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Stock Taking on the User Guide for Exporters Involved in Trade Defence Investigations

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BUSINESSEUROPE's TDI Position

TDI - Legitimate tool in international trade

- Clear legal framework to address problems
- Prevents beggar-thy-neighbor policies
- Need rules for certainty and predictability



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- Strengthen WTO rules for a level playing field
- Address new issues:
 - Raw Materials restrictions
 - Subsidies



Importance of SMEs in TDI

- SMEs need help dealing with
 - Dumping in EU markets
 - Trade investigations in foreign markets
- EU's TDI rules are stricter than WTO legislation



Main Problems for Industry in 3rd Countries

- Lack of predictability and understanding
- Complexity of defending industry rights in 3rd countries (new member states)
- Cost of defending rights (USA/Canada)
- Fear of retaliation (China/India)
- Fear of technology and/or commercial theft (China)



User Guide – Initial Views

- Comments from Industry:
 - Explain the rights of the exporter industry
 - Specify EU particularities compared with WTO (lesser duty rules, community interest, etc.)
 - Clarify decision-making processes
 - Glossary on technical terms



Further EU Support

- Commission support
 - Alert EU exporters
 - Help with questionnaires
 - Direct support against technology theft
- External Action Service
 - Gather evidence
 - Support exporters

