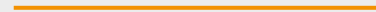
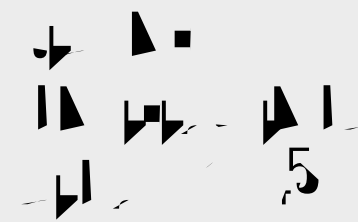
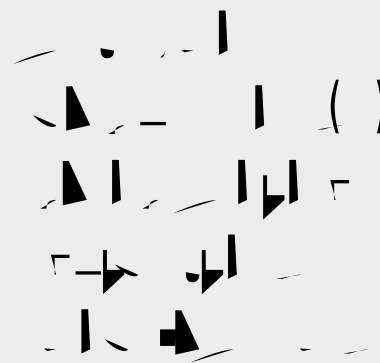
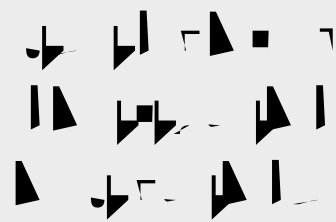
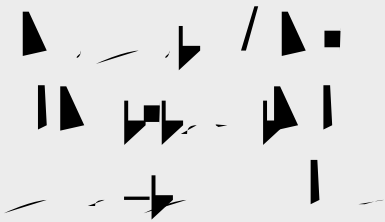






This section of the Handbook on Notification Requirements covers the notification obligations under the **AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE**. It consists of the following five parts:



For Members which acceded pursuant to Article XII of the Marrakesh Agreement, their respective Protocols of Accession may contain notification obligations in addition to those set out in the WTO Agreements, and may govern the deadlines for the submission of their initial notifications.

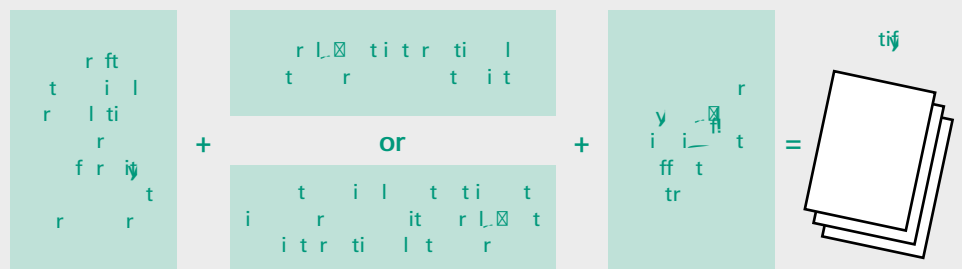
TECHNICAL REGULATIONS: SHOULD THEY BE NOTIFIED?

The WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade seeks to ensure that technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures do not create unnecessary obstacles to trade. Transparency through specific notifications obligations is one of the principles under the Agreement to minimize trade barriers. WTO Members are subject to different kinds of notifications requirements:

Technical Regulations (Article 2.9.2) and Standards (Article 2.10.1);
 Conformity Assessment Procedures (Article 5.6.2) and Conformity Assessment Procedures (Article 5.7.1)

The notification process ordinarily begins by identifying those measures that should be notified to the WTO. Figure 1 illustrates whether to notify technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures in line with Articles 2.9 and 5.6 of the TBT Agreement.

Figure 1



OBJECTIVE OF NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Standardizing bodies that have accepted or withdrawn from the Code ([Annex 3](#)) must notify this fact to the ISO via email tbcode@iso.org. Those bodies that have accepted the Code are required to publish a work programme every six months, and its existence must also be notified through the same email address.

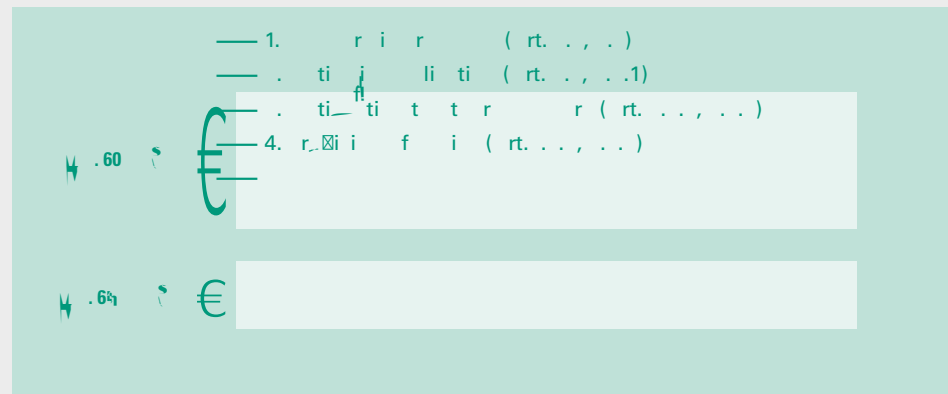
WHICH MEMBERS MUST NOTIFY?

All WTO Members.

WHEN TO NOTIFY?

At an early appropriate stage when amendments can still be introduced, and comments taken into account. Figure 2 below indicates the lifecycle of a measure.

Figure 2: The lifecycle of a measure



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	Technical Regulations		Applicable to	Mode of notification	Submission	Conformity Assessment Procedures		
	Article	Subject				Submission	Submission	
1.	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, Article 2.9.	Technical regulations.	All WTO Members	<i>Ad hoc</i>	Yes (Submission of notifications)	WTO Secretariat	G/TBT/N/*	
2.	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, Article 2.10.	Technical regulations (urgent).	All WTO Members	<i>Ad hoc</i>	Yes (Submission of notifications)	WTO Secretariat	G/TBT/N/*	
3.	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, Article 3.2.	Technical regulations – local government (urgent or non-urgent).	All WTO Members	<i>Ad hoc</i>	Yes (Submission of notifications)	WTO Secretariat	G/TBT/N/*	
4.	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, Article 5.6.	Conformity assessment procedures.	All WTO Members	<i>Ad hoc</i>	Yes (Submission of notifications)	WTO Secretariat	G/TBT/N/*	
5.	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, Article 5.7.	Conformity assessment procedures (urgent).	All WTO Members	<i>Ad hoc</i>	Yes (Submission of notifications)	WTO Secretariat	G/TBT/N/*	
6.	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, Article 7.2.	Conformity assessment Procedures – local Government (urgent or non-urgent).	All WTO Members	<i>Ad hoc</i>	Yes (Submission of notifications)	WTO Secretariat	G/TBT/N/*	

³ All notifications, regardless of their subject content or the requirement under which they are being submitted, must be directed to the administrator of the Central Registry of Notifications (CRN), as indicated in document [WT/INF/25/Rev.2](#). TBT notifications may be submitted through online submission systems or as electronic attachments to emails. As it may be practice, a copy of the notification may be sent to the Secretariat unit substantively handling the notification.



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ITEMS OF THE AGREEMENT

Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade [LT/UR/A-1A/10](#).