



SESSION 10

English Group - B





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Topics Discussed:

- *Consultations with government and non-government stakeholders on foreign SPS notifications*
- *Decision criteria: what and when to notify*



Consultations on foreign SPS notifications: main issues

- How best to engage with industry
- Lack of comments from stakeholders
- How to deal with inputs from stakeholders that are not in line with domestic practices (have the industry submit directly to trading partner)
- Availability of notified text (including translated version, if available)



Consultations on foreign SPS notifications: possible solutions

- Organizing stakeholder meeting to gather comments from stakeholders
- Encouraging stakeholders to use existing information systems to track new measures (or changes in measures) e.g. ePing
- Trade portal – single window with information



Decision criteria: what and when to notify: main issues

- How to define a significant trade impact
- How to define a trade facilitating measure



Decision criteria: what and when to notify: possible solutions

- Ongoing education efforts to keep government officials aware of notification obligations
- All regulations go through one main contact point for vetting
- Focus on the impact on trade (not just significant trade)
- When in doubt, notify