



**WORKSHOP ON TRANSPARENCY
MONDAY, 20 JUNE 2022
WTO, CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD, GENEVA**

PROGRAMME

Note by the Secretariat¹

1. In November 2021, the SPS Committee agreed that the SPS thematic workshop to be held in June 2022 would focus on transparency. As explained at the March 2022 SPS Committee meetings, the workshop would offer an opportunity to provide further training on the new ePing SPS&TBT Platform that went live on 28 March 2022. Members will also be invited to share their experiences on the use of outreach/communication functionalities.
2. By way of background, the new Platform integrates all SPS and TBT transparency tools as well as the ePing alert system into a single platform. It includes various functions related to notifications, STCs, and information exchange, and is available for use by both Members and the broader public, including the private sector.
3. Members are invited to submit comments on this first draft programme and suggest speakers by **Friday, 22 April 2022**. The Secretariat will circulate a revised version of the programme after taking into consideration the comments received.
4. The workshop will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on Monday, 20 June 2022, beginning at 10:00 (CET). The workshop can be attended in person or virtually (platform TBC).
5. In addition, a "notifications clinic" will be held virtually at 15:00 (CET) (platform TBC) and will afford SPS notification authorities and enquiry points the possibility to address any concerns on the use of the notification submission functionalities of the ePing SPS&TBT Platform, in direct consultation with the Secretariat.
6. Interpretation will be provided in English, French, and Spanish for both the workshop and the "notifications clinic".

¹ This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of Members or to their rights and obligations under the WTO.

WORKSHOP ON TRANSPARENCY – DRAFT PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 20 JUNE 2022 (10:00–13:00)

<p>Opening remarks by the Chairperson of the SPS Committee</p> <p>Overview of the workshop and its objectives</p>
<p>Session 1: Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Overview of the transparency provisions of the SPS Agreement and of relevant Committee/Ministerial Decisions</i> <p>Speaker(s): WTO Secretariat</p>
<p>Session 2: Transparency work in the TBT Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Report on ongoing transparency-related work in the TBT Committee</i> <p>Speaker(s): WTO Secretariat</p>
<p>Session 3: WTO tools and sources of SPS information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Documents Online; ePing SPS&TBT Platform; eAgenda; Trade Concerns Database</i> <p>Speaker(s): WTO Secretariat</p>
<p>Session 4: Overview of the new ePing SPS&TBT Platform</p> <p>Speaker(s): WTO Secretariat</p>
<p>Session 5: Outreach functions of the new ePing SPS&TBT Platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Overview of outreach functions</i> <p>Speaker(s): WTO Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Members' experiences in using outreach and communication functions: national and international fora; sharing of information on notifications (comments, unofficial translations, other)</i> <p>Speaker(s): TBC</p>
<p>Closing remarks</p>

NOTIFICATIONS CLINIC

MONDAY, 20 JUNE 2022 (15:00-16:30)

<p>"Notifications clinic" dedicated to the notification submission functions of the new ePing SPS&TBT Platform</p> <p>This session targets SPS notification authorities and enquiry points or other officials involved in completing and submitting notifications. It will afford them the possibility to address any concerns on the use of the notification submission functionalities of the ePing SPS&TBT Platform.</p>
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