SPS/TBT notification alert system

Information session (on margins of TBT Committee)
19 June 2018, Geneva, Switzerland
Outline of information session

• Overview of ePing - Serra Ayral, Counsellor, Trade and Environment Division

• Enhancing Business and Government engagement through ePing: Australia’s experience - Sam Munsie, Assistant Director, Office of Trade Negotiations, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

• ePing Promotion and Implementation in Uganda - George Opiyo, TBT Enquiry point, Uganda National Bureau of Standards

• Demonstration of specific functions of ePing - Serra Ayral, Counsellor, Trade and Environment Division
Why ePing?

**Significant share of NTMs = SPS/TBT product requirements**

- Pesticide residue limits, nutrition labelling, toy safety, energy efficiency...

**WTO SPS/TBT transparency procedures can help**

- Members required to notify new/changing SPS/TBT measures to WTO and allow 60-day comment period
- Other Members can then seek further info, provide comments, adapt product or paperwork, raise concerns in SPS/TBT Committees, ask technical assistance, etc.

**Challenge to:**

- Keep track of increasing number of notifications
- Coordinate with public/private stakeholders
- Address potential concerns in a timely manner

BUT
SPS/TBT notifications on the rise

More than 4,000 notifications in 2017!
Gaining strength from tripartite collaboration

**Contributing to SDGs**

**Goal 8** - increasing AfT & formalization and growth of SMEs

**Goal 17** – promoting multilateral trading system & increase exports of developing countries
ePing: tool to track/manage notifications

- SPS/TBT notification email alerts
- matching users’ filtering criteria
- Communication platform
- facilitating dialogue among public/private sector

Publicly available in EN, FR, ES
Launched in Nov. 2016
Enquiry Points have a key role to play

- Enquiry Point can request extended rights in order to:
  1. Manage national users, external contacts and groups
  2. Send messages to groups of users
  3. Activate/use national discussion forum and file sharing options
  4. Participate in international Enquiry Point discussion forum and file sharing options
  5. Grant group management rights to sector associations
Challenge to track incoming notifications and alert stakeholders in time

SPS/TBT Notification

Notifying member → WTO (SPS and TBT IMS) → Enquiry Point (EP) or National Notification Authority (NNA)

Government agencies → Sector organizations → Producers/Exporters

Comments in 60 days!
ePing can facilitate timely access to notifications and formulation of comments

Notifying member

SPS/TBT Notification

WTO (SPS & TBT IMS)

Comments in 60 days!

Enquiry Point or National Notification Authority

Producer/Exporter

Government agencies

Sector Associations

Other interested parties

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ePing is of interest to both public and private sector, including SMEs

Around 4000 users as of mid-June 2018

Around 40 registered TBT EPs
10 countries with highest number of registrations

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**ePing’s value-added**

- One interface for SPS/TBT
- Rapid and customized alerts for users, avoiding information overflow
- Forum to discuss, share information, assisting public consultations
- Address concerns in a timely manner
- Keeping abreast of regulatory trends
- Efficiency gains for Enquiry Points
- Increased compliance with transparency obligations
- Global sustainable system, avoids duplication of effort
- Drawing on resources and expertise of three coordinating agencies
Complementary factors for drawing maximum benefits

- Level of compliance with notification obligations
- Quality of information in notifications (e.g. information on product coverage)
- Active engagement of Enquiry Points
- Engagement from the private sector
- Effective national coordination mechanism
- Awareness of rights and obligations under SPS/TBT Agreements
- Participation in WTO SPS/TBT Committees
- Technical capacity – to assess, meet, demonstrate compliance with requirements
Work in progress

- On-going training/promotion on ePing during events organized by WTO, UNDESA, ITC and other agencies (e.g. ISO, Codex, GSO…)
  - New Demo version available for EPs to test functionalities
- Preparation of a promotional video
- Update of user guide
- Preparation of e-learning module
- Enhancements in light of experience gained and feedback received
For further training, please contact the WTO Secretariat

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http://www.epingalert.org
Demonstration of ePing’s Key Functions
Register and receive notification alerts
Register and receive alerts

http://www.epingalert.org

Register to receive alerts and access all functionalities

Select your language

Keep track of product requirements in foreign markets
Select country/territory whose Enquiry Point you would like to be in touch with

Officially designated SPS and TBT Enquiry Points/Notification Authorities can request administrative rights to access additional features. Please send an email to spstbalerts@wto.org indicating whether you are from the SPS or TBT Enquiry Point, having first verified the relevant information available on the ePing website.
1. If you would like to receive all notifications, leave all boxes blank.

