



WORLD TRADE  
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**WTO REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE FOR  
CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, CENTRAL ASIA AND THE CAUCASUS  
COUNTRIES (CEECACS)**

Programme

Vienna, Austria  
15-17 July 2014

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## **Background**

This Workshop is organized by the World Trade Organization as part of its Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan for 2014-2015.

## **Structure and Objective**

The Workshop is designed to assist Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus Countries in consolidating their knowledge of the principles and disciplines of the TBT Agreement. The Workshop will focus on the transparency provisions of the TBT Agreement, and training in the new online TBT notification submission system (TBT NSS) will be provided. The Workshop will also update participants of the latest work and discussions in the TBT Committee, and inform on recent disputes adjudicated under the TBT Agreement. In addition, it will provide a forum for participants to share experiences with respect to challenges related to the implementation of the TBT Agreement. Finally, it will explore issues at the intersection of the TBT Agreement, energy and standards.

## **Venue**

The Workshop will be held at: Joint Vienna Institute, Vienna, Austria,

## **WTO Resource persons**

For information on the substantive elements of the Workshop, please contact directly:

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## **Programme**

**TUESDAY, 15 JULY 2014**

**08:30 – 09:00 Registration**

**09:00 – 09:20 Opening Ceremony**

- Joint Vienna Institute Officials
- WTO Officials

**09:20 – 10:00 Logistics Briefing**

**Structure and Objectives of the Workshop**

- Tour de table

\*\*\* *Coffee break (10:00 – 10:15)* \*\*\*

**10:15 – 10:45 TBT in context – introduction to non-tariff measures (NTMs) in the multilateral trading system** (WTO Speakers)

**10:45 – 12:00 Introduction to the TBT Agreement (cont'd)** (WTO Speakers)

- Scope and measures
- TBT measures exercise

\*\*\* *Lunch break (12:00 – 13:30)* \*\*\*

**13:30 – 15:00 Introduction to the TBT Agreement (cont'd)** (WTO Speakers)

- Overview of principles and disciplines (non-discrimination, unnecessary barriers to trade)

\*\*\* *Coffee break (15:00 – 15:30)* \*\*\*

**15:30 – 17:30 TBT-related Disputes** (WTO Speakers)

- Factual presentation of recent TBT-related disputes TBT measures exercise

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## **WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY 2014**

**09:00 – 10:00 Transparency** (WTO Speakers)

- Overview of the transparency procedures and practices of the TBT Agreement

\*\*\* *Coffee break (10:00 – 10:15)* \*\*\*

**10:15 - 12:00 TBT NSS** (WTO Speakers)

- Demonstration and training on the use of the online TBT notification submission system (TBT NSS)
- Exercise on submitting a TBT notification

\*\*\* *Lunch break (12:00 – 13:30)* \*\*\*

**13:30 - 14:45 International Standards**

- Key provisions of the Agreement and work of the TBT Committee (WTO Speakers)
- Experience sharing on standard setting processes:
  - IEC (Ms Christian Gabriel, Austrian Electrotechnical Association)
  - ISO (Ms Elisabeth Stampfl-Blaha, Austrian Standards Institute)

\*\*\* *Coffee break (14:45 – 15:15)* \*\*\*

**15:15-17:00 National experience sharing** (Participant presentations and discussion)

- National experiences in implementation of the TBT Agreement:
  - National coordination for implementation of the TBT Agreement (including transparency and notification procedures)
  - Trade concerns in the TBT area
  - Bilateral and plurilateral cooperation on TBT
  - Use of international standards as a basis for regulation

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**THURSDAY, 17 JULY 2014**

**09:00 – 10:45 Panel Discussion on Energy and TBT – Standards for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency** (External Speakers)

- IEC (Mr Kerry McManama)
- UNIDO (Mr Adnan Atwa)
- UNEP (Mr Joachim Monkelbaan)
- Energy Charter (Mr Steivan Defilla)

\*\*\* *Coffee break (10:45 – 11:00)* \*\*\*

**11:00 – 12:30 Panel Discussion on Energy and TBT – Transport Fuel Standards** (External Speakers)

- Energy Charter (Mr Steivan Defilla)
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Mr David Livingston)
- UNEP (Mr Joachim Monkelbaan)

\*\*\* *Lunch break (12:30 – 13:30)* \*\*\*

**13:30 – 14:30 Good Regulatory Practice and Regulatory Cooperation** (WTO Speakers)

- Overview of the work of the TBT Committee
- Presentation of non-exhaustive list of voluntary mechanisms and related principles of GRP

**14:30 - 16:00 Summary, Q&A, closing and evaluation**