

**China  
WTO/TBT  
Enquiry Point  
and its Operation**

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**Establish  
National WTO/TBT  
Enquiry Point  
for Membership of  
China in WTO.**

# TBT Transparency

- Publication - Ministry of Commerce  
- AQSIQ
- Notification - Ministry of Commerce  
- TO/TBT-SPS Enq.Pnts
- Enquiry - Ministry of Commerce  
-TBT-SPS Enquiry Points

# **TBT Enquiry Point Organization**

**15 staff / 3 Divisions**

- Notification & Enquiry**
- TBT Research**
- TBT-SPS Website**

# Work Done since 2001

## 1. Technical Check of TBT Notifications from China

59 TBT notifications sent to WTO

2002.....	18
2003.....	22
2004/9.....	19

# Experience

- Engaging high qualified personnel;
- Equipped with advanced office machine;
- Strictly adhere to TBT Committee rule;
- Setting rules and procedures for daily work.



# Work Done since 2001

## 2. Receive TBT Notifications from other Members

500 – 800/year sent by WTO

- Translate into Chinese within 2-3 working days
- distribute them to government departments
- print them into paper forms
- put them on TBT-SPS website, for free access

# Work Done since 2001

## 3. TBT Enquiry Services

	Enqu.	Mails	Doc.	Pages
2002	97	151	115	1672
2003	283	670	521	9538
2004/6	188	368	348	5352

# Work Done since 2001

4. On comments on TBT Notifications from other WTO Members
  - popularize significance of TBT commenting system
  - organize training courses for export enterprises
  - organize workshops participated by expertise
  - check final wording of comments

# Work Done since 2001

## Difficulties in making comments

- language problems particularly the full text
- changeable contacts of Enquiry Points
- industry unawareness of significance
- mixture of trade policy and technologies
- limited period of 60-day for comment

# Work Done since 2001

Measures to deal with difficulties

- use outside interpretation companies
- we expect TBT Enquiry Points online
- organize workshops and training courses
- combine TBT discipline and technologies
- ask extension of deadline when necessary

# Work Done since 2001

Receive comments on China's notifications from other WTO Members

- translate them into Chinese when needed
- transfer comments to the regulation drafter
- wording check of replies
- feed back to commenting Members

# Work Done since 2001

## 5. TBT Research work on key issues

- Follow-up research on EU REACH system
- Resl. and rcmd. of TBT Committee since 1995
- EU Directives on waste electrical appliances
- Collection of boiler and pressure vessel notif.
- Collection of metrology notifications

# Work Done since 2001

## 6. TBT-SPS network

- All WTO/TBT-SPS notifications bilingual
- 43 database and 8000 interacting pages
- Linkage with other websites
- Enquiry or comments making
- Risk alerts
- Current Laws and regulations available



# Work Done since 2001

## 7. WTO/TBT Publications

*“WTO/TBT Express” (half-month issue)*

*“Report of the TBT-SPS Enquiry Point”*

*“Understanding of the TBT Agreement”*

**New nationwide magazine**

# **WTO/TBT Enquiry Point's Work**

## **Conclusion**

- 1. Full attention by the central government**
  - Authorization by the State Council**
  - Adequate financial support**

# **WTO/TBT Enquiry Point's Work**

## **Conclusion**

### **2. Clear working procedures**

- Regulatory body make judgement of notifying**
  - Regulatory body fill in notification forms**
  - National Enquiry Point check wording**
  - Ministry of Commerce notifies WTO**

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## **Conclusion**

### **3. Qualified staff and advanced equipment**

- Internal Local Area Network sharing data**
  - Quick access to Internet at all time**

# **WTO/TBT Enquiry Point's Work**

## **Conclusion**

### **4.Active participation in TBT activities**

- TBT Committee Meetings**
- Special Meeting on Information Exchange**
- Related workshops like REACH**

## WTO/TBT Notifications Since 1995

1995 - 1996.....	825
1997.....	550
1998.....	548
1999.....	699
2000.....	611
2001.....	534
2002.....	582
2003.....	894

**Thank you**