

WTO tools and sources of SPS information

SPS Committee Workshop on Transparency

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Presentation outline



Documents Online (DOL)


<https://docs.wto.org/>



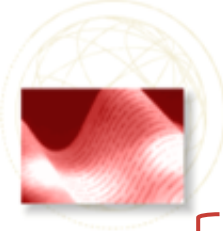
Database providing access to all official WTO documentation, including SPS-related documents

- E-mail alert service

A screenshot of the WTO Documents Online website. At the top left is the WTO logo and name. Below it is a red navigation bar with white text links: "Recent documents", "Commonly-consulted documents", "Documents for meetings", "By topic", "Notifications", "GATT", "Search", "Guide to Documentation", and "Help". The main content area features a circular graphic with a globe and a red abstract shape. To the right of this graphic is the heading "WTO DOCUMENTS ONLINE" followed by a paragraph describing the database. Below this is a section titled "Documents Online comprises seven different search interfaces" with a bulleted list of seven search options: "Recent documents", "Commonly-consulted", "Documents for meetings", "By topic", "Notifications", "Search", and "GATT".

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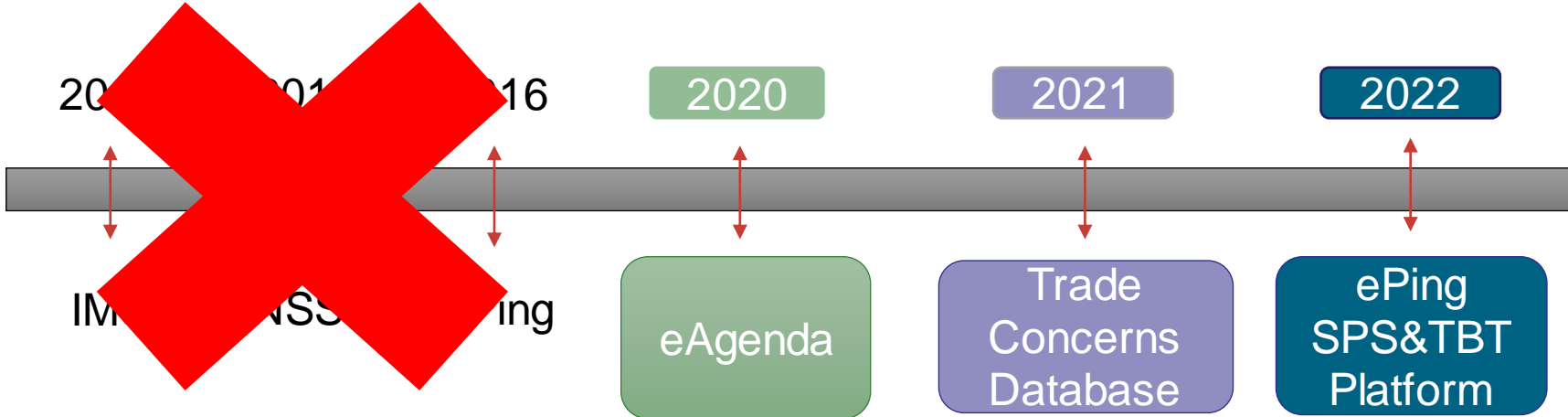
 **WTO DOCUMENTS ONLINE**

Documents Online provides access to the official documentation of the World Trade Organization. The database contains over 140,000 documents in the three official languages in PDF and WORD format. The application provides a descriptive catalogue record for every document stored in the archive. It is possible to consult all of these documents.

Documents Online comprises seven different search interfaces

- **Recent documents** provides access to the latest documents posted.
- **Commonly-consulted** offers a selection of searches which enable the easy retrieval of regularly requested documents.
- **Documents for meetings** displays a list of formal and informal meetings of WTO bodies and their associated documents.
- **By topic** offers the possibility of searching for WTO documents by broad subject category.
- The **Notifications** interface allows for the searching of notification documents by notifying members and WTO legal requirements, using the Central Registry of Notifications such as symbol, requirement topic and classification. Full-text search capabilities for searching within the document text itself are also available in the *Advanced Search* module.
- The **Search** module provides advanced searching capabilities enabling the user to retrieve all WTO official documents on the basis of specified criteria, such as document text itself.
- The **GATT** module provides access to the official documents issued under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The General Council [decided](#) to create a digital archive. Currently only the documents belonging to the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations have been uploaded. This is a work in progress and more documents will be added in the future.

