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Agency responsibility Challenges/Limitations Recommendations Regional Initiatives Summary Next Steps



The Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards (TTBS) responsibility:

- Implementation and Administration of the WTO TBT agreement
- Operation of the national TBT Enquiry Point

Challenges

ePing is not widely used nationally

No formal coordinating structure for stakeholders:

- related to TBT matters (eg. National committee)



Regional Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade, Information Management and Enquiry Points (TIE)

Assisting CARICOM member states with the update of Enquiry Point information and notification of Implementation Statements

Provides linkage to regional Enquiry Points

- questionnaire to request enquiry point information and to identify assistance needed with implementation statements
- responses to the questionnaires are being collated



ePing

a tool to effectively address time constraints of national/regional committees

facilitates sectorial discussions on proposed notifications

can assist with national Enquiry Point discussions for harmonization regionally can disseminate specific sectoral information



Summary ePing is a tool

stand alone maximum benefits will not be derived

In the absence of a forum to educate on

- its use will not increase
- limited analysis and data capture
- limited experience in its use



Next Steps

Technical Assistance to facilitate a national WTO Workshop on transparency and the use of ePing

Approval for a national coordinating committee for non-tariff barriers



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