The Use of Electronic Tools in WTO/TBT Enquiry Point Work

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In the Implementation of The WTO/TBT Agreement

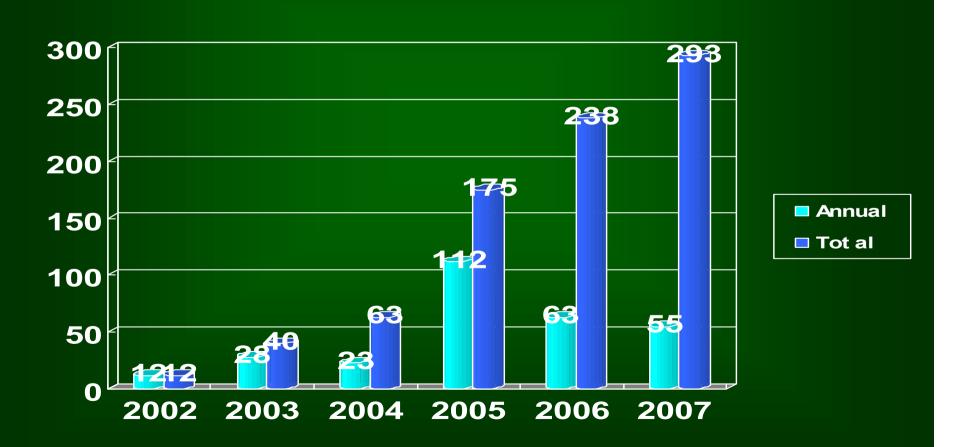
Using electronic tools in the work of:

- Publication of technical regulations
- Conducting TBT Notifications
- Offering TBT enquiry services
- Commenting TBT notifications
- Technical cooperation with partners
- Popularization of TBT knowledge
- Maintenance of the TBT-SPS website

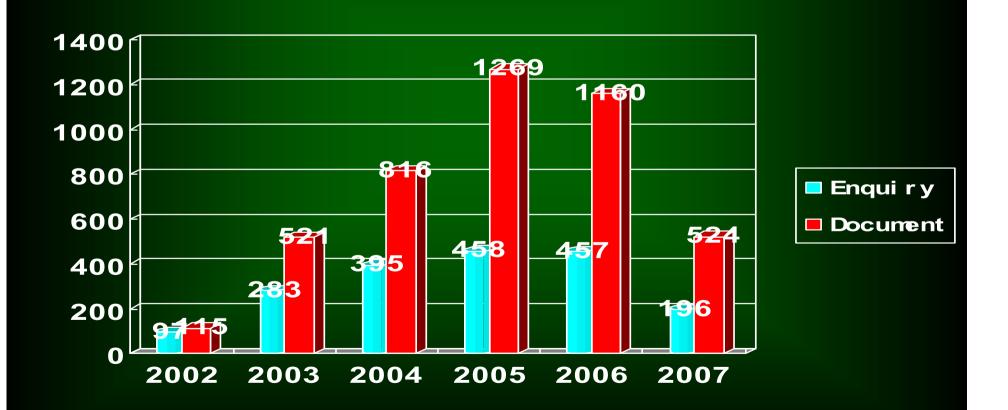
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Law of the P.R. China on Legislation,
Law of the P.R. of China on Standardization,
Law of the P.R. of China on Metrology,
Law of the P.R. of China on Product Quality,
Law of the P.R. of China on the Inspection of
Import and Export Commodities,
Administrative Regulation of the P.R. of China on
Certification and Accreditation, etc.
Department rules are available on related websites;

Notification of TBT Measures



Using electronic tools in the work of: offering TBT enquiry services



Using electronic tools in the work of: Commenting TBT notifications

- Receive comments on China's Notification;
- Communicate with regulatory agency for reply;
- Transfer TBT notifications to stakeholders;
- Dealing with comments on other Member's Notifications;
- Sending comments to related Enquiry Point;
- Receive reply from other Members;

- Technical cooperation with partners
- Carry out technical study tour to other Members visits to Enquiry Points of US, EU, Japan, Korea Australia, Brazil, Chile, Sweden, Switzerland etc.
- Receive visitors on Enquiry Point's work from private and public sectors of US, EU, Vietnam etc.

- Popularization of TBT knowledge
- Cooperation with major media such as CCTV, "China Daily", "The Guomen Times", "The China Quality Newspaper" etc.
- Training courses for related government officials and personnel of enterprises.

Using electronic tools in the work of: - Maintenance of the TBT-SPS website www.tbt-sps.gov.cn

- for the implementation of the principle of transparency;
- an official network in China being most authoritative and professional on technical measures to trade;
- with rich storage of contents and database;
- provide time and practical services to users.

- Maintenance of the TBT-SPS website

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Authoritative:

- Designated by AQSIQ, the network contains a complete set of TBT notification information in bilingual forms provided by China WTO/TBT Enquiry Point;

Practical:

- Timely information on key issues of technical measures of domestic and importing Members for importers and exporters;

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Timely:

- Risk alert information related to Chinese exports

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mutual-action

- introduction on Agreements of the WTO
- on-line enquiry making,
- on-line information feedback,
- on-line information retrieval
- on-line subscription
- on-line discussion on issues relating technical measure on trade
- on-line submission of comments on notifications

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Comprehensive

- large amount of information on quality inspection
- about 40 technical databases
- over 6 000 moveable network pages
- available of TBT notifications of all WTO Members
- information about various technical regulations, standards, risk alert message and related news
- storage of over 80 billion characters
- linkage with other websites

Conclusion

- 1. Full attention by the central government
 - Instruction of the State Council
 - -Budget for financial support
- 2.Clear working procedures
 Strictly adhere to TBT rules

Conclusion

- 3. Solid infrastructure
 Internal Local Area Network sharing data
 Quick access to Internet at all time
- 4.Active participation in TBT activities
 TBT Committee Meetings
 Special Meeting on Information Exchange

Thank you