Vacancy Notice No.: EXT/F/14-5
Title: Dispute Settlement Lawyer
Grade: 7
Contract Type: Fixed-term
Starting Salary: CHF 90,429 net per annum (approximate)

Issued on: 28 April 2013
Application Deadline (CET): 26 May 2014
Division: Appellate Body Secretariat (9017)
Duration: Two years with the possibility of extension

Other Conditions: In accordance with WTO Staff Regulations and Staff Rules and WTO Pension Plan Regulations.
The World Trade Organization offers an attractive compensation package including an annual net salary (subject to mandatory deductions for pension contributions and health insurance), dependency benefits, pension plan, health insurance scheme, separation grant, and 30 days annual leave. Benefits for internationally recruited staff may include travel and removal expenses on appointment and separation, installation grant, education grant, rental subsidy, and home leave. Additional information on the compensation package is provided on the WTO website: http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/vacan_e/comp_package_e.pdf.

The Secretariat of the WTO is seeking to fill the position of Dispute Settlement Lawyer in the Appellate Body Secretariat. Serving staff members interested in the position are also invited to apply.

General Functions

1. Under the supervision of senior lawyers, deliver substantive technical and legal advice and assistance to Appellate Body Members.

2. Under the supervision of senior lawyers, conduct research on complex substantive technical and legal issues arising in the context of appellate proceedings and arbitrations. Prepare written analyses of these and related issues as required.

3. Report, upon request and as appropriate, to Appellate Body Members, and to the Director of the Appellate Body Secretariat, on the activities of WTO bodies, in particular, the Dispute Settlement Body.

4. Deliver technical assistance and training on the substance and implementation of WTO agreements and dispute settlement practices and procedures; make presentations in academic conferences and other settings. Contribute to the development of training materials, internal research materials, and WTO publications.
REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education:
An advanced university degree in law, including studies in international trade law and public international law. Studies in international economics would be an advantage, as would be a licence or eligibility to be licensed to practice law in at least one municipal jurisdiction.

Knowledge and Skills:
Knowledge of international trade law, the WTO agreements, and WTO jurisprudence. Familiarity with international legal and economic principles and issues, and with adjudicative processes and practice, in particular those of the WTO.
Excellent research, drafting and analytical skills and the ability to pay close attention to detail. The ability to present thoughts in a logical, succinct, and coherent manner, both orally and in written form; to work independently as well as cooperate with others in a diverse international setting; to persuade others through sound argumentation and advice while remaining flexible and open to different points of view and evolving approaches; to meet strict deadlines within a dynamic work environment. Highly developed tact and discretion and the ability to adhere rigorously to set rules of conduct ensuring confidentiality, impartiality and an absence of conflicts of interest.

Work Experience:
A minimum of three years of relevant practical experience in the area of international trade law, preferably with a mixture of private/public/academic sector work. Experience in national or international trade-related litigation and/or within judicial institutions, quasi-judicial agencies or trade remedies authorities of Members would be an asset.

Languages:
Excellent English, including a demonstrated ability to write accurately, concisely, clearly and within tight deadlines. Good knowledge of French and/or Spanish is desirable.

Additional Information:
The position may be offered at a lower grade if the selected candidate does not fully meet all the required qualifications.

Only applications from nationals of WTO Members will be accepted.

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APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO SIT A WRITTEN EXAMINATION

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APPLICANTS WILL BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY IF SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW

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Online applications are strongly encouraged to enable the WTO to store your profile in a permanent database.

Please visit the WTO's E-Recruitment website at:  www.wto.org.
The system provides instructions for online application procedures.

All applicants are encouraged to apply online as soon as possible after the vacancy has been posted and well before the closing date – Central European Time (CET) – stated in the vacancy announcement.

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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