Other Sources of SPS Information



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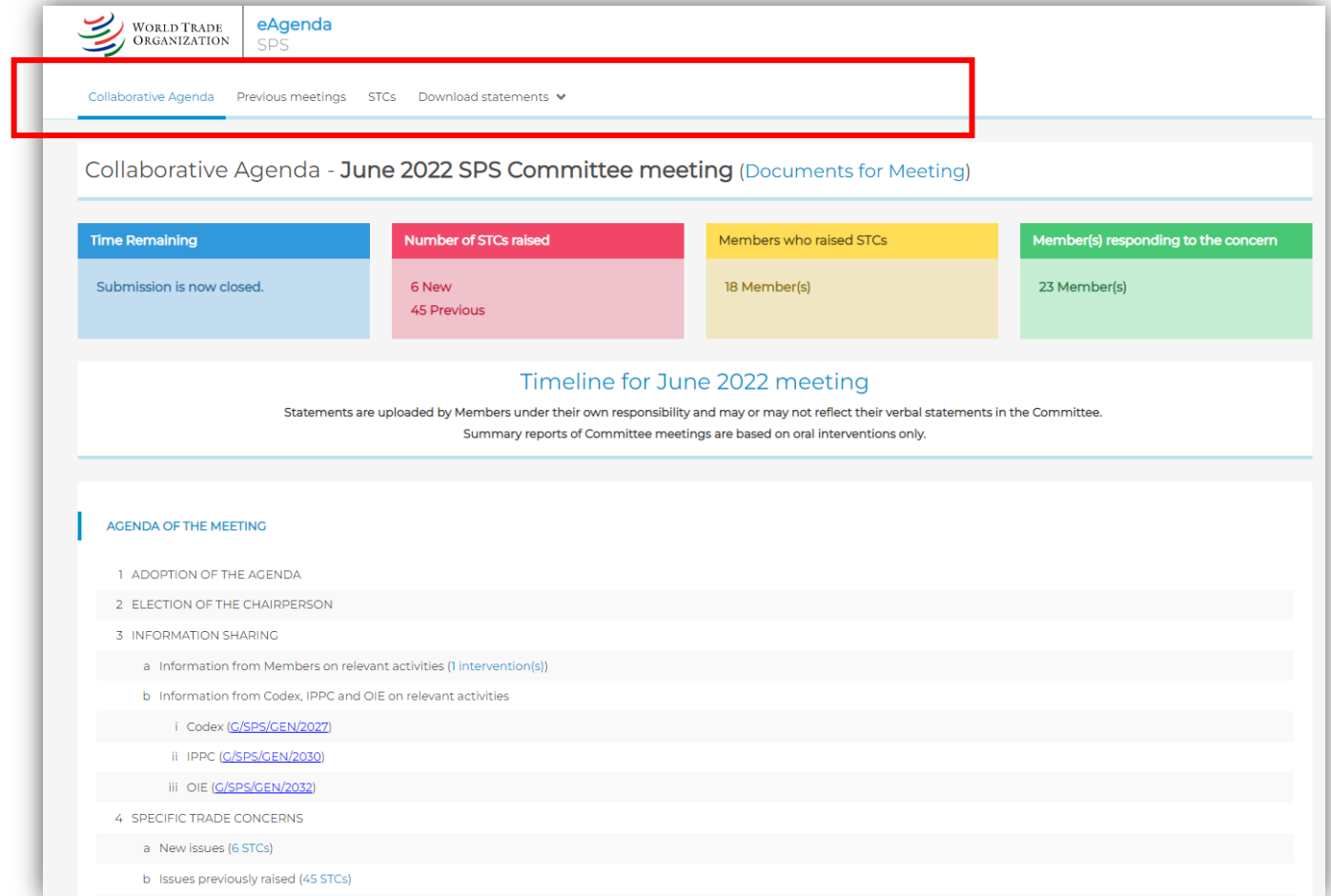
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eAgenda

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Trade Concerns
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ePing SPS&TBT
Platform

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<https://eagenda.wto.org/>



The screenshot shows the eAgenda website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the WTO logo and 'eAgenda SPS'. Below this, a red box highlights the navigation menu with options: Collaborative Agenda, Previous meetings, STCs, and Download statements. The main content area is titled 'Collaborative Agenda - June 2022 SPS Committee meeting (Documents for Meeting)'. It features a summary table with four columns: Time Remaining (Submission is now closed), Number of STCs raised (6 New, 45 Previous), Members who raised STCs (18 Member(s)), and Member(s) responding to the concern (23 Member(s)). Below the table is a section for the 'Timeline for June 2022 meeting' with a disclaimer. The bottom part of the screenshot shows the 'AGENDA OF THE MEETING' with a list of items: 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, 2. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON, 3. INFORMATION SHARING (with sub-items for Codex, IPPC, and OIE), and 4. SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS (with sub-items for New Issues and Issues previously raised).

