

USING ePing TO DISSEMINATE AND COORDINATE REVIEW OF DRAFT TBT AND SPS MEASURES

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BACKGROUND

- Uganda **piloted** ePing
- Adopted sector approach for **promotion, training & registration** of users:
 - Manufacturers
 - Organic
 - Fisheries
 - Flowers, fruits & vegetables
- **Trained** and **registered Central & Local Government** officials
- **297** registered **ePing users**

DISSEMINATION OF NOTIFICATIONS AND DRAFT TBT AND SPS MEASURES

- **Relevant notifications** are disseminated to users as **ePing alerts**
 - **Users download notifications** using **links provided** in ePing alerts
- **Users download Draft Measures** using **links** or **websites** provided in notifications
- If no **Link/Website** is provided, **NEP** obtains **Draft Measures** from notifying Members
 - **Drafts uploaded** and **Shared** using ePing **File Sharing function** 

COORDINATION OF REVIEW OF DRAFT TBT AND SPS MEASURES USING ePing

- ePing contains **National Discussion Forum Function** 
- Uganda: **Activated** the functionality
- **Sector groups**: Created to **facilitate** discussion of **notifications** which **may affect** a **sector**
- Discussions of Draft Measures: **Initiated** by **NEP** or **registered Users**
- NEP **moderates discussions** of Draft Measures:
 - **Clarifications, guidance**, etc.

COORDINATION OF REVIEW OF DRAFT TBT AND SPS MEASURES USING ePing

- Discussions **outcomes**:
 - **Bilateral** discussions with **notifying Members**,
 - **Comments** submitted to **notifying Members**,
 - **Further discussions** of notifications and Draft Measures in **National TBT/SPS Committee**.

CONCLUSION

- ePing **useful** tool for **coordinating consultations** on Notifications/Draft Measures at **National, Regional & International** levels
- **NEPs/NNAs** can use ePing **File Sharing function** to share **comments, unofficial translations** & circulating **drafts measures** to domestic stakeholders
- Important to **promote** the ePing in all **SPS, TBT & trade-related** events at **National & Regional** levels to enhance the **uptake (new users)** & take care of **staff turn-over**.