

To,
All the Members of Plexconcil

Dear Sir / Madam,

We wish to inform you that the upcoming WTO TBT/SPS Committee Meetings are scheduled to be held shortly. These meetings give an opportunity to member countries to raise their concerns with regard to the non-tariff measures relating to SPS/TBT taken by any other member country.

Agreement on application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) provide the framework for balancing public health, safety and other concerns while ensuring that they do not become unjustifiable barriers to trade .

Sanitary & phytosanitary (SPS) measures are quarantine and biosecurity measures which applied to protect human, animal or plant life or health from risks arising from the introduction, establishment and spread of pests and diseases and from risks arising from additives, toxins and contaminants in food and feed.

The Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement aims to ensure that technical regulations, standards, and conformity assessment procedures are non-discriminatory and do not create unnecessary obstacles to trade.

Members are requested to kindly send issues that could be raised as Specific Trade Concerns (STCs) during the forthcoming meetings of SPS and TBT Committee. It is also requested that a small background to the issue along with details of its impact on export of your product may please be provided in the format below:

Country	Product	NTB description

The updated concerns may please be provided by 24th April 2021 to the undersigned at bharti@plexconcil.org

Best regards

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