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**Promoting Transparency of WTO Technical Barriers  
to Trade Notifications: Improving Completeness and  
Clearness of Information**

Purpose: Information

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

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# Objectives



**The intended activities would be the basis to develop best practices that could complement WTO guidelines on TBT Notifications (G/TBT/1/Rev.14). These best practices could be used to explore capacity building opportunities to improve WTO notifications by APEC economies**



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# Self-funded Study on Transparency of TBT Notifications in the APEC region

## Objectives

- To identify key items from TBT notifications that should be clearly written to improve the completeness and clearness of the information.
- To identify private sector perceptions on WTO TBT notifications and main challenges related to completeness and clearness of the information.

## Methodology

- Sample of 355 regular notifications with their respective addenda and corrigenda.
- Use of online questionnaires
- Based on WTO's *Coherent Use of Notifications Formats* (G/TBT/1/Rev.14).



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# Results

## Analysis of TBT notifications

- Level of compliance: 79.88%
- Specific items that need to be improved

## Private sector's experience

- 54% of them don't know that there is a TBT WTO Notification System.
- The most important items are the ones that represent major challenges

## Major challenges

- Products covered
- Translations
- International standards
- Proposed dates of adoption



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## Results

### Products covered

- Level of compliance: 57.06%
- Members are encouraged to specify the HS or ICS codes

### Translations

- Link for translation: 7.50%
- Economies do not tend to translate their regulations in one of WTO official languages

### International Standards

- 84% do not contain a reference to relevant international standards
- Members are encouraged to indicate if the requirements are aligned or not with international standards

### Proposed dates of adoption

- 51% do not specify the date of entry into force
- Uncertainty for producers and exporters



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## Conclusion

Acceptable level of  
compliance

Room for improvement  
in accordance with  
WTO's TBT Guidelines  
on Transparency

Important to work to  
fully implement WTO's  
TBT Guidelines on  
Transparency

Improve the quality of  
information submitted  
in TBT notifications

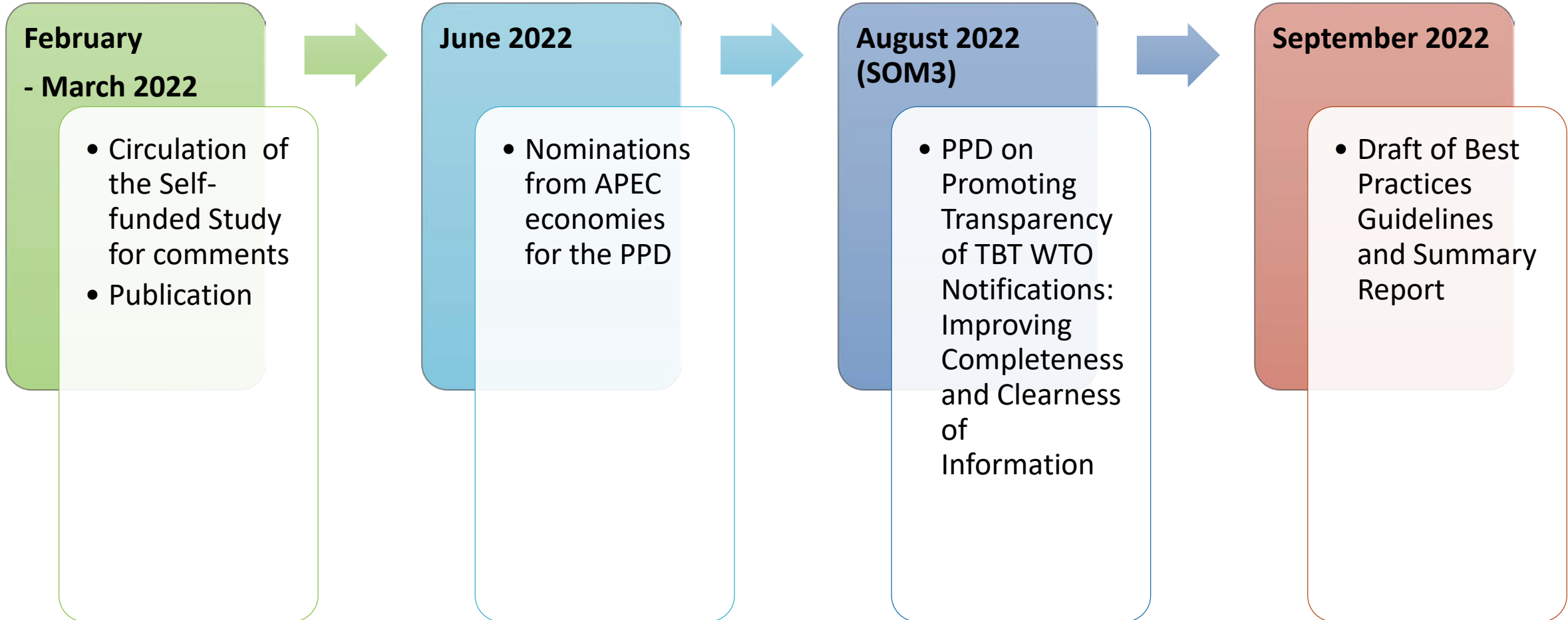
Support initiatives and  
proposals in the  
framework of WTO TBT  
Committee



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## Next Steps







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