



**GCC-Bureau of Technical Secretariat of Anti Injurious
Practices in International Trade**

**Workshop on
Mechanisms of Anti Injurious Practices in
International Trade.**

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In Coordination with

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GCC's Common Law



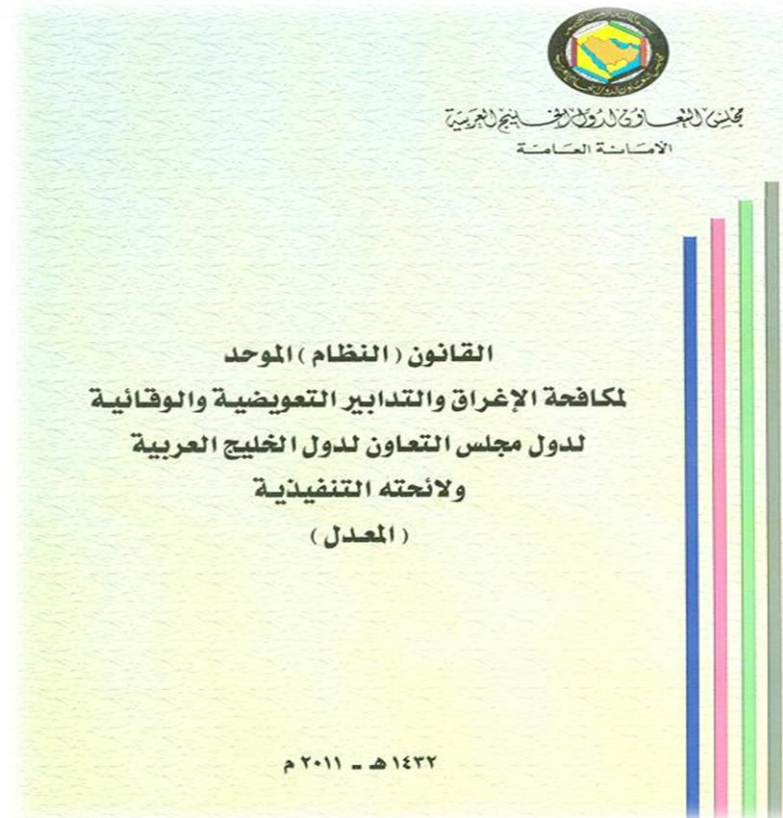
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GCC Common Law

1.Importance of the GCC Common Law.

2.Scope of Application.





3- Scope of Application

- ❑ This Law applies to injurious practices in international trade from non-GCC Member States toward the GCC Member States.
- ❑ The GCC markets represent one single market. (Common Market)





Entities Responsible for Implementing the Provisions of the Common Law

- 1) Ministerial Committee
- 2) Permanent Committee
- 3) Bureau of the Technical Secretariat (TSAIP)





Competences of the Ministerial Committee

1. Approving the imposition of definitive measures against dumping, specific subsidy and increase in imports, extending, suspending, terminating, and increasing or reducing definitive anti-dumping and countervailing measures.
2. Settling disputes that may arise between Member States regarding the interpretation and implementation of this Law.
3. Issuing the Rules of Implementation of this Law.



2- Permanent Committee

The Permanent Committee is composed of undersecretaries of concerned ministries of Member States or whomever in their status.





Competences of the Permanent Committee

1. Deciding whether to initiate an investigation, to reject a complaint, or to terminate the investigation.
2. Deciding on imposing provisional measures and accepting price undertakings.
3. Proposing to the Ministerial Committee the imposition of definitive anti- dumping measures, definitive countervailing measures and definitive safeguard measures against increased imports.



3- Bureau of the Technical Secretariat (TSAIP)

It is the Investigating Authority
for the GCC members in the
Complaints of Anti-Injurious
Practices in International Trade.





Competences of TSAIP

1. Receiving the complaints against injurious practices in international trade and related requirements.
2. Conducting investigations against injurious practices in international trade and all related reviews in accordance with this Law and its Rules of Implementations.
3. Following up the implementation of the Ministerial and Permanent Committee decisions.
4. Participating in the activities of related organizations and international forums.



Competences of TSAIP...Cont.'

