



Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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

PROGRAMME

Note by the Secretariat¹

Revision

1. At its November 2021 meeting, 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 will offer an opportunity to provide further training on the new [ePing SPS&TBT Platform](#) that went live on 28 March 2022. Members were also invited to share their experiences on the use of the 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, specific trade concerns (STCs), and information exchange, and is available for use by both Members and the broader public, including the private sector. In particular, users can register to receive email alerts on notifications of products and/or markets of interest and reach out to notification authorities and enquiry point officials. The Platform allows officials with additional rights to submit SPS (and TBT) notifications to the WTO.
3. The draft programme was circulated on 8 April 2022. Members were invited to submit comments on that programme and suggest speakers. The Secretariat is circulating this final version of the programme in advance of the workshop.
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 (via Zoom, please register through the [link](#)).
5. In addition, a "notifications clinic" will be held virtually at 15:00 (CET) (via Zoom, please register through the [link](#)), 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 new 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.

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<p>Opening remarks by Mr Juteau Déadjufo Toussé, 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: Mr Rolando Alcalá, WTO Secretariat</p>
<p>Session 2: Transparency work in the TBT Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Ongoing transparency-related work in the TBT Committee</i> <p>Speaker: Ms Serra Ayrál, 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: Ms Nazia Mohammed, WTO Secretariat</p>
<p>Session 4: Overview of the new ePing SPS&TBT Platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Introduction to the new ePing SPS&TBT Platform; overview of the notification submission and the outreach/communication functions, among others.</i> <p>Speakers: Mr Rolando Alcalá and Ms Carmina Báez, WTO Secretariat</p>
<p>Session 5: Sharing of experiences related to the use of the new ePing SPS&TBT Platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Experiences and other initiatives related to the use of the new ePing SPS&TBT Platform, in particular, the use of the outreach and communication functions in national and international fora (e.g. sharing of information on notifications, i.e. comments, unofficial translations, etc.).</i> <p>Speaker: Mr Vianney Lesaffre, International Trade Centre (ITC)</p>
<p>Closing remarks by Mr Juteau Déadjufo Toussé, Chairperson of the SPS Committee</p>

NOTIFICATIONS CLINIC

MONDAY, 20 JUNE 2022 (15:00-16:30)**"Notifications clinic" dedicated to the notification submission functions of the new ePing SPS&TBT Platform**

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 new ePing SPS&TBT Platform.