eAgenda

- Add agenda items
- Raise and support Specific Trade Concerns (STCs)
- Upload statements ahead of SPS Committee meeting

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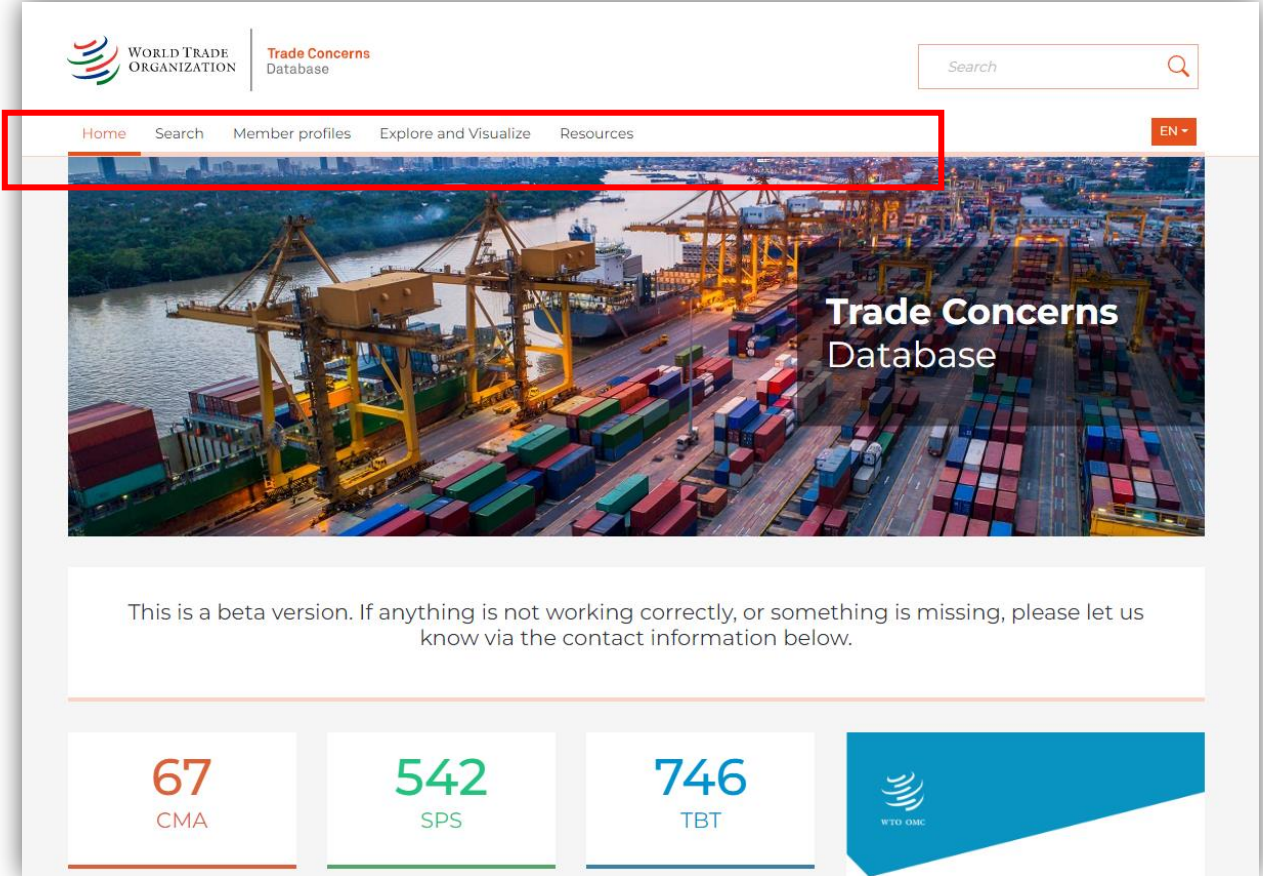
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Trade Concerns Database

<https://tradeconcerns.wto.org/en>

- Search STCs
- Explore and visualize information by meetings, products covered, reported status, keywords, etc.
- Country profiles



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Search

Home Search Member profiles Explore and Visualize Resources

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Trade Concerns Database

This is a beta version. If anything is not working correctly, or something is missing, please let us know via the contact information below.