2. To render the best filter results with respect to products, fill out each box (product names: OR).
Email alert preferences

Receive email alerts when new notifications match your registration or search filter(s)
- Daily
- Weekly
- No emails

Receive email alerts when files or other contributions are added to a notification matching your filters/favorites lists
- Yes
- No

Possible to modify preferences later on
Dear Moritz Fegert,

The following SPS and/or TBT notifications circulated by the WTO on 14/09/2017 match your ePing filters. To modify or update your profile or your filter preferences, please go to [http://www.epingalert.org](http://www.epingalert.org).

Filter: Registration filter

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<td>Products (free text): Pharmaceutical Products (HS:30)</td>
<td>15/10/2017</td>
<td>EN</td>
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<td>G/TBT/N/TPKM/289 - Drafted Technical Specifications for Narrowband Terminal Equipment of Mobile Broadband Business The NCC intends to regulate narrowband terminal equipment of mobile broadband business to respond to domestic IoT development and connect to the world. The draft technical specifications are based on 3GPP TS 36.521-1, CNS14958-1, CNS14959, CNS13438,...</td>
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<td>26/10/2017</td>
<td>EN</td>
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**Example of notification summary**

**Notification summary: G/SPS/N/EU/161/Add.2**

(Related notifications: G/SPS/N/EU/161, G/SPS/N/EU/161/Add.1)

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| **Symbol, title and description of content** | Maximum residue levels for bifenthrin, carbetamide, cinidon-ethyl, fenpropimorph and triflusulfuron in or on certain products  
http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_1068_00_e.pdf  
http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_1068_00_s.pdf |
| **Distribution date** | 24/02/17 |
| **Products** | **Product name(s):** HS Code(s): Cereals (1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008), foodstuffs of animal origins (0201, 0202, 0203, 0204, 0205, 0206, 0207, 0208, 0209, 0210) and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables; **HS codes:** 0201, 0209, 0206, 0203, 0210, 0202, 0207, 0205, 0208, 0204; |
| **Objectives** | Food safety |
| **Keywords (SPS Only)** | Adoption/publication/entry into force of reg. |
| **Regions or countries affected (SPS Only)** | All trading partners |
Example of email alert (2)

Ecuador

By means of this Addendum No. 3, the Republic of Ecuador advises that the first revision (1R) of Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 165 "Razors and shavers", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/168/Add.1 of 24...

Products (free text): 8212.10.20, 8510.10.00

Trans. notification
G/TBT/N/ECU/305/Add.2

By means of this Addendum No. 2, the Republic of Ecuador advises that Amendment No. 1 to Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 275 "Ball-point pens, propelling or sliding pencils, and graphite leads", notified in....

Products (free text): 96081000, 96083000, 96084000, 96085000, 96089910

Chile

El Gobierno de Chile informa que notificó el 11 de julio de 2017 la "Propuesta de actualización del Título XXVIII de los Alimentos para Regimen Especiales, reglamento sanitario de los alimentos, Decreto Supremo 977/96 Ministerio de Salud, Artículos...

Products (free text): Alimentos para consumo humano

Trans. notification
G/TBT/N/CHL/413/Add.1

To seek further information regarding notification(s) of interest, including the full text of notified regulations, please contact your national SPS or TBT Enquiry Point(s). If a listed notification is not in your language of registration, a translation will be included in a future email alert, normally within five days.

Kind regards,
The ePing team

http://www.epingalert.org

If you no longer wish to receive these email alerts, please click here.

Please do not reply to this email.

Direct link to the SPS/TBT Enquiry Point contact details on the website
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<td>General Directorate of Planning and Program Coordination Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL)</td>
<td>Dr. Ahmad Faridon Head of Agriculture, Productions and Productivity Program Planning</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ahmed.faridon@mail.gov.af">ahmed.faridon@mail.gov.af</a></td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>Tirana</td>
<td>Sheshi Skanderbe, Nr.2</td>
<td>Director of Food Safety and Consumer Protection Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection (MBUJK)</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mbumin_sp@yahoo.com">mbumin_sp@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td>Palácio de Vidro, R/C</td>
<td>Largo 4 de Feveriro</td>
<td>Francisco Antonio Jacinto Ministerio do Comercio</td>
<td>+244 (2) 31 11 95 (Cabinet du Vic e-Ministre du Commerce)</td>
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<td>Antigua and Barbuda</td>
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<td>RD. Box 1282</td>
<td>Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Marine Resources and Agro-Industry Attention: Senior Plant Protection Officer, Independence Drive and Queen Elizabeth Highway</td>
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<td>Paseo Colón 367 - 5º piso</td>
<td>Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria, Coordinación de Relaciones Internacionales</td>
<td><a href="mailto:relinta@senasa.gouv.ar">relinta@senasa.gouv.ar</a></td>
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Search notifications and create filters for additional alerts
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### Filter Details

- **European Union**: G/SPS/N/EU/228 Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 1881 2006 as regards maximum levels of glycidyl fatty acid esters in...
  
