Ministry of Trade and Industry
Trade Agreements and Foreign Trade Sector

TBT Transparency mechanism and dissemination of TBT related information among stakeholders in Egypt
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Egypt and TBT transparency obligations

• Notification of Draft Regulations.
• Establishment of Enquiry point.
• Designation of notification authority.
• Publication of regulations.
• Establishment of National TBT Sub-committee
Egypt TBT notifications

The bar chart shows the number of notifications from 2010 to 2019 (1/6/2019). The number of notifications increased significantly in 2018 and in 2019 (1/6/2019).
TBT national Sub-committee

• Egypt has established the TBT National Sub-Committee in 2003 under the auspices of the Supreme national committee headed by the Minister of Trade and Industry.

• The sub-committee chairman is the head of the Egyptian organization of Standardization and Quality, and the Technical Secretariat is the Central Department for World Trade Organization Affairs.

• The subcommittee is comprised of all the relevant governmental and non-governmental stakeholders.
TBT relevant Stakeholders

- Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality
- General Organization for Export and Import Control
- Federation of Egyptian Industries with its trade Chambers
- Egyptian Customs Authority
- Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC)
- Egyptian Food Safety Authority
- Egyptian Businessmen’s Association
- The Export councils (12 Export councils).
National Coordination Mechanism

• Recognizing the importance of transparency and predictability, Egypt has devised a National Coordination Mechanism established by the Prime Minister decree No. 2489/2007

• National Coordination Mechanism aims at sharing TBT related information with all relevant parties (public and private) in a timely manner

• Through this coordination mechanism Egypt managed to notify TBT notifications under the Egyptian standards and regulations
Chart (1)

National mechanism under Egypt's outgoing TBT Notifications
National mechanism under received comments on the Egyptian TBT notifications
National mechanism under received comments on the Egyptian TBT notifications

- WTO/TBT Secretariat
- Geneva's Mission
- Central department of WTO

- Egypt's EP EOS
- Specified Egyptian entities*

Preliminary response
- Egypt's EP EOS
- TBT Sub Committee

Final response
- Egypt's EP EOS

* Egyptian entities: Ministry of Health-Ministry of Agriculture-Ministry of Trade and Industry-Ministry of environment Affairs
National mechanism under incoming TBT Notifications
National mechanism under incoming TBT Notifications

WTO/TBT Secretariat

Geneva’s mission

Egypt’s/TBT/EP EOS

Any of the specified entities

Egypt’s/TBT/EP (EOS)

TBT Sub Committee

Egypt’s/TBT/EP (EOS)

Central Department of WTO

Private Sector

Preliminary comments

FINAL COMMENTS

- Egyptian entities: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Environment Affairs
Circulation of TBT notifications

Prior to ePing

• Notifications were disseminated to the relevant Stakeholders by email

• Stakeholders then have 60 days to comment

• This can take time to reach relevant stakeholders
Circulation of TBT notifications

By using ePing:

• Relevant stakeholders can sign up to ePing to get notifications emailed directly to them

• Stakeholders can get notifications that match filters that they select so that they only receive those notifications that are relevant to their industry

• It helps to facilitate provision of comments within timeframe
Implementation of ePing in Egypt

Egyptian Ministry of Trade and Industry, Trade Agreement Sector organizes regular workshops on ePing with the presence of representatives from all the TBT stakeholders.
ePing workshop in Egypt

• Organized by the Trade Agreement Sector in the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

• from 24 to 26 July 2018.

• TBT Private and Public stakeholders were attendants

• Stakeholders Training & registration on the ePing site
ePing workshop in Egypt

- Enhance awareness about ePing

Federation of Egyptian Industries raised the presentation of the workshop on the portal of the Federation to raise the awareness of the ePing among its chambers
The plan in the coming days

Raise the awareness of the ePing by holding more workshops in cooperation with more relevant stakeholders
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