Public-Private Dialogue on Promoting Transparency of Technical Barriers to Trade WTO Notifications: Improving Completeness and Clearness of Information

Purpose: Consideration
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Promoting Transparency of TBT WTO Notifications: Improving Completeness and Clearness of Information (2020/CTI2/IS06)

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Background

Lack of information and transparency is a disadvantage to businesses across the APEC region.

MSMEs find a lack of transparency and poor dissemination of information about the requirements and how to comply with these.

TBT measures are the most burdensomeness in comparison with other NTMs since they have the greatest negative impact in terms of time and cost.

Obligation to notify according to WTO TBT Agreement.
Objectives

Initiative

Self-funded study
Evaluate, quantitatively, a randomly selected representative sample of TBT notifications from APEC economies between 2015 and 2019

Public-Private Dialogue (PPD)
Discuss the findings of the study and to collect contributions from other stakeholders, including private sectors and academia.

The intended activities would be the basis to develop best practices that could complement WTO guidelines (G/TBT/1/Rev.14). The best practices would be used to explore capacity building opportunities to improve WTO notifications by APEC economies.
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Platform for APEC members to build their capacity and have a better understanding of similarities, differences and needs in order to develop a set of possible best practices to improve clarity and completeness of TBT notifications.

To discuss the results of the “Study on Transparency of TBT Notifications in the APEC region.”

To discuss possible best practices to improve the quality of the information submitted in the TBT notifications.

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Co-sponsors are welcomed!
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