

TRANSPARENCY **WORKING** GROUP (TWG)

Challenges and solutions



Item 5 - Title, language and number of pages of the notified document

WTO recommendations:

Title of the proposed or adopted (in the case of late submissions) sanitary or phytosanitary regulation. Number of pages in the notified document. Languages in which the notified document is available. If a translation of the whole document or its summary exists, indicate this here.

If a Member submits the text of the draft regulation or a summary or translation thereof in PDF format along with the notification, the WTO Secretariat will facilitate access to this text through a hyperlink in the notification format.

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Problem:

We have observed that, on many cases, the title of the notification does not clearly or accurately reflect the substantive content of the notified regulation.

Solution :

Keep up the ongoing technical training programs for public authorities responsible for notifying sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS). These programs should aim to strengthen their expertise in **transparency**.



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Item 9 - Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available

WTO recommendations:

Documents referenced here are different from those listed in box 5. Documents which should be referenced include:

- (a) Publication where notice of the proposed regulation appears, including date and reference numbers;*
- (b) Proposal and basic document to which proposal refers (with specific reference number or other identification), and the language(s) in which the notified documents and any summary of these are available;*
- (c) Publication in which proposal will appear when adopted. If it is necessary to charge for documents supplied, the amount of the charge should be indicated. Provide the website address and hyperlink for these documents where available.*

If a Member submits texts of referenced documents in PDF format along with the notification to the WTO Secretariat, hyperlinks to these texts will be made available under this item.

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Item 9 - Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available

Problem:

It should be noted that this section merely includes a link to the additional document without describing its content or explaining its relationship to the notified regulation. This makes it difficult to understand its relevance and the value it adds to the analysis of the measure.

Solution:

Include a brief description of the document and summarize its link to the notified regulation (e.g., as “technical basis for...,” regulatory background, or include the specific related point) to improve clarity and transparency.

References:

World Trade Organization (WTO). (2023). Recommended Procedures for Implementing the Transparency Obligations of the SPS Agreement (Article 7). G/SPS/7/Rev.5. Retrieved from WTO Documents Online:
<https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/SS/directdoc.aspx?filename=q:/G/SPS/7R5.pdf&Open=True>