

Technical consultation workshop

The scope of the MAC Protocol and the Harmonized System

Monday 9 September 12:30 – 18:00

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The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), in partnership with the Cape Town Convention Academic Project, is pleased to convene a technical consultation event in relation to the future fourth Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Mining, Agricultural and Construction Equipment (the “[MAC Protocol](#)”). The event will be hosted by the Harris Manchester College Commercial Law College at the University of Oxford.

This event will bring together legal experts, government representatives and industry stakeholders to discuss the relationship between the MAC Protocol and the Harmonized System (HS), with a particular focus on:

- The use of “HS codes” to define the application of the MAC Protocol in relation to mining, agricultural and construction (MAC) equipment
- The HS codes currently proposed for inclusion in the MAC Protocol
- How the MAC Protocol will adapt to revisions to the Harmonized System

Please register your participation (free of charge) by sending an email to h.hameed@unidroit.org.

Draft Agenda	
12:30 – 13:00	Registration
13:00 – 13:30	Light lunch provided by Harris Manchester College
13:30 – 13:35	Welcome from the co-Chairs <i>Louise Gullifer (Professor of Commercial Law, University of Oxford)</i> <i>Ignacio Tirado (Secretary-General, UNIDROIT)</i>
13:35 – 13:45	Opening Remarks <i>Sir Roy Goode (Author of the Convention and Protocols Official Commentaries)</i>
Session 1: The MAC Protocol and the Harmonized System	
13:45 – 14:05	Introduction to the Cape Town Convention and MAC Protocol <i>Anna Veneziano (Deputy Secretary-General, UNIDROIT)</i>
14:15 – 14:35	Introduction to the Harmonized System (HS) <i>Gael Grooby (Deputy Director, Tariff and Trade Directorate, WCO)</i>
14:35 – 14:55	Use of the Harmonized System to define the scope of the MAC Protocol <i>Louise Gullifer (Professor of Commercial Law, University of Oxford)</i>
14:55 – 15:15	Discussion
<i>15:15 – 15:30</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
Session 2: Selection of HS codes for inclusion in the MAC Protocol Annexes	
15:30 – 15:50	Examination of the HS codes listed in the draft MAC Protocol Annexes <i>Simon Stanley (Research Attorney, NatLaw)</i> <i>Hamza Hameed (Legal Consultant, UNIDROIT)</i>
15:50 – 16:05	Private sector role in establishing the scope of the MAC Protocol <i>Phil Durham (Secretary-General, MAC Working Group)</i>
16:05 – 16:20	Discussion
Session 3: How to amend the MAC Protocol to accommodate periodic revisions to the HS	
16:20 – 16:40	Development of the amendment article in the draft MAC Protocol <i>Teresa Rodriguez De Las Heras Ballell (Professor, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)</i>
16:40 – 16:55	The UNIDROIT Secretariat's MAC Protocol amendment mechanism proposal <i>William Brydie-Watson (Senior Legal Officer, UNIDROIT)</i>
16:55 – 17:45	Expert Roundtable discussion on the MAC Protocol amendment mechanism
17:45 – 18:00	Closing of the event by co-Chairs
18:15 – 19:00	Evening drinks hosted by Harris Manchester College