



**WORKSHOP ON TRANSPARENCY AND COORDINATION  
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FIFTH REVIEW

*Submission from Brazil*

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Submission of notifications: measures that may relate to both the SPS and TBT Agreements

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**1 INTRODUCTION OF RELEVANT PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURAL ASPECTS BY THE SECRETARIAT**

- Coverage of the SPS and TBT Agreements: Distinctions of scope of SPS and TBT measures. How to understand the different coverage of the two Agreements. Procedural aspects of SPS and TBT notifications: Review of transparency provisions and procedures applicable to regulations that might contain relevant elements under both the SPS and TBT Agreements. Different approaches: single or separate notifications? Specific trade concerns and WTO dispute settlement reports that have implications for the transparency provisions of TBT and SPS Agreements. For this session, the Secretariat could update and expand on the subject, building upon relevant information:
  - o Recommended Procedures for Implementing the Transparency Obligations of the SPS Agreement (G/SPS/7/Rev.4);
  - o Secretariat Notes on coverage of the SPS and TBT Agreements (G/SPS/W/32) and problems with notifications (G/SPS/W/17); and
  - o Discussions held in the Thematic Session on Transparency on the TBT Committee, to be held in June 2019.
- Speakers: WTO Secretariat (SPS and TBT), Independent Experts

**2 MEMBERS' EXPERIENCE WITH SUBMITTING NOTIFICATIONS AND INCOMING NOTIFICATIONS**

- Members' different perspectives on how to notify regulations or measures that have requirements under both the SPS and TBT Agreements. Members' assessment of the cost of notifying in both Committees compared to the costs of not acknowledging a notification because of doubts regarding the scope of the measure. Members' experiences with incoming notifications/trade implications. Members' experiences in submitting notifications. Members' Enquiry Points reports on their experiences and recommendations regarding ways to improve notification of measures that contain elements of both SPS and TBT Agreements.
  - Speakers: SPS Committee Members, representatives from National Authorities
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