

# Transparency in the SPS and TBT Agreements



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# Why Transparency?

- Regulatory requirements
  - changes may affect market access
- Enhance clarity, predictability
  - facilitate trade & reduce trade disruptions
- Advance warnings
  - more time to adapt
- Improve accountability & responsiveness of regulatory system
  - seek info, consult, comment





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## Main Elements

### MAIN OBLIGATIONS

1. Designation of **notification authority**: SPS & TBT
2. Establishment of **enquiry point** SPS & TBT
3. **Notification** of draft regulations SPS & TBT
4. **Publication** of regulations: SPS & TBT
5. Statement of Implementation TBT
6. Notifications from Standardizing Bodies TBT

### BEYOND OBLIGATIONS

- Taking advantage of transparency.





# Transparency in the SPS Agreement

## Reference documents

**SPS Agreement: Article 7 & Annex B**

**SPS Committee Decision: G/SPS/7/Rev.3**

« Major Decisions and Documents »

➤ Procedural step-by-step manual



# Transparency in the TBT Agreement

## Reference documents

**TBT Agreement:** 2.9.2, 2.9.3 (technical regulations); 5.6.2, 5.6.3 (CAP); 10 (EP, NNA); 15.2 (statement of implementation); Annex 3 (Code of Good Practice)

**TBT Committee** Recommendations  
G/TBT/1/Rev.12, Section 4 and Annexes



# Transparency in SPS measures

## Card Exercise





## Card 1 - Language of Notification?

**1a** SPS Notifications shall be submitted to the WTO in English, French and/or Spanish.

**OR ?**

**1b** Developing Country Members may submit SPS notifications in their **own national languages**.





# Card 1 - Language of Notification?

SPS Annex B, para.7

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**“Notifications to the Secretariat shall be in English, French or Spanish.”**



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