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Good Practices in Notification Preparation

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Outline

- Determining the Necessity to Notify under the TBT Agreement
- Completing the Notification Format
- Exchange of Experiences
- Best Practices



Determining the Necessity to Notify under the TBT Agreement

How to find about new or amended measures

- Review government gazettes or departmental web sites for proposed measures
- Advised by regulator of proposed measures

What to Notify

- Technical Regulations
- Conformity Assessment Procedures

Determine if measure meets the definitions in the TBT Agreement

Necessary to Notify Consider:

- International standard – whether exists or content similar
- Effect on trade
- Interests of transparency

When to Notify



Completing the notification format...

Section 1:

- Member notifying
- If applicable, local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2)

Section 2:

Agency responsible:

- Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above

Section 3:

- Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
 - *Proposed*: Articles 2.9.2 (technical regulations) and 5.6.2 (conformity assessment procedures)
 - *Urgent adopted*: Articles 2.10.1 (technical regulations) and 5.7.1 (conformity assessment procedures)
 - *Other*: Articles 3.2, 7.2, 8.1, 9.2



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Section 4:

- Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable)

Section 5:

- Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document

Section 6:

- Description of content

Section 7:

- Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable



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Section 8:

- Relevant documents

Section 9:

- Proposed date of adoption Proposed date of entry into force

Section 10:

- Final date for comments

Section 11:

- Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body



Other Notification Formats

Routine Notifications

- Addenda
- Revisions
- Corrigenda



Mechanics of Notification

- Set out in TBT Committee documents
 - Establishes format and requires a clear and descriptive outline of the regulatory proposal (extract from RIAS)
 - Electronic link to full text in notification format - box #11
- Notifications are sent by the Enquiry Point to the WTO Central Registry of Notifications (CRN) and stakeholders in one email with a cc to some bilateral FTA partners
- WTO CRN distributes notifications from all trading partners



Best Practices to Facilitate the Preparation of Notifications

- Consistent mechanisms to learn of new or amended measures
- Systematic procedures to screen/assess relevant measures
- Adherence to recommendations regarding use and completion of TBT formats
- Established service standards



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