

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

ENTERPRISE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Single market, implementation and legislation for consumer goods

Notifications and infringements

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TBT COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURES FOR INFORMATION EXCHANGE



HANDLING OF COMMENTS

November 3rd, 2004

HANDLING OF COMMENTS - THE EC-TBT enquiry point

- **EC-TBT enquiry point** managed by the European Commission
 - ensures the participation of the European Communities in the procedure.
 - analyses, with the help of companies, the notified 3rd country projects.
 - coordinates the issuing of comments.
 - transmits EC notifications to the WTO secretariat.
 - ensures the follow-up of comments received by the EC.
 - answers the requests of information about notified projects.
 - exchanges information with EU members states
a meeting is organized 1-2 times per year.



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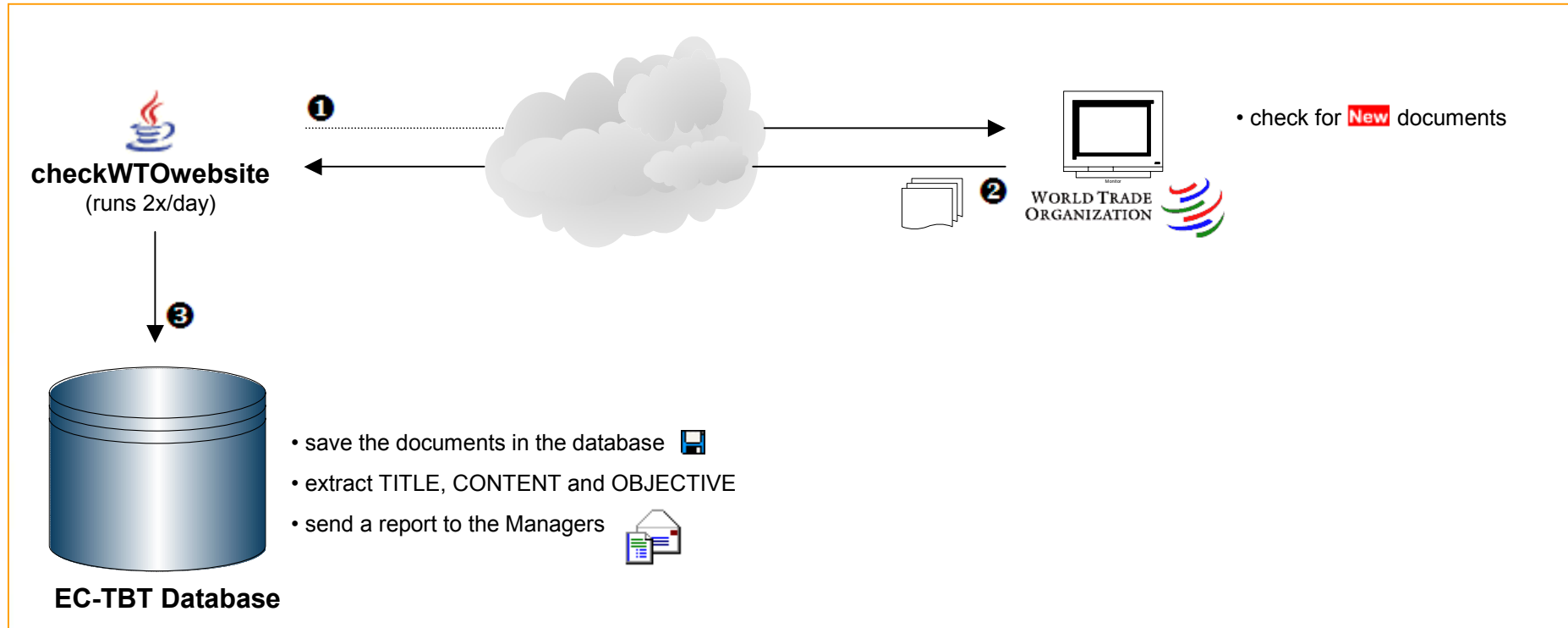
- **2004** : Launch of a **new management application**.

- **June 2004** : Launch of the **EC-TBT public website**.
 - more transparency.
 - increase the participation of economic operators.

