SESSION 10

English Group A

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Topics Discussed:

- *Decision criteria: what and when to notify*

- *How to manage the volume of notifications on which to comment*

Decision criteria: what and when to notify: <u>main issues</u>

- When to notify: content of a draft regulation is sufficiently mature – regulated community understands what to comply with – still at point changes can be made in response to comments

- Lack of info with enquiry points;

- Lack of consistency (turnover)

- Institutional structure/processes – division of responsibilities across ministries, lack of regular meetings

- Lack of adequate capacity

- Regulations approved at high level and comments difficult to be taken into consideration

- Awareness of importance of notifying

Decision criteria: what and when to notify: <u>possible solutions</u>

- Training and capacity building; consistency in training
  - *Targeted materials (NNAs/EPs)*
- SPS Coordination group
  - *More interaction between responsible agencies*
  - *National forum for topics (SPS, TBT, etc.) use social media, reviews, etc.*
- Developing and documenting national process for handling notifications
- Checklists/tools to help determine whether to notify
- National portal
- Official diary for measures
- Periodic reports of regulations

Manage volume of notifications on which to comment: main issues

- Clarity of notification (missing full texts, description of content) – more follow-up time needed

- Availability of translations

Manage volume of notifications on which to comment: possible solutions

- Make use of online tools (SPS IMS, ePing, etc.)

- Training, downloading new materials

- SPS Coordination groups

- Responsibilities of EP – monitoring and coordination