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WTO Technical Barriers to Trade National Workshop

Venue: Conference Room No.22, Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi, India

13-15 March 2023

This workshop aims to enhance the capacity of Indian government officials to implement the WTO TBT Agreement effectively. It will be preceded by an outreach event designed for the private sector. It is expected to strengthen India's engagement in TBT Committee work. The following is a draft programme is to be discussed with officials in New Delhi and the Indian Mission (the current Chair of the TBT Committee is from India).

Monday, 13 March 2023
National Workshop

Time	Session	Speakers
09:30	Opening of National Workshop	Officials from India: Shri Sunil Barthwal Commerce Secretary Shri Peeyush Kumar Additional Secretary, DoC Dr. M. Balaji Joint Secretary, TNM Officials from WTO: Mr. Erik Wijkström Head, Technical Barriers to Trade Section of the WTO Trade and Environment Division World Trade Organization Mr. Mateo Ferrero Counsellor Trade and Environment Division World Trade Organization
10:30	Overview Introduction to the background and context of the TBT Agreement – key terminology and concepts.	Mr. Erik Wijkström, Mr. Mateo Ferrero
11:45	Coffee	
12:00-12:40	Key Principles Discussion of the key principles of the TBT Agreement	Mr. Erik Wijkström, Mr. Mateo Ferrero
12:40	Key Principles in Indian Context	Dr. Murali Kallummal, CWTOS
13:00	Lunch	

14:00	Technical Regulations and GRP What are <i>technical regulations</i> – and how are the elements Good Regulatory Practices applied?	Mr. Erik Wijkström, Mr. Mateo Ferrero
15:15	Coffee	
15:30	How TBT notifications are responded Discussion on the response on TBT regulations in India.	Mr. Ashish Chandra , Partner Customs/International Trade, DSK Legal
16:30	Standards The role of standards in regulation. What are the disciplines in the TBT Agreement? What are the good practices? What is the role of international standards?	Mr. Erik Wijkström, Mr. Mateo Ferrero Session concluding observation by AS(RA)*
17:30	Wrap up of first day	Discussion

Tuesday, 14 March 2023

National Workshop (cont'd from morning of 13 March)

Time	Session	Speakers
10:00	How are standards set in India Discussion on the "making" of standards in India.	Sanjay Pant , DDG(Standards) BIS Rajneesh Khosla , Director , BIS
11:30	Coffee	
11:45	Key Principles Discussion of the key principles of the TBT Agreement in light of WTO jurisprudence	Mr. Erik Wijkström, Mr. Mateo Ferrero
13:00	Lunch	Discussion
14:00	Using the TBT Committee How does the TBT Committee function, what is its mandate, and what is the best way to engage in its work?	Mr. Erik Wijkström, Mr. Mateo Ferrero TBT Chairperson (Anwar H Shaik)
15:15	Coffee	
15:30	Transparency The key principles of transparency and how to use the existing IT tools (notifications, Enquiry Point, ePing, etc)	Mr. Erik Wijkström, Mr. Mateo Ferrero
16:30	Conformity Assessment Why is conformity assessment important under the TBT Agreement and what are the key principles? A discussion around the ongoing development of guidelines in this area.	Mr Erik Wijkström, Mr. Mateo Ferrero Other WTO Members (TBC) Session concluding observation by Ms. Nidhi Khare , Additional Secretary , Department of Consumer Affairs
17:30	Wrap up of second day	Discussion

Wednesday, 15 March 2023

National Workshop (cont'd)

Time	Session	Speakers
10:00	Conformity Assessment (Cont.) Wrap-up of discussion – perspectives from Chair of the TBT Committee	TBT Chairperson (Anwar H Shaik)
11:00	Coffee	
11:15	TBT and environment Overview of recent discussions on climate change and plastic pollution in the TBT Committee	Shri Amitabh Kumar* JS, TNM
12:30	Final discussion The floor will be open for discussion, including on inputs from the private sector (derived from discussion on morning of 13 March)	Mr. Erik Wijkström, Mr. Mateo Ferrero Officials from India: what are key inputs from India's private sector
13:30	Lunch	
14:30	Introduction and overview Introduction the WTO and the why standards and regulations matter in today's multilateral trading system.	Mr. Erik Wijkström, Mr. Mateo Ferrero
15:30	Coffee	
Private Sector Event (afternoon only)		
15:45	What are the challenges faced by the Indian private sector? Question-and-answer session driven by issues raised by the Indian private sector. In the course of the discussion, the WTO will provide information on tools that have been adapted for the private sector (ePing).	Shri Anil Jauhri intervention followed by discussion with private sector to be carried out by Dr. Murali Kallummal
16:45	How to know more about TBT measures? Using ePing	Mr. Erik Wijkström, Mr. Mateo Ferrero
17:30	Closing	Shri L Satya Srinivas Additional Secretary, DoC

		<p>Dr. M. Balaji Joint Secretary, TNM</p> <p>Dr. Pritam Banerjee, Head, Centre for WTO Studies</p> <p>Mr. Erik Wijkström, Mr. Mateo Ferrero</p>
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***TO BE CONFIRMED**

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