

E-COMMERCE REGULATION AFTER MC12: WHERE ARE WE, WHERE ARE WE HEADING?

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WEBINAR

Spurred on by the lack of progress under the 1998 WTO's Work Programme on E-Commerce and the demands of an increasingly data-driven economy, selected WTO Members launched the negotiations on the Joint Statement Initiative (JSI) on E-Commerce at the side lines of the WTO Ministerial Conference (MC) in 2017. Throughout the intense negotiations, the participating Members have made numerous submissions on the various rights and obligations that they would like to take upon in a future agreement on e-commerce. Some issues, like those in the domain of digital trade facilitation, have had swift support. Yet, thornier issues, like notably those linked to cross-border data flows, have fallen victim to diverging approaches. This webinar gives us an opportunity to take stock and discuss what has been achieved and what the sticking points of the JSI are, taking also into consideration the state of affairs after MC12 and the dynamic landscape of digital trade rulemaking in bilateral and regional free trade agreements.

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