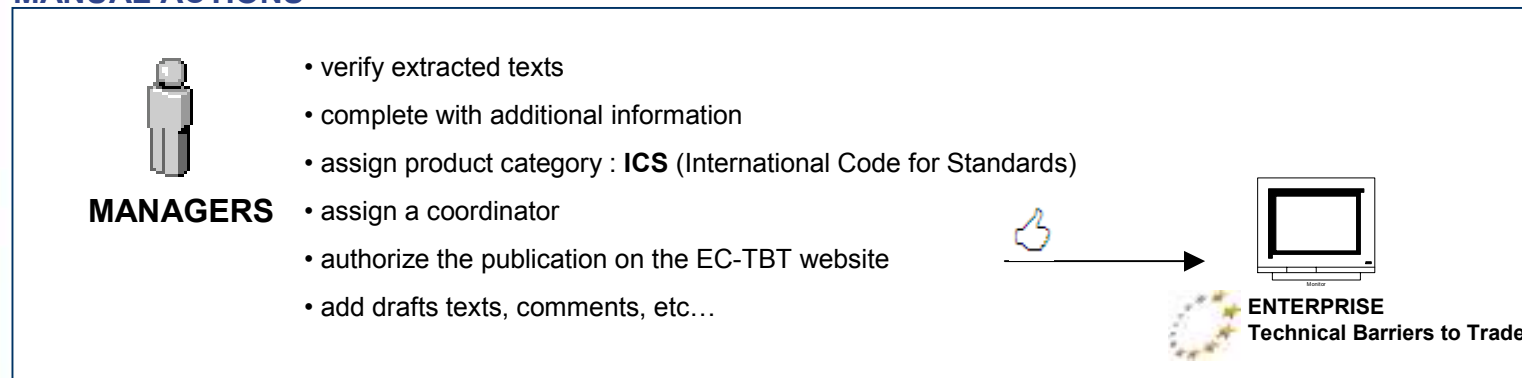


HANDLING OF COMMENTS - INFORMATION WORKFLOW

AUTOMATIC PROCEDURES



MANUAL ACTIONS



HANDLING OF COMMENTS - WHAT CAN YOU FIND ON OUR WEBSITE ?

▪ EC notifications

- notification form.
- draft texts in the 3 WTO official languages.

▪ MS notifications

- notification form.
- draft texts in in general in the 20 EC official languages.

▪ 3rd country notifications

- notification form.
- draft texts in all available languages.

Put links to PDF files on the notification form or send it to us automatically prior to the request.



HANDLING OF COMMENTS - INTEREST IN COMMENTING ON A 3RD COUNTRY NOTIFICATION

- request extension of the final date for comments if necessary.
- request internal translation if necessary.
- drafts texts and their translations are **in public access** on our website.

If a service decides to make comments :

- launch of a **internal consultation** of the concerned services and MS national authorities.
- send comments by fax and email.
- put the comments on the website.



HANDLING OF COMMENTS - COMMENTS RECEIVED

- on a EC notification

- answer is elaborated by the concerned services in consultation with MS national authorities.
- sent to the TBT contact point of the 3rd country.

- on a MS notification

- the Commission writes the final answer with the concerned MS.
- the answer is sent in the name of the European Communities.



