



The Domestic Coordination of SPS Transparency in China

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The transparency of Chinese SPS measures has been improving continuously.

By the end of June 2019, China has submitted 1332 SPS notifications.



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► Coordination Mechanism

- 1. Solid legal basis
- 2. Clear-cut responsibilities
- 3. Persistent transparency advocacy

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- ▶ 1. Solid Legal Basis to Enhance the Compliance of SPS Measures
 - ▶ **Improving the compliance of trade policies**
 - ▶ To build up a legal system in line with multilateral trade rules
 - ▶ **Improving the transparency of regulation process**
 - ▶ To enhance the openness and transparency of the SPS-related regulation process

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- ▶ 2. Clear-cut Assignment of Responsibilities to Ensure Transparency of SPS Notifications
- ▶ **Establishing the inter-ministerial coordination scheme**
 - ▶ China's SPS system involves
 - ▶ - the Ministry of Commerce,
 - ▶ - the National Health Commission,
 - ▶ - the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs,
 - ▶ - the General Administration of Customs,
 - ▶ - the State Administration for Market Regulation, ...

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- ▶ 2. Clear-cut Assignment of Responsibilities to Ensure Transparency of SPS Notifications
- ▶ **Formulating the notification procedure of SPS measures**
 - ▶ Competent Authority – Drafting an SPS measure, Deciding whether to notify, Filling out the form, and Submitting the notification and full text to SPS NEP
 - ▶ SPS NEP – Reviewing the notifications, Submitting to the NNA

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- ▶ 3. Continuous Communication and Advocacy to Broaden the Cooperation on SPS Transparency
- ▶ **Escalating the transparency communication and cooperation**
 - ▶ participating in the WTO workshops on transparency issues
 - ▶ Enhancing technical cooperation with developing members

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- ▶ 3. Continuous Communication and Advocacy to Broaden the Cooperation on SPS Transparency
- ▶ **Promoting the Public Awareness of Transparency**
- ▶ Website, SPS notification forms translation, monthly SPS Notification Newsletter(NEP)
- ▶ Encouraging industries, especially the micro, small and medium enterprises to utilize WTO tools, such as ePing

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▶ 4. Difficulties and Proposals

▶ **Difficulties**

- ▶ The SPS notification coordination is still insufficient.
- ▶ The public awareness of SPS transparency still needs to be enhanced.
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- ▶ 4. Difficulties and Proposals
 - ▶ 1. Making the Best Use of the Present National Mechanism, Such as the NNA.
 - ▶ 2. Exploring the notification-related problems and improving the SPS submission system.
 - ▶ 3. Boosting the ePing's Function to Further Promote Transparency.



Thank you!