

THIRD SPS TRANSPARENCY WORKING GROUP MEETING – 10 MARCH 2026

Working sessions - Uganda's inputs on challenges encountered and potential solutions on the two priority themes

A. Theme 1: improving quality and clarity of notifications

- Title of the notified document (item 5 of notification template):
- Description of content (item 6)/Likely effects on trade:

Challenge

- Lack clear description of the contents of the proposed SPS measures that can be used to establish the likely effects on trade and/or the cost of compliance

Potential solutions

- A summary or abstract of the proposed SPS measures clearly indicating its content,
 - Preparation of summaries or abstracts of draft SPS measures being notified by SPS measures drafters who have a good knowledge of the measures being notified,
 - Training officials who draft SPS measures to draft notifications directly in the ePing.
- Other relevant documents (e.g., past regulations, scientific justification, risk analysis, guidance) (item 9)

Challenges

- Some Members leave item 9 blank

Potential solutions

- Parent laws and or policies giving rise to notified measures are relevant documents,
 - Members should include and attach the parent law and or policy giving rise to the SPS measure being notified
- Members should indicate if there are no relevant documents.

B. Theme 2: ePing-related issues

- Unofficial translation feature
- Attaching PDF files vs providing links to domestic websites

Challenge

- Some links provided are not active

Potential solutions

- Attach both PDF files and provide links to domestic websites to enhance accessibility of notified measures;
 - It important to note that the unofficial translation feature is enabled by PDF attachments
- Non-conformity with international standards (item 8)

Challenges

- Difficulty for NEPs or NNAs to establish if the proposed regulation conforms to the relevant international standard,
- Difficulty for NEPs/NNAs to describe how and why the proposed regulation deviates from the international standard.

Potential solutions

- Drafters should establish if the proposed regulation conforms to the relevant international standard & provide this information to the NEPs or NNAs when submitting the proposed regulation for notification,
- Drafters should describe how and why the proposed regulation deviates from the international standard and provide this information to the NEPs or NNAs when submitting the proposed regulation for notification,
- Training drafters who draft SPS measures to directly draft notifications in the ePing.