

How to address SPS & TBT trade problems?



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Resolving Trade Problems - Exercise

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Bilateral and/or Regional Efforts

Suggested Actions:

- Contact Enquiry Point
- Informal discussions on the margins of the SPS/ TBT Committee meetings
- Request information through diplomatic channels





Request an Explanation

- SPS Article 5.8

“an **explanation of the reasons** for such SPS measure may be requested and **shall be provided** by the Member maintaining the measure.”

- TBT Article 2.5

“... shall, upon the request of another Member, **explain the justification** of the technical regulation...”



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What is a Specific Trade Concern?

A specific **trade complaint** raised by Members in the SPS/TBT Committee in relation to **SPS/TBT measures maintained by other Member(s)**.

(whether draft measures or measures currently in force)

- All Members can raise a specific complaint about SPS/TBT measures imposed by other Members in the SPS/TBT Committee.



SPS/TBT Committee – STCs

Suggested Actions:

- Consult previous Specific Trade Concerns (STCs)
- Communicate intention to raise an STC

At least 11 calendar days before the meeting

- In writing
- Inform the other Member concerned

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