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### Transparency

Transparency is a fundamental principle for the application of the norms of the SPS and TBT Agreements;

It allows that all Members comment, react and adapt to new regulations on TBT issues and Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures;

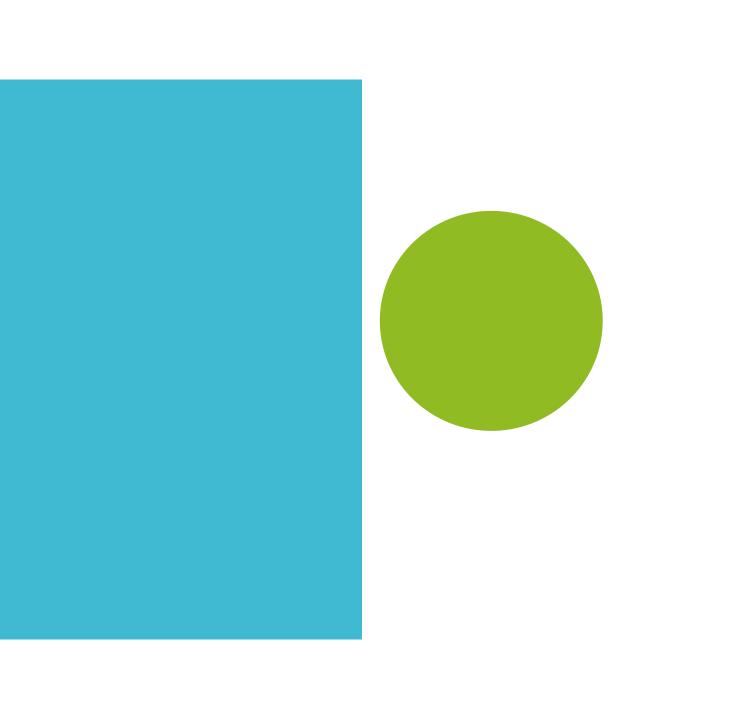
Notification of draft regulations;

**Notification** of published regulations.

### Transparency

Designation of National Notification Authority

Ministry of Foreign Affairs - MRE





# Difficulties faced by Members



It is not always clear whether a new regulation is under the SPS or TBT scopes;

What is the matter if a notification is notified to one Committee when it should be notified to another?

### Lengthier bureaucratic steps

Time to communicate to interested stakeholders is lost;

In Brazil, SPS and TBT clusters are different;

Time wasted to start procedures for producing and sending comments;

Time wasted to start internal adaptation procedures or to study alternatives to comply with the new measure.

# Clarify and identify

Even when, at first sight, a technical regulation or conformity assessment procedure seems to be an administrative procedure, it could later be considered as a measure under one of the objectives foreseen in the SPS Agreement.

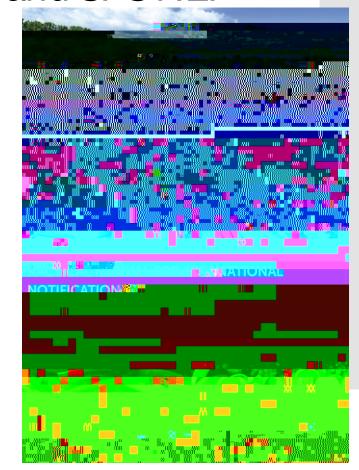
G/SPS/W/32 - (1995) Graphs on the coverage of the SPS and TBT Agreements

Guidance

# G/SPS/W/17 Recommended procedures for implementing the transparency obligations

Practical Manual for SPS NNA and SPS NEP

- provide guidance



# Food for thought

How could WTO help Members to follow this recommendation?

## Thank you!

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