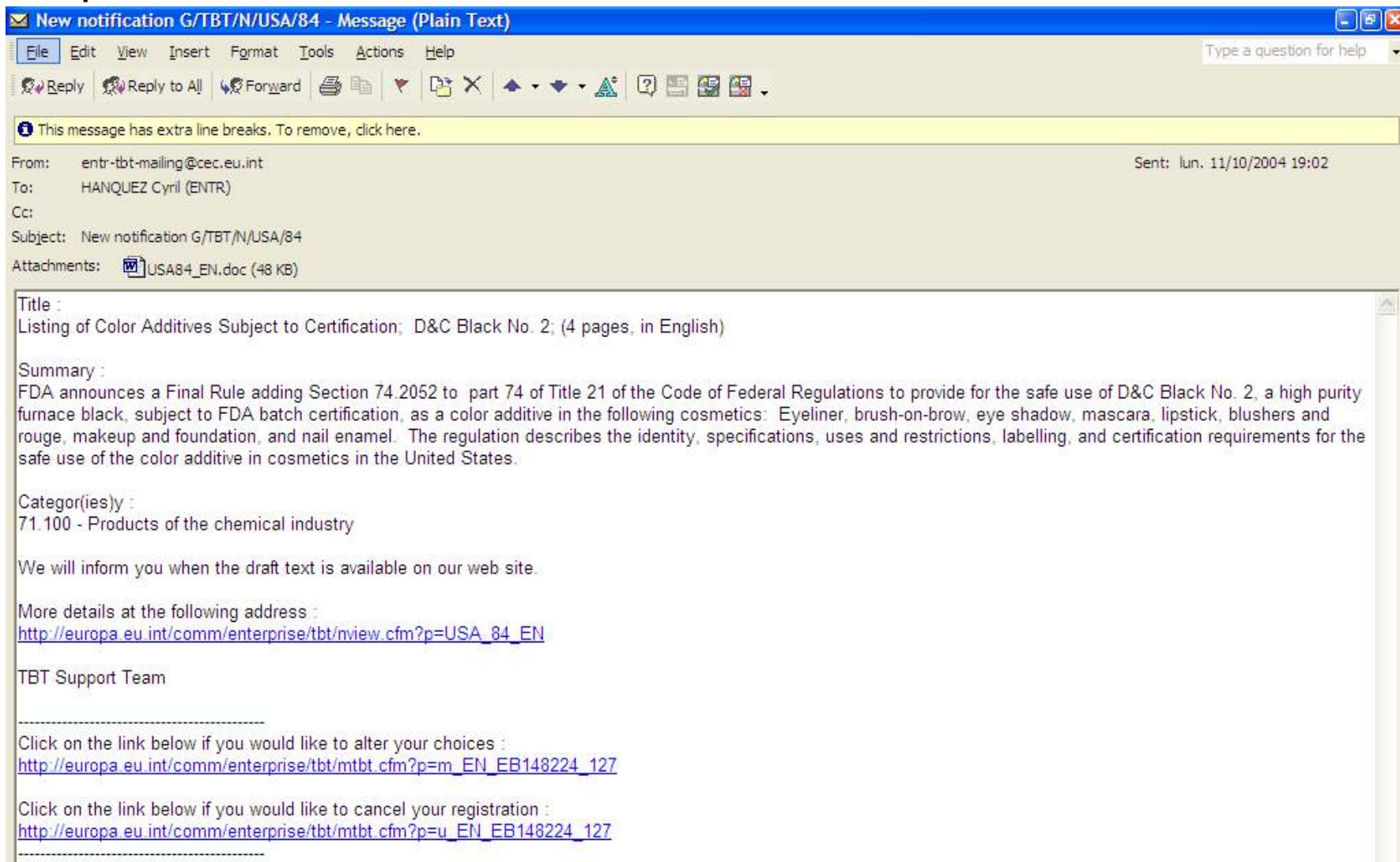
- **LIVE DEMO**

➡ <http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/tbt/>



HANDLING OF COMMENTS – MAILING LIST

example of a sent email – new notification



The screenshot shows an email client window titled "New notification G/TBT/N/USA/84 - Message (Plain Text)". The window has a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "View", "Insert", "Format", "Tools", "Actions", and "Help". Below the menu bar is a toolbar with icons for "Reply", "Reply to All", "Forward", "Print", "Delete", "Undo", "Redo", "Find", "Help", "Print", "Print", "Print", "Print". A yellow banner at the top of the email content area says "This message has extra line breaks. To remove, click here." The email header shows: "From: entr-tbt-mailing@cec.eu.int", "To: HANQUEZ Cyril (ENTR)", "Subject: New notification G/TBT/N/USA/84", and "Attachments: USA84_EN.doc (48 KB)". The email body contains the following text:

Title :
Listing of Color Additives Subject to Certification; D&C Black No. 2; (4 pages, in English)

Summary :
FDA announces a Final Rule adding Section 74.2052 to part 74 of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations to provide for the safe use of D&C Black No. 2, a high purity furnace black, subject to FDA batch certification, as a color additive in the following cosmetics: Eyeliner, brush-on-brow, eye shadow, mascara, lipstick, blushers and rouge, makeup and foundation, and nail enamel. The regulation describes the identity, specifications, uses and restrictions, labelling, and certification requirements for the safe use of the color additive in cosmetics in the United States.

Categor(ies)y :
71.100 - Products of the chemical industry

We will inform you when the draft text is available on our web site.

