

WTO Trade Negotiations Current Status

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Trade Agenda

- **Trade liberalization on multiple fronts**
 - **Globally (WTO)**
 - **Regionally (FTAA)**
 - **Bilaterally (ftas)**

Uruguay Round: First Steps in Agricultural Reform

■ Developed countries

- (1995-2000)

■ Tariffs

- -36% / -15%

■ Domestic support

- - 20% total AMS

■ Export subsidies

- -36% in value, and
- -21% in volume

■ Developing countries

- (1995-2004)

■ Tariffs

- -24% / -10%

■ Domestic support

- -13% total AMS

■ Export subsidies

- -24% in value, and
- -14% in volume

Doha Declaration: The Next Step in Agricultural Trade Reform

- **Comprehensive negotiations aimed at:**
 - **Substantial improvement in market access**
 - **Reductions in, with a view to phasing-out, all forms of export subsidies**
 - **Substantial reductions in trade-distorting domestic support**
- **Reduction commitments (Modalities) to be established by March 2003**

Doha Declaration: The Next Step in Agricultural Trade Reform

- **Special and differential treatment for developing countries integral part of the negotiations**
- **Take into account non-trade concerns such as:**
 - **Environmental**
 - **Food security**
 - **Rural development**

US Goals for WTO Agriculture Negotiations

- **Expand and improve market access through substantial reductions in tariffs and tariff disparities**
- **Eliminate export subsidies**
- **Reduce and harmonize trade-distorting domestic support**
- **Strengthen disciplines on State Trading Enterprises**

Timeline for Agricultural Negotiations

- **March 2000 - 2001: First phases of negotiations**
- **June 2000: U.S. submitted comprehensive proposal for reform**
- **March 2002 - 2003: Modality phase - Establishment of further rules and reduction commitments**
- **January 2005: Negotiations completed**

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