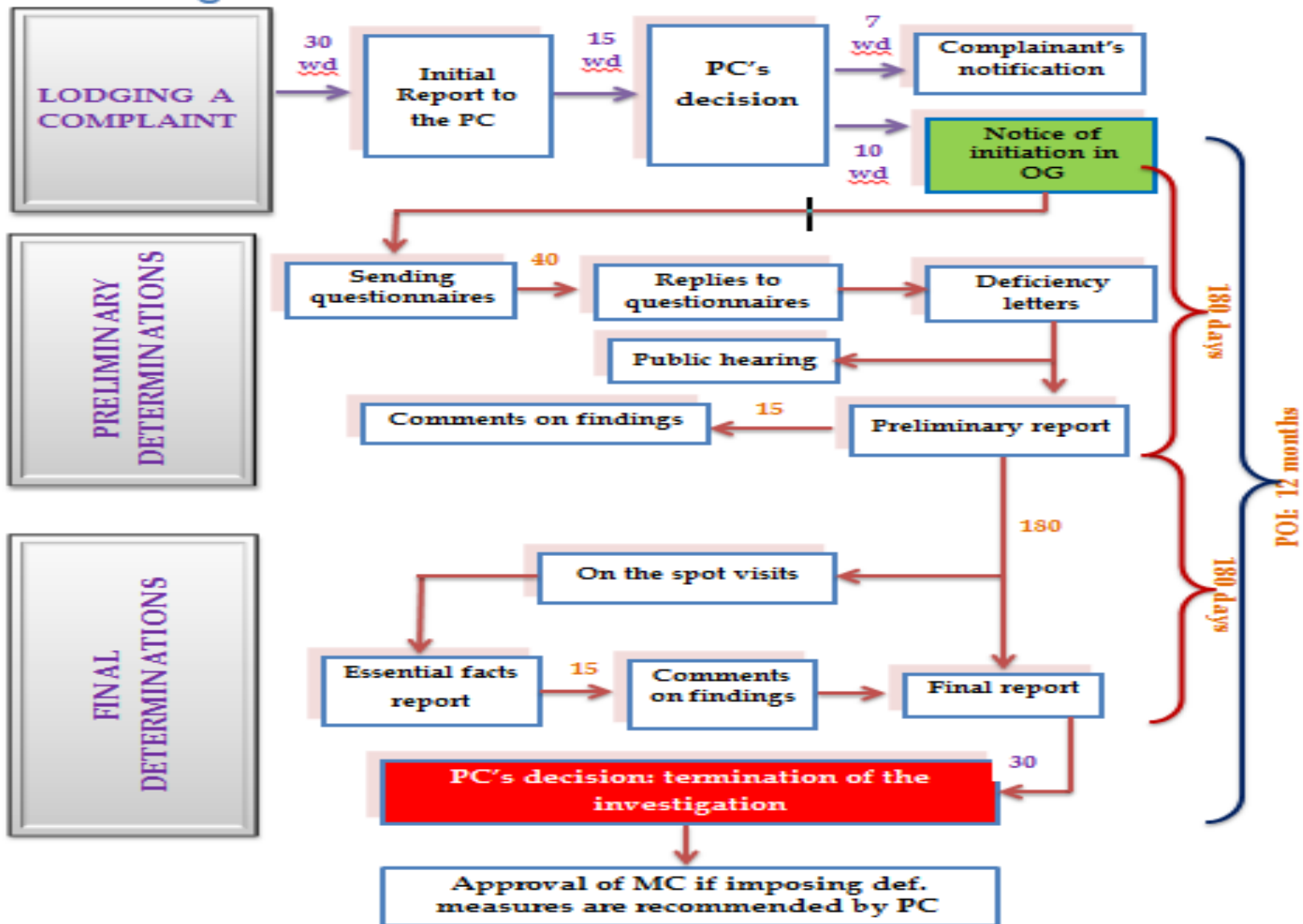
5. Providing consultancy and technical support to GCC producers and exporters who are facing dumping, subsidy and safeguards investigations in other countries and following such investigations in coordination with the concerned authorities of Member States.
6. Working on developing knowledge and raising Member States' awareness on the concepts of dumping, subsidy and increase in imports.



Investigation's chart

Stage	Deadline	Period	
Lodging a complaint	d_0	45 working days	Pre-Initiation
Initial Report to the PC	d_{0+30}		
Approval of Complaint by PC	d_{30+15}		
Notice of initiation in the Official Gazette (Starting investigation)	d_{45+10}	≤ 180 days	Investigation Period ≤ 360 days
Sending questionnaires by GCC-TSAIP	d_{55}		
Reply to questionnaires	d_{55+40}		
Public hearing			
Comments on findings (if prov. duties are recommended)	15 days		
Preliminary Report to PC			
Approval by PC	30 WD	≤ 180 days	
Imposing Provisional measures if any			
On the spot visits			
Disclosure of Essential Facts Report			
Comments on findings	15 days		
Final Report to PC			
Approval by PC (Termination of investigation)	30 WD		
Approving Definitive measures by MC (if recommended by PC)	No deadline		

TIMETABLE FOR AN INVESTIGATION





TSAIP INVESTIGATION:

- AD investigations: 3 cases
- Safeguard investigations: 3 cases



Notifications

GCC-TSAIP's experience

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Notifications

- Notifications required under WTO agreements are prepared by GCC-TSAIP.
- Required Notifications are notified to WTO through the presidency of GCC.

First unified notification on behalf of all GCC countries was in 2015



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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(B) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS
ON FINDING A SERIOUS INJURY OR THREAT THEREOF
CAUSED BY INCREASED IMPORTS**

NOTIFICATION OF A PROPOSAL TO IMPOSE A MEASURE

**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9, FOOTNOTE 2
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

BAHRAIN, KINGDOM OF; KUWAIT, THE STATE OF; OMAN, THE SULTANATE OF; QATAR,
THE STATE OF; SAUDI ARABIA, KINGDOM OF; AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
(COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF "GCC")

(Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel)

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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT
ON SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION
AND THE REASONS FOR IT**

KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

(COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF "GCC")

(Prepared additives for cements, mortars or concretes (chemical plasticizers))

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Thank you



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