Welcome to our pages on WHO FCTC implementation and international trade law. The purpose of these pages is to provide WHO FCTC parties with a basic overview of the relationship between the WHO FCTC and international trade law, and the implications of international trade law for WHO FCTC implementation.

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The content in this section is intended to support the needs of parties as identified in COP decisions
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Note that international trade law is a distinct body of law from international investment law. The same
measure may be affected by both international trade law and international investment law. For
information about the implications of international trade law for WHO FCTC implementation, go
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