More details at the following address :
http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/tbt/nview.cfm?p=USA_84_EN

TBT Support Team

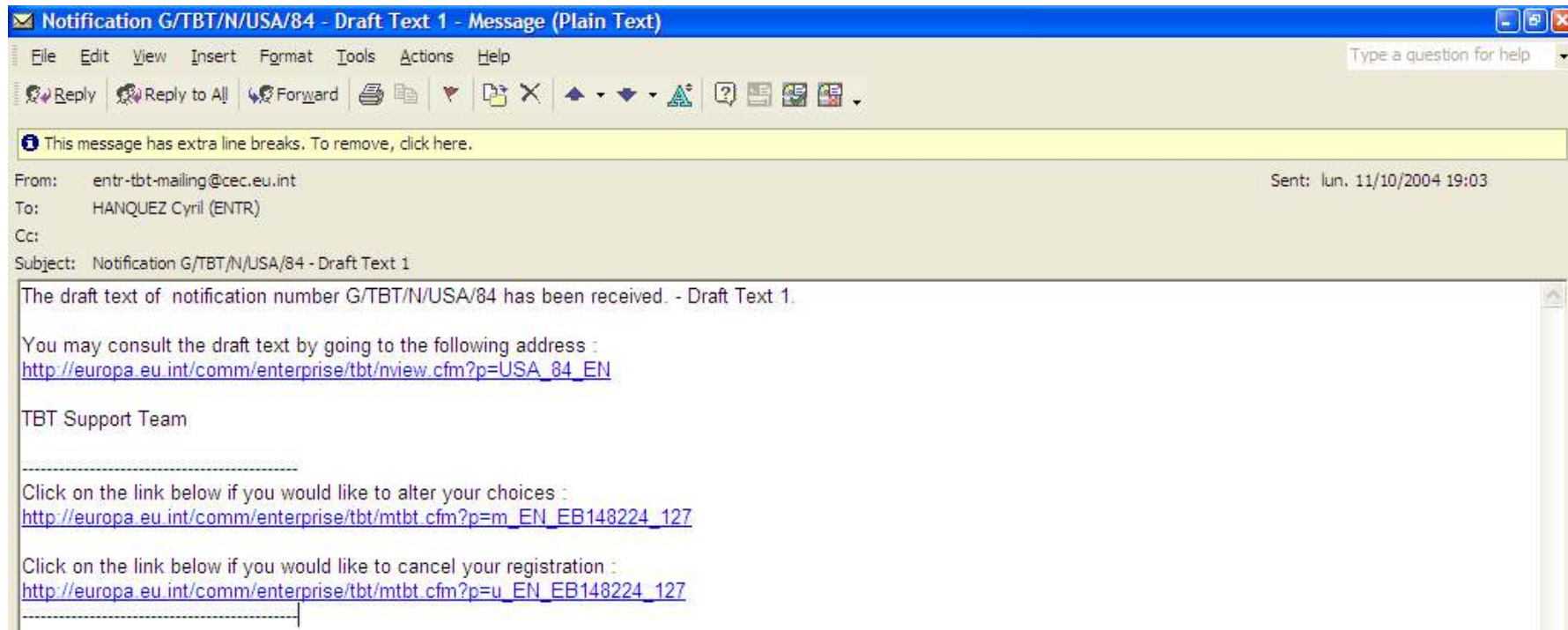
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HANDLING OF COMMENTS – MAILING LIST

example of a sent email – new draft text



The screenshot shows an email client window titled "Notification G/TBT/N/USA/84 - Draft Text 1 - Message (Plain Text)". The window has a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "View", "Insert", "Format", "Tools", "Actions", and "Help". Below the menu bar is a toolbar with icons for "Reply", "Reply to All", "Forward", "Print", "Delete", "Undo", "Redo", "Find", "Help", "Print", "Print", "Print", and "Print". A yellow warning bar at the top of the message content area says "This message has extra line breaks. To remove, click here." The message header shows "From: entr-tbt-mailing@cec.eu.int", "To: HANQUEZ Cyril (ENTR)", "Cc:", and "Subject: Notification G/TBT/N/USA/84 - Draft Text 1". The message body contains the following text: "The draft text of notification number G/TBT/N/USA/84 has been received. - Draft Text 1.", "You may consult the draft text by going to the following address :", "http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/tbt/nview.cfm?p=USA_84_EN", "TBT Support Team", "-----", "Click on the link below if you would like to alter your choices :", "http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/tbt/mtbt.cfm?p=m_EN_EB148224_127", "Click on the link below if you would like to cancel your registration :", "http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/tbt/mtbt.cfm?p=u_EN_EB148224_127", "-----".



HANDLING OF COMMENTS - REMARKS AND ADVICE

- **products covered** : use **ICS numbers** when it's possible.
- **draft texts** : put **links to PDF files** on the notification form or **send it to us automatically** prior to the request.
- **information request** : try to **be more precise** when asking for additional information.

