



Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NINTH TRIENNIAL REVIEW TIMELINE¹

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In light of the mandate in Article 15.4², the Committee is scheduled to complete its Ninth Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the TBT Agreement at its last meeting in 2021. As with previous Triennial Reviews³, the review process will be driven by substantive proposals from Members. Members are invited to begin submitting proposals in advance of the October 2020 meeting. Proposals will be discussed on a rolling basis at the meetings subsequent to submission.

- a. **27-29 October 2020**: TBT Committee formal and informal meetings (discussion of substantive proposals)
- b. End-January 2021: circulation by Secretariat of overview of proposals received
- c. **23-25 February 2021**: TBT Committee formal and informal meetings (discussion of substantive proposals)
- d. 28 May 2021: deadline for the submission of substantive proposals by Members
- e. **1-3 June 2021**: TBT Committee formal and informal meetings (discussion of substantive proposals)
- f. July 2021: circulation by Secretariat of first draft report of the Review
- g. End-August 2021: submission of written comments from Members on the first draft
- h. End-September 2021: circulation of second draft report of the Triennial Review
- i. **8-11 November 2021**: TBT Committee formal and informal meetings (adoption of the Ninth Triennial Review)

¹ This timeline was agreed at the TBT Committee meeting of 28-30 October 2020. It is based on the provisional timeline circulated in JOB/TBT/374.

² Article 15.4 of the TBT Agreement states: "Not later than the end of the third year from the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement and at the end of each three-year period thereafter, the Committee shall review the operation and implementation of this Agreement, including the provisions relating to transparency, with a view to recommending an adjustment of the rights and obligations of the Agreement where necessary to ensure mutual economic advantage and balance of rights and obligations, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 12. Having regard, *inter alia*, to the experience gained in the implementation of the Agreement, the Committee shall, where appropriate, submit proposals for amendments to the text of this Agreement to the Council for Trade in Goods".

³ The reports of the last eight Reviews are contained in documents: [G/TBT/5](#), [G/TBT/9](#), [G/TBT/13](#), [G/TBT/19](#), [G/TBT/26](#), [G/TBT/32](#), [G/TBT/37](#) and [G/TBT/41](#). Document [G/TBT/1/Rev.14](#) contains the latest compilation of the TBT Committee's Decisions and Recommendations.