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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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**PROPOSAL ON TRANSPARENCY: INTRODUCTION OF "FOLLOW THIS NOTIFICATION"  
AND "FOLLOW THIS STC" TOOLS**

**NINTH TRIENNIAL REVIEW**

*Submission from Brazil*

*Revision*

The following submission, dated 16 July 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Brazil.

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**1 BACKGROUND**

1.1. ePing provides valuable features such as email alerts on new notifications, enabling timely access to notifications for formulation of comments. However, there is no tool for alerts on developments relating to a particular notification. Likewise, there is currently no possibility of receiving automatic updates on Specific Trade Concerns in the new Trade Concerns Database. These tools would improve the transparency and effectiveness of both notifications and STCs. A similar tool already exists, for instance, in dispute settlement with "Follow this dispute".

**2 PROPOSAL**

2.1. Brazil proposes that Members discuss the possibility of adding:

- i. a "Follow this Notification" tool on ePing enabling subscribers to receive email alerts in relation to any update to a selected individual notification, such as addendum, corrigendum, and revision; and
- ii. a "Follow this STC" tool on the Trade Concerns Database so that interested parties are timely updated on any development concerning a selected STC.

2.2. Members could also discuss the possibility of receiving email alerts of STCs based on specific notifications of the ePing system and of notifications related to STCs.

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