

TRANSPARENCY-RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TENTH TRIENNIAL REVIEW

OVERVIEW OF FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES

The table below provides an overview of follow-up actions and outcomes achieved until end July 2026 on the transparency-related recommendations from the Tenth Triennial Review ([G/TBT/56](#), paras 3.11, 3.15 and 3.17).

No.	Topic	Recommendation	Follow-up actions by the TBT Committee/Transparency Working Group (TWG)/Secretariat
1.	Online tools (ePing):	A comment button in ePing, so that those interested in commenting on a notification can be directed to the contact information for their Enquiry Point.	In July 2026, the Secretariat introduced a new pilot function in ePing for stakeholders to contact their Enquiry Points with comments or questions on notifications of interest. The presentation made by the Secretariat at the July 2026 ePing walk-in session is contained in RD/TBT/404 . The Secretariat welcomes feedback on this new function.
2.	Online tools (ePing)	A notification function allowing Members, on a voluntary basis, to notify information or resources additional to those required by the regular notification obligations.	Following deliberations in the TWG, the Committee is working towards revised guidance on when to use the checkbox "Other" in item 3 of the format for new notifications, with a view to facilitating voluntary information-sharing on developments relevant to work under the TBT Committee that are not yet subject to a specific notification obligation under the TBT Agreement.
3.	Online tools (ePing)	To continue trialling the use of IT tools to generate unofficial translations of notified documents that are reliable, and enhance ePing functionalities in this area.	In March 2025, the Secretariat introduced a function in ePing which allows registered users to request and obtain (AI-generated) unofficial translations of notified regulations into English, French or Spanish. Since then, the Secretariat has been further refining this function based on feedback from Members. For example, the function is now visible to all users even if they first need to log in to be able to request and receive the requested translations via email.
4.	Online tools (ePing)	Additional options to send a group of notifications to one or multiple recipients.	In 2024, the Secretariat introduced a function in ePing which allows registered users to share their notification search results via email with one or multiple recipients.
5.	Functioning of Enquiry Points	Update the Enquiry Point Guide building upon the information gathered in developing the good practice guide on how to comment on a notification.	Further work pending.

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6.	Submission of notifications	Hold further training activities for sharing best practices on product coverage in notifications.	The 12th Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange, scheduled for 21-22 June 2027, is expected to include a dedicated training module on product coverage in notifications.
7.	Provision of translations	To request the Secretariat to continue exploring the use of IT tools in order to provide unofficial reliable translations of notified documents, including by developing a functionality in ePing which Enquiry Points could use to indicate when, in their view, an unofficial translation of a notified document is "verified".	Further work pending
8.	Provision of translations	Encourage Members to strive towards providing translations of the measures they notify into one of the WTO official languages, upon request, within their capacity limits.	-
9.	Provision of translations	Encourage Members to share documents through the notification template in a format that facilitates translation (i.e. not an image file).	In July 2026, the Secretariat added further clarification in ePing's notification submission dashboard regarding this issue.
10.	Statements on implementation and administration	Share experiences on the submission of Article 15.2 notifications and national frameworks for the application and administration of the TBT Agreement.	This topic was discussed at the 11th Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange held on 24 June 2025 (G/TBT/GEN/418, section 2.2).

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11.	TBT and SPS notifications	Share experiences on challenges faced by Members when establishing whether a measure falls under the TBT and/or the SPS Agreement, in cooperation with the SPS Committee as appropriate.	The 12th Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange, scheduled for 21-22 June 2027, is expected to include a dedicated session on this topic.
12.	TBT terms and definitions	Request the Secretariat to explore the possibility of making the "ISO/IEC Guide 2: 1991, General Terms and Their Definitions Concerning Standardization and Related Activities" referred to in Annex 1 of the TBT Agreement available on the TBT Gateway page on the WTO website, and any relevant updates to such guide.	ISO/IEC definitions and updates in English and French were added to the WTO TBT website in March 2025. The Spanish versions are expected to be added by the end of 2026.
13.	Special and differential treatment	Discuss the current use of flexibilities in the notification process by developing and least-developed country Members.	This topic was covered at the 24 June 2025 Thematic Session on Special and Differential Treatment and the 11th Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange
14.	Special and differential treatment	Explore ways in which to optimize the use of digital tools – notably ePing and eAgenda – to further facilitate the participation of all Members in the work of the Committee.	The ePing project funded by the Standards and Trade Development Facility aims to increase the uptake of ePing and introduce enhancements based on user feedback. The Secretariat is also working on a pilot eAgenda function to facilitate reporting on the status of specific trade concerns raised in the TBT Committee, with a soft launch expected in October 2026.
15.	Special and differential treatment	Hold a thematic session on the experience of developing and least-developed country Members in: (i) using flexibilities in the TBT Agreement and the Decisions and Recommendations of the TBT Committee ;	This topic was covered at the 24 June 2025 Thematic Session on Special and Differential Treatment and the 11th Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange .

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		(ii) engaging with notifications and submitting or responding to comments; (iii) raising and addressing specific trade concerns (STCs); and, (iv) engaging with national stakeholders and cross-agency coordination.	
16.	Operation of the Committee	Hold once a year an informal meeting to exchange experiences on practices followed for the handling of comments to TBT notifications. These discussions would provide an opportunity for Members to exchange experiences, including case studies, and explore ways of enhancing ePing and its use by Members in relation to the handling of comments.	The 11th Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange held on 24 June 2025 included a dedicated section on handling of comments (G/TBT/GEN/418, section 2.3). Similarly, the 12 th Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange scheduled for 21-22 June 2027 will include a dedicated session on handling of comments.