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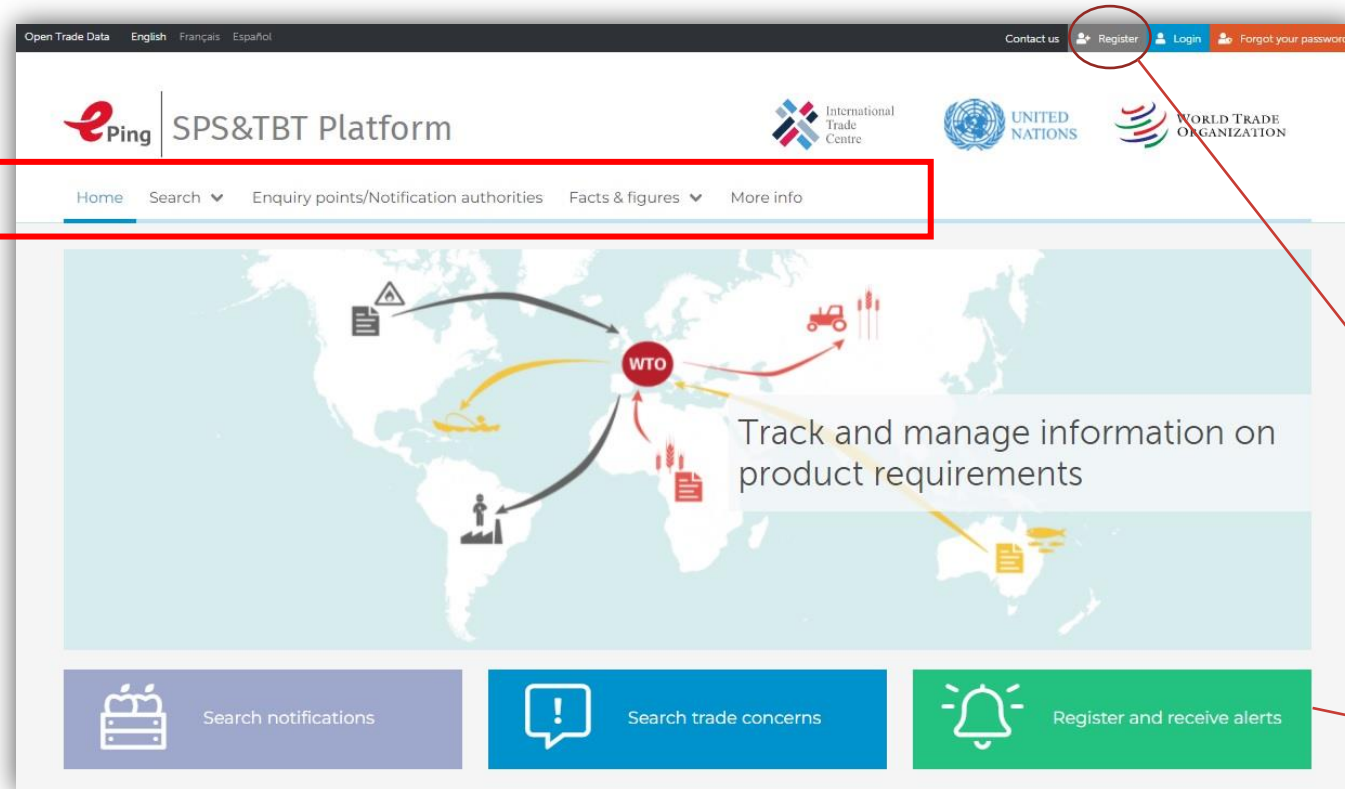
Search:

- Notifications
- Specific trade concerns
- Enquiry points and national notification authorities

Additional functions:

- Submit notifications
- Participate in forums
- ...

Click on **“Register”**, **“Register and receive alerts”** or **“Sign up to receive email alerts”** on the welcome page to register



Recap - SPS Transparency tools



	<u>ePing SPS&TBT Platform</u>	<u>DOL</u>	<u>eAgenda</u>	<u>Trade Concerns Database</u>
Search SPS notifications	X	X		(X)
Receive email alerts	X	X (e-Subs)	X	
Search STCs	X		X	X
Submit notifications online	X			
Find other SPS documents	(X)	X	(X)	(X)
Password protected access	(X)	X (restricted documents)	X	
NNA and NEP contact details	X			

Thank you!

SPS Gateway

<http://www.wto.org/sps>

If you have any questions:

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