Electronic authentication and electronic signatures
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	Electronic invoicing
<u></u>	Paperless trading
	Single windows data exchange and system interoperability
	Electronic payments

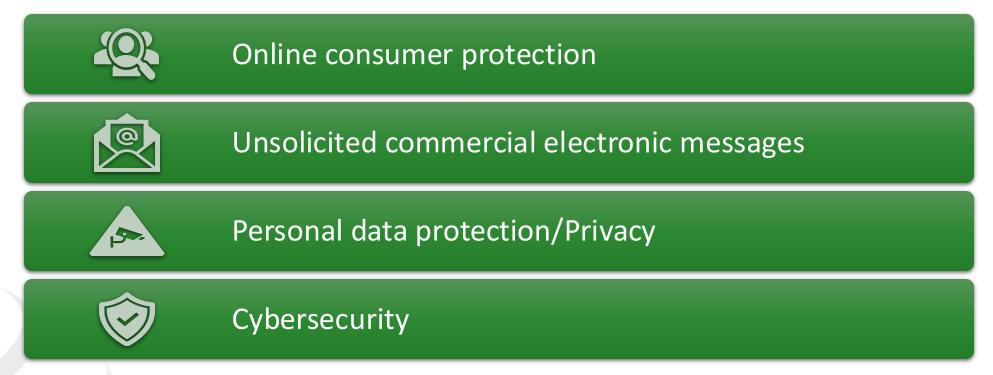
Open digital environment





Trust in e-commerce





Horizontal provisions



	Scope and general provisions
	Transparency
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	Development
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Thank you

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