

# EPING INFORMATION SESSION

Bureau of Philippine Standards, Department of Trade and Industry  
WTO Technical Barriers to Trade Committee Week, 14 November 2022

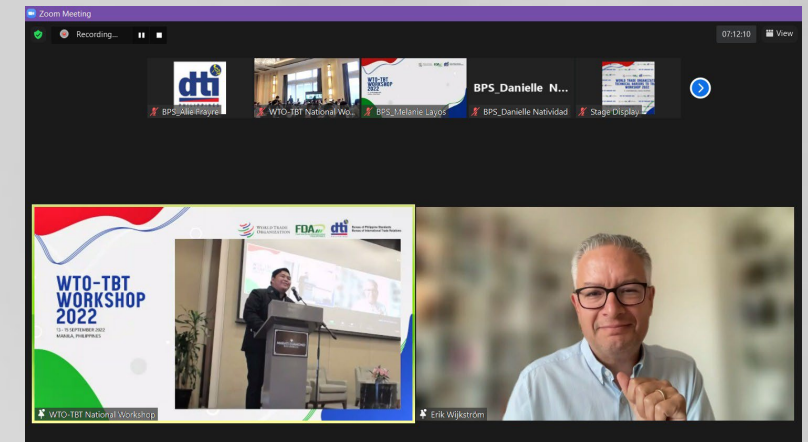
## About the Bureau of Philippine Standards

- Serves as the Philippines' National Enquiry Point (NEP) and National Notification Authority (NNA) in compliance with the WTO-TBT Agreement.
- Coordinates with other national regulatory agencies and industry:
  - Weekly WTO-TBT Notification Bulletin
  - Info-Session Series on WTO-TBT Agreement and ePing Alert System for stakeholders
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## Technical Barriers to Trade National Workshop 2022

- Conducted last **13 to 15 September 2022** at the Makati Diamond Residences, Makati City, Philippines with a hybrid format.
- A total of **165 participants** for the three-day workshop.





- A **total of 12 sessions** focusing on the TBT Agreement and current trade issues, activities of International Standardising Bodies to support the agreement, current trade Issues in the Philippines' Technical Regulations, and Good Regulatory Practice
- A **hands-on training** on the step-by-step procedures for **drafting TBT notifications** for regulatory agencies was provided, as well as, introduction on how to use the new ePing Alert System.



## Dedicated Session for Private Stakeholders

- Session for the private stakeholders wherein WTO experts provided an overview of the TBT Agreement and discussed the new e-Ping Alert System.
- A dialogue between the government and private stakeholders with regard to the activities/work done by the BPS to promote transparency of TBT notifications.





# Dedicated Session for Private Stakeholders

## **Benefits**

*ePing addresses and improves regulatory compliance. It also helps them to see the latest notification from the WTO Members they want to enter, assists in managing risk, improves supply chain planning, and facilitates smoother change management process.*

## **Concern on TBT notifications**

*Translation of full texts in English (as PH national language)*



## Way Forward

- Continue **promoting the use of eping** to private sector including through conduct of regional workshops and/or info sessions series and development of materials highlighting benefits.



**Thank you!**