  The draft Regulation establishes maximum levels in glycidyl esters in vegetable oils and foods for infants and young children.

- **Japan**: G/SPS/N/JPN/534 Revision of the Standards and Specifications for Foods and Food Additives under the Food Sanitation Act (revision of...)
  
  Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical:

### Notification List

- **04/10/17**: Vegetable oils, foods for infants and young children
  
  Food safety
  
  Contaminants, Food safety, Human health
  
  All trading partners

- **05/09/17**: Meat and edible meat offal (HS Codes: 02.01, 02.02,...)
  
  Food safety
  
  Food safety, Human health, Maximum residue limits (MRLs), Pesticides
  
  All trading partners

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**Record Navigation Footer**

- **Export to Excel**
- **The ePing website contains notifications distributed after 14/11/2014.**

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Additional features related to notifications
### Additional features related to notifications

**SPS & TBT notification alert system**

- **Search notifications**
- **Favourites**
- **Enquiry points**
- **Admin**
- **Help**

**Filters**
- **All notifications**
- **Registration filter**
- **EU - Food products**

**Notifying Me...**
- **Symbol, title and description of content**
- **Distribution date**
- **Products**
- **Objectives**
- **Keywords**
- **Regions or countries of...**
- **Comment deadline**

**European Union**

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The ePing website contains notifications distributed after 06/10/2014. For older notifications, please consult SPS IMS or TBT IMS.
Additional features related to notifications

- Access the notifications in all three official WTO languages
- Write contributions and share files related to a given notification*
- Create favourites lists and share notifications with other users or external contacts

*These functionalities need to be activated by EP or NNA
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**Discussion Forum**

**Enquiry Point discussion forum:**
- Only EPs can add contributions
- EPs get alerted when new contribution posted on their country’s notification
- All users can view and receive alerts regarding new contributions - depending on reg. filter

**National discussion forum:**
- National EP needs to activate
- National EP always gets alerted when new contribution posted
- Only those users registered as belonging to same country/territory can add or view contributions, receive alerts regarding new contributions - depending on reg. filter

**G/TBT/N/KOR/752**

Proposed amendments to the ‘Enforcement ordinance of Framework Act on Product Safety’

[Registered Enquiry Point] **Serra Ayral** 18 Jun 2018 17:18

Dear Enquiry Point, would you have a translation of the proposed amendments into English?

Only registered Enquiry Points can contribute to Enquiry Point Discussion Fora. This forum cannot be used for official communications and does not create any obligations under the TBT or SPS Agreements. An Enquiry Point registered on ePing will be alerted when a contribution is added to a notification issued by its government.
Dear Serra Ayral,

A contribution has been added to the Enquiry Points Discussion Forum on notification G/TBT/N/KOR/752 which matches your filter Registration filter.

Once logged in on ePing, you can view the contribution [here](http://demo.epingalert.org).

Kind regards,
The ePing team

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International file sharing:
- Only EPs can add files
- EPs get alerted when new files are added to their country’s notifications
- All users can view and receive alerts regarding new files - depending on reg. filter

National file sharing:
- National EP needs to activate
- National EP needs to approve new files added by national users
- Only those users registered as belonging to same country/territory can add or view files, receive alerts regarding new files - depending on reg. filter

G/TBT/N/KOR/752
- Under Article 13-2 (1) of the Framework Act on Product Safety, when accidents involving products are reported, the head of a central ad...
Alerts related to file sharing

Dear Serra Ayral,

A new file, entitled "Translation of regulation", has been added to notification G/TBT/N/KOR/752 which matches your filter Registration filter.

Once logged in on ePing, you can access the file [here](http://demo.epingalert.org).

Kind regards,
The ePing team

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- Environmental database
- WTO docs online

ITC
- ITC website
- Market Access Map
- Trade Map
- Standards Map

UN Desa
- UN DESA website
- LDC portal