



# **e Ping**

## **SPS and TBT notification dissemination system**

**A short discussion on the use of e Ping**

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# What is e Ping

## SPS and TBT notification dissemination system

- E Ping is online a notification system that informs public and private sector stakeholders about changes in technical barriers to trade (TBT) and sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures of (potential) trading partners
- e ping help to improve communication and information sharing between public and private sector stakeholders on changes in TBT and SPS regulations.
- The ePing enables LDCs to easily access information and to facilitate communication on changes in SPS and TBT regulations of trading partners



# WTO notification system



- Whenever a Member State issues a new SPS or TBT regulation, it is required to notify the WTO. Notifications are submitted through a standard form containing a summary of the new or modified SPS or TBT measure, a list of affected products and related information.
- Member country require to establish inquiry points for SPS and TBT regulations (Changes). These inquiry points has two fold purpose one notifying WTO if any changes occurs on SPS and TBT regulation and the second to inform stakeholders about new notification that has been notified by other WTO members.
- e ping facilitate any subscriber(interested party) to access to these information through electronic means.



# Nepalese Case

## Status

- SPS and TBT inquiry points (Department of Food Technology and Quarantine-DFTQC and Nepal Bureau of Standard and Meteorology -NBSM)
- Procedural aspects: well arranged
- National focal points: designated
- Less awareness on stakeholders
- Private sector :contact concerned Ministries if movement of their shipment faces problems due to changes in in SPS/TBT regulation in destination country
- Agencies/ Ministries to take the measures to address the problem
- WTO library/Focal points assists



# National Enquiry Points



## Issues

- Awareness on the multifold use of Inquiry points
- Institutional/Structural and procedural issues
- Competencies/ Expertise on service provider and receiver
- Resources/ Human resources constrains of both receiver and provider
- Limited export



# National Enquiry Points



## Issues

- Awareness on the use of Inquiry points
- Institutional/Structural and Procedural issues
- Competencies/ Expertise
- Resources/ Human resources
- Reliance on National Inquiry points
- Import base (less export)



# How e ping can facilitate the work of National Enquiry Points



## Accessing WTO notifications

- It supports to access the notification about changes in SPS and TBT regulations of other Member States
- Accessing the new or modified SPS or TBT measure/ a list of affected products and related information

## Providing important trade information of products and destinations of interest

- Stakeholders receive daily or weekly email alerts listing notifications on products and/or markets of interest.
- These alerts give users easy access to a listing of the latest notifications that match indicated preferences.



# How e ping can facilitate work of National Enquiry Points



## Foundation for data collection/data base of notification

- Search tables with all notifications since 2012
- Criteria base search (product /market/ date of notification/ objective of notifying member)
- Search queries can be saved and included in the alert emails
- Search results can be exported to a spread sheet

## Sharing of information:

- Uploading additional information such as text of notification
- Tracking important notifications
- Creation of national discussion forum for each notification
- Updated list of SPS and TBT National Enquiry Points.

These activities significantly contribute the work flow of National enquiry points .



# Effective use of e ping requires:(Nepalese context)

- Knowledge-know /know how-dissimilation
- Increasing awareness among stakeholders
- Motivating stakeholder to use e ping
- Linking e ping with other SPS and TBT related initiatives such as Trade Portal/ Single window
- Capacity development/developing expertise in agencies and private sector
- Maintaining database of NTIS products and other major export/import products and major market
- Dissimilating TBT/SPS information to private sector organizations(FNCCI/CNI/NCOC) and commodities organizations/export house
- Institutional/ procedural mechanisms are to be strengthened



Thank you for your kind attention



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