

SIDE EVENT ON INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY COOPERATION (IRC)

19 MARCH 2018, 15:00-18:00

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This Side Event is organized by the delegation of Chile. The aim of the side event is to raise awareness of how IRC promotes an effective implementation of the TBT Agreement. The event will be organized as a panel discussion and will be moderated by Ms Esther Peh (Singapore), former Chairperson of the TBT Committee.

Introductory Remarks

- **Chile.** Mr. Hector Casanueva, Ambassador of the Mission of Chile to the WTO.
- **WTO.** Ambassador Alan Wolff, Deputy Director General of the WTO.

Moderator

Ms Esther Peh (Singapore, former TBT Chairperson)

Speakers (15 minutes each)

- **New Zealand.** Ms. Amanda Stirling, Senior Policy Advisor, Trade and Regulatory Cooperation, Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment of New Zealand. *Introduction to the regulatory cooperation toolkit and experiences learned in the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Arrangement (TTMRA).*
- **OECD.** Ms. Céline Kauffmann, *IRC and its contribution to regulatory quality.*
- **Chile.** Mr. Gaston Fernandez, Head of the Regulatory Department, General Directorate of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile. *Lessons learned in the negotiation of the Pacific Alliance on IRC.*
- **LEGO Group.** Mr. Bongki Engel, Senior Director, Government & Public Affairs, EMEA *Trade Opportunities of IRC: The view of the industry (toy sector).*
- **Canada.** Mr. Brennen Young, Director, Regulatory Cooperation, Regulatory Affairs Sector, Treasury Board Secretariat. *Good regulatory practices as the basis of regulatory cooperation: Canada's national experience regarding IRC in regional initiatives such as RCC.*
- **Academia.** *The benefits and costs of IRC (Speaker to be confirmed)*

Q&A / Debate:

Contributions, questions and comments from the floor will be welcome (30-40 minutes).
