

Session 2: Implementation of the transparency provisions
-Member s e perience with SPS TBT notifications-

Implementation and Handling of SPS and TBT Notifications Japan s e perience

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International Economic Affairs Division (SPS/TBT)

Wood Products
Trade Office
(TBT)

Food Safety and Consumer
Affairs Bureau
Food safety policy Division
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Fishery Products
Trade Office
(SPS/TBT)

Distribute notification from other
WTO Members

Information on relevant regulations
to be notified
Comment to notification from WTO
members

Plant protection
Division

Animal health
Division

Animal products
safety Division

Plant products
safety Division

Regulatory authorities

Implementation of re-evaluation system

- All pesticides must be re-evaluated periodically
- The registration may be revoked or the Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) can be changed based on the result of periodical re-evaluation

Change Evaluation system

The following assessments are implemented

- Risk assessment for pesticide operator
- Ecological Risk assessment
- Risk assessment for honey bee

Improvement of sanitary regulations for food utensils and packaging

- Prohibit manufacturing and selling food utensils and packaging made of raw materials for which specifications are not established



Adjust from a cross-cutting perspective of SPS and TBT agreements

Some regulations may have within overlapped scope of SPS/TBT.

Japan properly notifies and addresses the comments submitted by members within the overlapped scope of SPS/TBT.

Submit SPS/TBT notifications simultaneously

There is no difference of comment period between SPS/TBT.

Accommodate comment period (60 days) under SPS/TBT agreements and public comment period for stakeholders.

Transparency

SPS/TBT notifications within the scope of SPS and TBT agreements will be useful to share widely to other members.