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TECHNICAL BARRIER TO TRADE (TBT) AGREEMENT TRANSPARENCY WORKSHOP

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Standards and regulations have a significant impact on trade flows. Transparency, a cornerstone of the TBT Agreement, facilitates timely access to and dialogue on evolving regulatory requirements by public and private stakeholders.

This TBT transparency workshop, targeting officials working in TBT Enquiry Points and Notification Authorities, will focus on the following areas:

1. **Transparency provisions.** The workshop will assist participants in connecting the dots between transparency provisions, TBT Enquiry Point functions and the work of the TBT Committee;
2. **Digital tools.** The workshop will put emphasis on the use of digital tools, in particular ePing, for the management of TBT information and communication with domestic stakeholders and international counterparts;
3. **Network of Enquiry Point officials:** The workshop will present an opportunity for enquiry point officials to learn from each other on good practices on transparency and coordination at national, regional and international levels and build relationships for future cooperation.

Participants will also have the opportunity to attend the TBT Committee's meeting dedicated to transparency and the functioning of enquiry points on 23-24 June.

TBT Transparency Workshop (23-27 June 2025)

| | Monday – 23 June | Tuesday – 24 June | Wednesday – 25 June | Thursday – 26 June | Friday – 27 June |
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| Morning 9.00-12.30 | Opening session <i>(Introduction to course/group/speakers/external experts)</i> <hr/> How to apply and benefit from the TBT transparency framework <i>(Transparency provisions, role of enquiry points)</i> Resource persons: WTO/External experts | TBT Special meeting on Transparency (cont'd) <i>(Exchange of experiences on following up on and commenting on notifications)</i> Resource persons: External experts and participants | Deep dive on preparing notifications <i>(Presentation and practical work in using the new notification formats)</i> Resource persons: External experts and participants | Operation of Enquiry Points <i>(Domestic and international coordination)</i> <hr/> Group work <i>(Improving the Enquiry Point Guide)</i> Resource persons: WTO, external experts and participants | Role of Transparency Working Group <i>(Results achieved so far and ongoing work in light of Committee recommendations)</i> Resource persons: WTO, external experts |
| | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |
| Afternoon 14.00-17.00 | TBT Special Meeting on Transparency <i>(Exchange of experiences on implementation of transparency provisions)</i> Resource persons: External experts and participants | Thematic sessions <i>(Special and differential treatment)</i> <i>(Good regulatory practices)</i> Resource persons: External experts and participants | ePing <i>(Hands on training, sharing experiences in using ePing to improve transparency and engage with domestic stakeholders)</i> Resource persons: WTO, external experts | Commenting on notifications <i>(Presentation of Good Practice Guide on How to Comment on a Notification)</i> <hr/> Group work <i>(Preparing a guide for the private sector)</i> Resource persons: WTO, external experts and participants | Briefing with the TBT Committee Chair <hr/> Wrap up, next steps and evaluation |