



Preparation and Submission of Notifications

Special Meeting on Procedures for
Information Exchange

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The Canadian Enquiry Point

- ✚ Primary responsibility for implementing all of the WTO Agreements in Canada lies with International Trade Canada (ITCan).
- ✚ Under contract to ITCan, the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) operates *both* the Canadian Notification Authority and Enquiry Point.

Roles:

1. *Fulfill the notification requirements of the WTO TBT/SPS and NAFTA Agreements, as well as distribute WTO notifications to Canadians.*
2. *Provide information and respond to technical enquiries*

Operation of the Enquiry Point



Publication of regulatory measures

- ✚ Monitor federal and provincial Gazettes and identify trade-related measures that should be notified to the WTO.

Federal Level

- Draft federal regulations are published in the Canada Gazette, Part I, which is available on the Internet
- Consultation among stakeholders
- Regulatory Impact Analysis Statements (RIAS)
- 75 days for comments as per Canadian Federal Regulatory Policy
- Determine impact on international trade in cooperation with regulatory agencies and ITCan.

Sub-national Level

- Provincial regulations are published in their respective Gazettes
- Low level of such notifications
- Canada's challenge

Preparation and Submission of Notifications in Canada

PREPARATION:

- ✚ Complete notification format pursuant to recommendations cited in G/TBT/1/Rev.8, section III
- ✚ Clear and descriptive outline of the regulatory proposal
- ✚ Copy and paste content from e-Gazette into notification format
- ✚ Include URL of full text in box #11 of notification format - significant reduction in requests for full text
- ✚ Prepare English and French notification formats

SUBMISSION:

- ✚ Prepared notifications are sent to WTO Central Registry of Notifications (CRN) and stakeholders in one electronic transmission

Provision of Regulatory Texts

The Canadian Enquiry Point

- ✚ Provides full texts in support of Canada's notifications upon request from other WTO Member countries
- ✚ Includes URL of full text in box #11 of notification format
- ✚ Provides full texts to NAFTA partners and EC at the time of notification to the CRN.



Service Standards

Clients can expect the Canadian Enquiry Point to:

- ✚ **Notify** federal and provincial trade-related measures within 1 business day of receipt of Gazette.
- ✚ **Disseminate** WTO notifications to Canadian stakeholders within 1 business day of receipt from WTO.
- ✚ **Provide** full regulatory texts within 2 business days of receipt from source.

Central Depository for Notifications - Canadian Proposal for Enhancing the Use of Electronic Systems

✚ Features of Central Depository for Notifications

- Notification format available on protected web page [DDF+](#)
- Mandatory fields
- Drop-down menus / manual entry / clickable checkboxes
- Submit button
- Automatic confirmation

✚ Benefits of Central Depository

- Availability of notification format on the Internet
- Use of standard notification format by all Members - ensures consistency, reduces formatting by Secretariat
- Automatic confirmation of submission
- Greater length of time for comments
- Reduces the Secretariat's workload

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

G/TBT/N/(System would
automatically assign
country code and
notification number)

Date Month Year

(##-####)

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

Original: Select language(s)

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: CANADA Pull down menu listing all Member countries If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2): Manual entry
2.	Agency responsible: Manual entry Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Canadian Enquiry Point, 200-270 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1P 6N7 Tel.: +1 613 238 3222, Fax.: +1 613 569 7808, E-mail: info@scc.ca Entered automatically by system when select Member in box 1 // Manual entry option would also be available
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [] Members would click the appropriate TBT article, other: Manual entry
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Manual entry
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Manual entry
6.	Description of content: Manual entry

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Drop down menu with various objectives e.g. protection of human health, etc. // Manual entry option would also be available
8.	Relevant documents: Manual entry
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Pop up calendar so that Members could choose Proposed date of entry into force: } date
10.	Final date for comments: Pop up calendar so that Members could choose date
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] (Checkbox) or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: Manual entry The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: Members would be prompted to enter the URL link to the regulatory document

SUBMIT



**EXPORT
ALERT!**



What is Export Alert!

- Web-based application
 - System to disseminate WTO notifications to Canadian stakeholders
 - Helps exporters keep abreast of regulatory changes in global markets *before* they become law
 - Service is free of charge
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Export Alert! HTML E-mail

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Please find attached notifications of proposed regulatory changes received from the World Trade Organization (WTO).

To view the complete notification, please click on the notification number and subject below.

To request a copy of the regulatory text, please click on the corresponding link.

Notification Number and Subject		Regulatory text request
<u>TBT-ARG-58-02</u> <i>(ARGENTINA)</i>	<u>Medicinal preparations for human use</u>	<u>Request for regulatory text.</u>
<u>TBT-ARG-60-02</u> <i>(ARGENTINA)</i>	<u>Medicinal preparations for human use</u>	<u>Request for regulatory text.</u>
<u>TBT-BEL-32-02</u> <i>(BELGIUM)</i>	<u>Disposable cameras</u>	<u>Request for regulatory text.</u>
<u>TBT-BRA-66-02</u> <i>(BRAZIL)</i>	<u>Textile products</u>	<u>Request for regulatory text.</u>

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Comments regarding proposed regulatory measures should be forwarded to SCC at alertservice@scc.ca prior to the comment deadline date indicated on notifications. All requests for extensions of comment dates will be considered and should also be forwarded to SCC.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

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