Report on the Developments Within the WTO/TBT Committee

Purpose: Information
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23-24 August 2017
APEC 2017 SCSC2 meeting in Ho Chi Minh City
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)
JAPAN
1. TBT formal meeting in March and June, 2017
2. TBT informal meetings in March and June, 2017
3. 7th and 8th Triennial Reviews
4. Future schedule of the TBT meetings
### Specific Trade Concerns (STCs)

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*Raised issues on:*
- IT security
- Cosmetics
- Vehicles
- Other products (toys, chemicals, tires, food and beverages, alcohol, medical devices, etc.)
Thematic Sessions

1. Good Regulatory Practice (GRP)
2. Conformity Assessment Procedures
3. Risk Assessment

【Good Regulatory Practice (GRP)】

1. **The Philippines** said that GRP helps ensure the design of high quality and cost effective regulations. The Philippines stated that GRP also contributes to the establishment of a common and predictable framework for regulatory intervention.

2. **Korea** said that Korea’s regulatory reform was implemented through identification and improvement of existing technical regulations and introduced that several activities such as the establishment of a Technical Regulatory Reform Task Force, technical regulatory impact assessments etc.
1. **International Electronical Commission (IEC)** explained that global conformity assessment (CA) systems were composed of one or more schemes for certification of products, personal competencies and/or processes and the goal of a global CA systems may be to facilitate access to markets.

2. **International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** stressed the importance of common international standards, guides and recommendations as the basis for conformity assessment procedures to facilitate international trade.
1. **China** highlighted the serious and growing cybersecurity risks of industrial control systems (ICS), and explained that the Electronic Technology Information Research Institute was engaged in risk assessment for ICS such as simulation testing, threat monitoring and technical research.

2. **Indonesia** described risk assessment of electrical and electronic products and explained the procedure for the Implementation of Indonesia National Standards from several steps of analysis for each proposal to the notification to the WTO.
Seventh Triennial Review

1. GRP (Good Regulatory Practice)

2. Regulatory Cooperation

3. Conformity Assessment Procedures

4. CGP and the “Six Principles”

5. Transparency
Follow-up of the 7th Triennial Review

【Procedures for Information Exchange】

- e-Ping SPS & TBT notification alert system (http://www.epingalert.org)
  New global alert mechanism for TBT and SPS notifications, has been launched for businesses, especially for SMEs to enhance transparency

[Image of e-Ping SPS & TBT notification alert system]

Keep track of product requirements in foreign markets
In 2017
7-9 November: TBT Committee meeting (discussion on substantive proposals)

In 2018
20-22 March: TBT Committee meeting (discussion on substantive proposals)
1 June: Deadline for the submission of substantive proposals
19-21 June: TBT Committee meeting (discussion on substantive proposals)
July: Circulation of first draft report of the Triennial Review
End-August: Submission of written comments on the first draft
End-September: Circulation of second draft report of the Triennial Review
13-15 November: TBT Committee meeting (adoption of the Eighth Triennial Review)
Future Schedule

Next TBT Regular Meeting
- 7 November : Thematic Sessions (informal)
- 8-9 November : TBT Committee meeting (formal)

TBT Meetings in 2018
- 20-22 March
- 19-21 June
- 13-15 November
Thank you very much for your attention.

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