



**Introductory issues & background material  
Trade workshop 15 June 2020**

**News archive of the WTO on the recent Joint initiative on Services Domestic Regulation:**

[https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/archive\\_e/jssdr\\_arc\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/archive_e/jssdr_arc_e.htm)

**EP parliamentary questions concerning Domestic Regulations and necessity tests to Commissioner Malmström (2015) – “Right to regulate and necessity tests in the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA)”:**

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-8-2015-012905\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-8-2015-012905_EN.html)

**Domestic Regulation & “FOOD FOR THOUGHT” (Training module):** Could you give examples of sectors where the above policy objectives are relevant? What measures might be used?

[https://www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_e/serv\\_e/cbt\\_course\\_e/c3s1p2\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/serv_e/cbt_course_e/c3s1p2_e.htm)

**For a good overview on pending issues and the policy agenda behind** tightened trade disciplines on domestic regulation (from bilateral FTAs over the plurilateral TiSA negotiations to the WTO): Third World Network briefing on „Some analyses of domestic regulation disciplines – compilation for MC11“:

[https://ourworldisnotforsale.net/2017/TWN\\_DRD\\_analysis.pdf](https://ourworldisnotforsale.net/2017/TWN_DRD_analysis.pdf)

**ICTSD POLICY BRIEF – JUNE 2018: Negotiating Disciplines on Domestic Regulations in Services**

[https://www.ictsd.org/sites/default/files/research/wto\\_paths\\_forward\\_negotiating\\_disciplines\\_on\\_domestic\\_regulations\\_in\\_services-policy\\_brief\\_final.pdf](https://www.ictsd.org/sites/default/files/research/wto_paths_forward_negotiating_disciplines_on_domestic_regulations_in_services-policy_brief_final.pdf)

**PSI SPECIAL REPORT: The Trade in Services Agreement and the corporate agenda. TiSA versus Public Services** (chapter on domestic regulation: p.12-14)

[http://www.world-psi.org/sites/default/files/documents/research/en\\_tisaresearchpaper\\_final\\_web.pdf](http://www.world-psi.org/sites/default/files/documents/research/en_tisaresearchpaper_final_web.pdf)

**TiSA Troubles: services, democracy and corporate rule in the Trump era** (section on TISA’S DOMESTIC REGULATION ANNEX: p.34-35)

[https://www.policyalternatives.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/publications/National%20Office/2017/07/TiSA%20Troubles\\_Final.pdf](https://www.policyalternatives.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/publications/National%20Office/2017/07/TiSA%20Troubles_Final.pdf)

**AK/ÖFSE Study “Assess TiSA”:** case studies (p.41-50) and policy recommendations for better protection of regulatory policy space in FTAs (50-52):

[https://www.oefse.at/fileadmin/content/Downloads/Publikationen/Studien/6\\_Assess\\_TiSA.pdf](https://www.oefse.at/fileadmin/content/Downloads/Publikationen/Studien/6_Assess_TiSA.pdf)

**“E15 Expert Group on Services” at WEF 2016: Rethinking Services in a Changing World** (section p.19-21)

<https://e15initiative.org/publications/rethinking-services-changing-world/>

**Lobbying of the European Services Forum** dealing with WTO disciplines on Services Domestic Regulation

<http://www.esf.be/new/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/ESF-Position-Paper-on-the-WTO-Disciplines-on-Services-Domestic-Regulation-15-January-2019-Final.pdf>

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ESF Position Paper on WTO Disciplines on Services Domestic Regulation