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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;

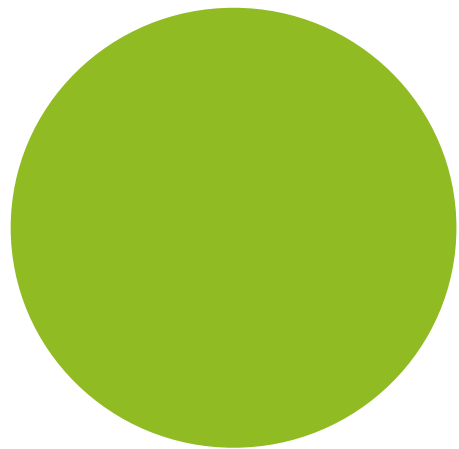
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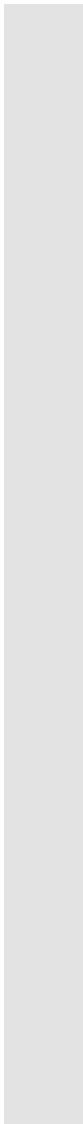
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Difficulties faced by Members

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?

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;

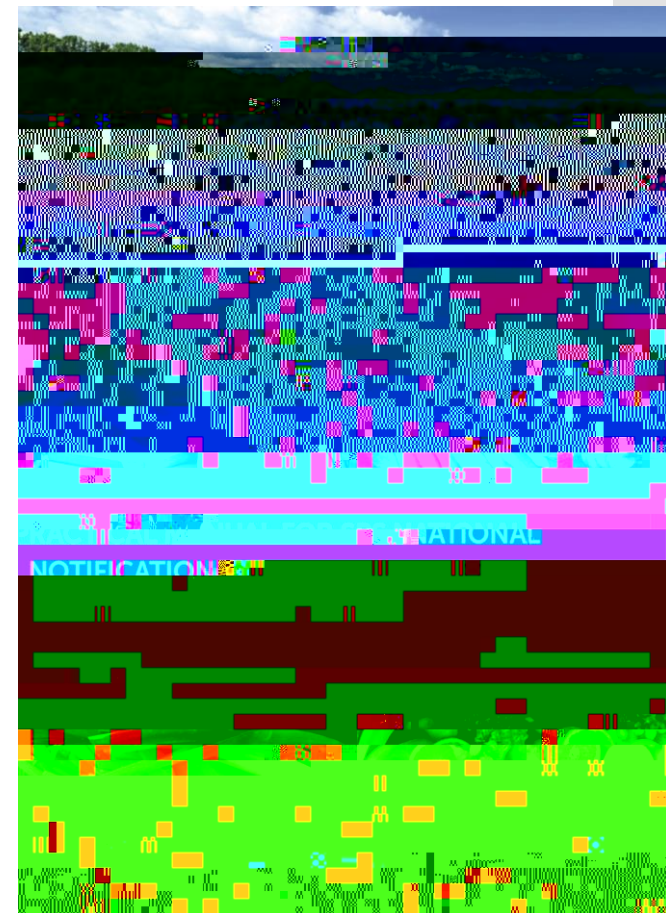
Time wasted to start internal adaptation procedures or to study alternatives to comply with the new measure.



Clarify and identify

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

Guidance



Food for
thought

