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European Union assists PNG in preparation of trade defence legislation and operationalisation of an investigating unit

The EU-PNG Trade Related Assistance Phase 2 (TRA) Programme has started implementing an activity to support the Department of Trade, Commerce and Industry in the preparation of trade defence (anti-dumping, anti-subsidy and safeguard) legislation and on the operationalisation of the trade defence unit. Trade defence instruments are essential tools to defend domestic industries from unfair trading practices (dumping and/or subsidisation), or imports surges, that cause injury to them.

During the first mission, Mr. Marius Bordalba, a Trade Defence Expert and Technical Advisor to the EU-TRA 2 Component 1, prepared legal texts regulating anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigations. These texts are based on the relevant WTO Agreements as well as best regulatory practices, including the EU anti-dumping and anti-subsidy basic Regulations. Texts regulating safeguards are under preparation. After being validated by the Department of Trade, Commerce and Industry, the draft texts will be presented and discussed with other public institutions and the private sector.

In parallel, Mr. Bordalba presented recommendations for the operationalisation of the trade defence unit, including on the residency of the unit, human resources and capacity building thereof, IT and financing. These recommendations were discussed with the Trade Division of the Department of Trade, Commerce and Industry. Capacity building of officials in the Trade Division of the Department of Trade, Commerce and Industry has already started with a lecture and an exercise on dumping determination and calculation.

The second mission of the expert will focus on the finalisation of the draft normative texts; the capacity building of the Trade Division of the Department of Trade, Commerce and Industry as well as of other public institutions and the private sector; and the completion and presentation of an analysis of domestic industries that may be affected by unfair trading practices and/or import surges.

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