

To: Art. 4(1)b (TRADE); Art. 4(1)b (TRADE); Art. 4(1)b (TRADE); Art. 4(1)b (TRADE)
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On behalf of Art. 4(1)b

Meeting Report

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EFPIA expressed industry's interest in digital trade developments, both in bilateral negotiations and in the WTO. EFPIA highlighted its significant commercial interest, notably, concerning the cross-border transfer of patient data (a form of data flows). EFPIA also noted the increasing importance of health data applications and of the interoperability of international health data regulations.

The association is currently working on a submission in the context of the public consultation on the Commission's Data Package.

DG TRADE explained the main content of the Digital Trade Title currently being negotiated with AUS, NZ, INDN, CL and TUN. DG TRADE also explained the state of play of the WTO negotiations on e-commerce and the expectations for the WTO Ministerial scheduled for June 2020.