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Overview



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)

	Number of New Issues	Number of Previously Raised Issues	Total
2016 November	10	47	57
2017 March	10	49	59
2017 June	10	49	59

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.

【Conformity Assessment Procedures】

1. International Electrotechnical 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.

【Risk Assessment】

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.

1. GRP (Good Regulatory Practice)
2. Regulatory Cooperation
3. Conformity Assessment Procedures
4. CGP and the “Six Principles”
5. Transparency

【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

The image shows a screenshot of the e-Ping SPS & TBT notification alert system website. The header includes the ePing logo, the text "SPS & TBT notification alert system", and logos for the World Trade Organization, International Trade Centre, and United Nations. Navigation links include "search notifications", "enquiry points", "help", "register", "log in", and "EN". The main content area features a world map with a central "WTO" icon and various icons representing trade and safety, with arrows indicating information flow. A text box at the bottom reads "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)

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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