

**Regional Workshop on Trade Barriers to Trade for**

**Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus Countries**

9 – 11 April 2019

Vienna, JVI

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| 9 April | | |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | **Registration** |  |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | **Opening** (WTO) |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | **Round-the-table introductions** (All) |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | *Coffee – Tea* |
| 10:15 – 12:00 | **Overview and context**  *The WTO, Non-tariff Measures and the TBT Agreement*  The purposes, scope and key principles of the TBT Agreement. Linkage with other WTO Agreements: SPS, Trade Facilitation Agreement. Why do these Agreements matter? How do they complement each other? (WTO) |
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| 12:00 – 13:30 | *Lunch* | |
| 13:30 – 15:30 | **Transparency**  Disciplines on transparency, notification procedures, Discussion on functions of an Enquiry Point/Notification Authority/ Regulatory Agencies; mechanisms for national coordination; online TBT transparency tools ePing, TBT IMS, TBT NSS. (WTO) |  |
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| 15:30 – 15:45 | *Coffee – Tea* |
| 15:45 – 17:00 | **Monitoring and Review**  How does the TBT Committee work, what is its function? What types of issues are raised at the WTO in the TBT Committee? Specific trade concerns; the "normative work": outcome of the Eighth Triennial Review and the work programme for 2019. (WTO) |

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| 10 April | | | | |
| 9:00 – 10.30 | **Technical Regulations**  What does the WTO say about the development of technical regulations? What are the "good regulatory practices"? To what extent are technical regulations harmonized in the region? What is the relationship between standards and technical regulations.  (WTO) | |  | |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | *Coffee - Tea* | |
| 10:45 – 12:30 | **Standards**  How do standards support the development of Technical Regulations? Why are standards important for international trade? What are the benefits of standards? What is the role of national standardizing body? (WTO) | |  | |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00 – 15:45 | **International Standards**  What is the role of international standards – and what role to international standardizing *bodies* have? To what extent do international and regional standards help participant countries harmonize national technical regulations? (WTO, Invited Organizations) | |  | |
| 15:45 - 16:00 | *Coffee – Tea* | |  | |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | **Conformity Assessment and Quality Infrastructure**  What do WTO rules say about conformity assessment? What are the "parts" – or "elements" of a national quality infrastructure. (metrology, standardization, conformity assessment, accreditation). How can regulators use the QI to develop measures consistent with the Agreement? How QI work at the regional level? (WTO, Invited Organizations) | |
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| 11 April | | | | |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | **Summary exercise**  (Participants) | | |  |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | *Coffee – Tea* | | |
| 10:45 – 12:30 | **Wrap-up Panel: what's next for TBT?**  What are the key "take-aways" from the workshop? What are the main challenges in the region looking ahead? How to make regional cooperation on regulatory matters more effective to facilitate trade – what are the best tools? (Participants – WTO) | | |  |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | *Lunch* | | | |
| 14:00 – 15.00 | **Evaluation and Closure**  (All) |  | | |
| 15:00 | *Goodbye coffee and tea* |

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