From Lack of Interest to Positive Participation
Chinese Taipei’s Experiences in Enhancing Private Sector Engagement in TBT Notifications

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Challenges of domestic coordination

Information overload: the growth of notifications

Source: G/TBT/46
The new approach to encourage participation

- Reducing no. of notifications from 3,966 to 380
- On current notifications and new/additional info.
- To relevant industrial associations, manufacturers and competent authorities
- Foundations for comments and/or STCs at TBT Committee

Result: elevated interest and level of participation

Changes in the number of private sector comments on notifications

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A = No impact/not relevant
B = Potential impact but measures justified
C = Major impact (major production impact and/or export restrictions)

Source: Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection, Chinese Taipei
Enhancing Information accessibility: new database and workshops in 2021

No. of webpage views

- Two virtual workshops were organized in 2021 to collect private sectors feedbacks on the circulating and commenting system, as well as on promoting ePing

- Sectors involved: chemical, cosmetics, food, batteries, lighting and steel

http://db2.wtocenter.org.tw/tbt/
Summary of experience

Filtering & circulation
Accessible database

Focused Information

Better understanding of private sectors’ interest

• Inputs for trade concern discussions
• Sharing of further information

• Regulations update
• Consistent with commercial interests

Elevated Interest

Increased Participation
Thank you!