

DTIS ACTION MATRIX (Main Actions in Core Trade Policy Areas)

Objectives	Recommended Actions	Technical Assistance Needs	Funding Agencies	Priority (1- 3) Timeframe
Trade Policy				
Policies Directly Affecting Exports				
Develop Export Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize drafting and approval of Trade Policy and Export Strategy 		ITC	1,2005,Q4
Enable exporters to obtain inputs at world prices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streamline operating procedures for the duty drawback scheme; set targets for reimbursement of duties 	Paper on best practices	IF Trust Fund	1, 2005 Q4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve management of bonded warehouse and RIB 	Implementation of AYSCUDA will address this issue		2, 2005 Q4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operationalize procedures manual and operating guidelines prepared by MCTI prior to implementing the newly revised Export Processing Zone Act 	TA required to make Act operational.	IF Trust Fund	1, 2005 Q4
Policies Directly Affecting Imports				
Tariff Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish the Tariff Commission 	TA required to make the Commission operational	IF Trust Fund	2, 2005 Q4
Allow for contingent protection to address disruptive import surges as tariffs are lowered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the new legislation on safeguards consistent with the WTO, COMESA and SADC Agreements 	Training to develop public/private capacity to effectively use safeguards legislation		3, longer-term
Trade Facilitation				
Customs Modernization				
Upgrade equipment and infrastructure of ZRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support investment in the customs infrastructure and equipment at key border posts and improve performance 	Assess needs and prepare TA projects		2, 2006
Integrate border agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce integrated software management system for all border agencies; develop a single processing and payment window for all border agencies 			2, 2006
Reduce border clearance times while ensuring integrity and increased compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a Cargo Time Release Study to quantify the time involved in customs clearances 		IF Trust Fund	1, 2005 Q4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the training unit in ZRA to train staff and the private sector including clearing agents and forwarders 			3, medium-term
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request TA to look at the performance of AYSCUDA on the tax elements 			3, medium-term
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and improve transit procedures 			2, 2006
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simplify procedures for consolidated shipments 			2, 2006
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish fast track clearance for 'blue chip' traders 			1, 2006
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the capacity to implement post clearance audits 			2, 2006

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce and develop advance declaration processing • Decentralize the clearance of goods • ZRA to establish and make publicly available performance indicators on effectiveness and efficiency 				2, 2006 3, longer-term 1, 2006
Implement trade facilitation agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmonize legal and regulatory framework to conform to the Kyoto Protocol and SADC and COMESA agreements 				3, longer-term
Transportation Logistics					
Improved regulatory framework for transport/transit logistics/efficiency/costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise the Transport Act to remove the quantitative criteria for licensing commercial haulage; liberalize foreign air carrier landing rights; separate criteria for regulating passenger vs. freight transport on roads 				2, 2006
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set-up legal framework for licensing of clearing agents, bonded warehouses, terminal operators, and multimodal transport operators (and provide training) 				2,2006
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen technical and enforcement capacity of staff involved in transport regulation and administration 				2,2006
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transpose international transport agreements to national legislation 				2,2006
Reduce transit costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a transit strategy 				1, 2006
Accelerate investment in new transport infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a program to promote public-private partnerships for financing investments 	PSD to plan priorities and incentives			3, longer-term
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate investments in transport and inter-modal infrastructure and (bonded) warehouses 				3, longer-term
Augment capacity in transport industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize training in regulations, logistics and financial management, financial management, and marketing for providers of logistics services, including road transport operators and clearing agents. 				1, 2006
Safety & Quality Standards					
Improve standards setting procedure, administration and international conformity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend the Standards Act (1994) to separate standards testing from the regulatory functions of ZABS 	Legal and regulatory reform particularly for Mount Makulu and FDA	EDP9		1, 2005 Q4
Foster a private testing and certification industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create regulatory regime: licensing, taxation, etc. 		EDP9		2, 2006
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide incentives for a competitive private testing lab market 				2, 2006
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop multi-year transition plan for commercialization of public testing labs 				2,2006
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train staff in public and private sectors 				
Reorganize and strengthen ZABS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate standards set by FDA, Ministry of Agriculture, etc. • Develop system of standards conforming with international criteria 		EDP9		1, 2005 Q4 2, 2006

Trade Capacity and Policy Coordination

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Trade Institutions				
Improve the technical skills of officials with trade related responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a trade policy analysis unit in the MCTI. Expand and train trade staff in and outside government working on trade policy issues 			1, 2005 Q4
Increase understanding and the level of discourse on trade issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use NWGT to commission applied economic research from Zambian researchers/institutions collaborating with international researchers (such as the WBI, the ACBF) 	Support agencies outside government working on trade issues		2, 2006
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support establishment of Zambian Institute for Policy Analysis and Research (ZIPAR) with a dedicated trade economist 			2, 2006
Facilitate intergovernmental coordination of trade-related policies and programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporate the trade issues explicitly and fully into the interagency policy formulation and implementation mechanism created in the aftermath of the Livingstone Forum (ZBC, PSD Steering Committee, PCU) 	Support interagency activities with increased capacity to the Secretariat	JITAP	1, 2005 Q4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closely coordinate export promotion and PSD strategies 			1, 2005 Q3
Deepen public-private dialogue on trade-related issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen ZBF as an umbrella mechanism that can bring together the various private sector associations so that they speak with a common voice on common interests 	Strengthen dialogue between APEX body and various member groups	DFID, USAID	2, 2005-6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote NWGT link with ZBF, ZBC, PSD Steering Committee, and PCU; organize new sub-committees along sectoral lines 			1, 2005 Q3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include customs clearance and trade facilitation issues as a standing agenda item for NWGT. 	Support for technical staff and training		1, 2005 Q3
Mainstream trade into development policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure trade policy is firmly integrated in the forthcoming Poverty Reduction Strategy Program (PRSP) and National Development Plan (NDP) 	Prepare background notes or chapters on trade for PRSP and NDP		1, 2005 Q4
Market Access				
Effective Participation in trade negotiations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve understanding of Zambian trade negotiators and the private sector of WTO and other trade agreements. Prepare negotiating position papers for WTO, EPA, and other negotiations Identify products and markets of export interest 	Train staff to support MCTI in their participation and implementation of trade agreements		2, continuous
WTO Government Procurement Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate the relative costs and benefits of implementation 	Consultants for study		3, 2006
Compliance with TBT Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the Notification and Enquiry Points 	Training and equipment required		2, 2006
Ensure effective implementation of COMESA and SADC FTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press for reduction of the non-tariff barriers to trade and liberalization of rules of origin 	Support increased cooperation between SADC and COMESA regional secretariats		1, 2005 Q3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop regional supply chains based on comparative advantage in collaboration with SADC and COMESA 			2, 2006