

INDIVIDUAL COURSE DETAILS

Specialised Training Programme on Standards, Regulations and WTO SPS and TBT Measures

A. Name of the Institute	Centre for WTO Studies
B. Name/Title of the Course	Specialised Training Programme on Standards, Regulations and WTO SPS and TBT Measures
C. Course Dates with Duration in Weeks <i>[note: dates may be fixed keeping in mind festivals, holidays, weather conditions, availability of accommodations, etc. No request for change in dates, once approved/ circulated will be entertained]</i>	From 11 September to 20 September 2023 Duration: Two weeks
D. Eligibility Criteria for Participants 1. Educational Qualifications 2. Work Experience required, if any 3. Age Limit <i>[note: ITEC norms is 25-45 years]</i> 4. Target Group <i>[Level of participants and target ministries/departments etc. may be indicated]</i>	Minimum Educational Qualification should be Graduation. The course is aimed for middle/senior government officials working in the Standards setting bodies/ Institutes, Testing labs, Trade or Commerce Ministries in Developing countries handling issues related to Standards, SPS/ TBT measures, Regulations for import and exports, public health and consumer related issues.
E. Aims & Objectives of the Course	The main objective of the course is to enhance the understanding of the participants of the legal provisions of the WTO Agreements relating to SPS, TBT measures, role of international and national standard setting bodies, food

	safety issues and implications on trade, conformity assessment procedures.
F. Course Contents / Syllabus <i>[please attach course details / profile in Word Format for uploading on ITEC website]</i>	As per Annexure II-A.1
G. Mode of evaluation of performance of the participants	Based on class participation. This is a certificate course

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Background and Rationale for Training

The establishment of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) has created a complex, rules-based system wherein developing and least developed countries are faced with a number of opportunities and challenges. It becomes imperative for policy makers and negotiators to have a comprehensive understanding of these issues as well as of the parallel growth of regional trade agreements. This would support their capacity for prepared and coherent approaches to commitments in the above areas, towards effective participation in the multilateral trading system and reaping its benefits.

Among the disciplines being created and administered by the WTO, it is important to have in-depth and specialized knowledge of the nature of commitments being undertaken and implications of these commitments. An important area is Non-tariff measures such as SPS and TBT. These measures involve issues of public health, food safety standards, regulations for imports, and other consumer related issues. Role of international standards setting bodies and developing domestic capacities for compliance with these standards is an important area of public policy. For the purpose of the proposed training for government officials of Developing countries the WTO agreements on SPS and TBT, notification obligations to WTO and emerging WTO jurisprudence will be covered. In addition, the standards eco system and role of national and international standards setting bodies, accreditation and conformity assessment infrastructure will be covered. Specific challenges in export of products such as fishery products, spices will also be covered.

The mushrooming of regional trade agreements is also creating an increasingly intricate and overlapping network of WTO plus provisions relating to standards and regulations which will also be covered.

Course Structure and Duration

Given the rationale for the training, the Centre has developed a capacity building programme towards enhancing the understanding of these specific issues as they come under the purview of the WTO, their context, scope and coverage, rights and obligations of member countries under the various agreements, special provisions for developing and least developed countries.

The training will be imparted through classroom sessions by the faculty from the Centre for WTO Studies and lectures by experts including from the WTO Secretariat; training tools as case studies, and group work. The tentative programme agenda and schedule for the training is provided at Section II-A.2 of the Annex.

The duration of the training programme will be eight working days and a weekend in between. The classroom sessions and field visits will be scheduled during the course of the eight working days and a cultural visit to the Taj Mahal at Agra will be organised during the intervening weekend.

Eligibility for Participation

The programme is intended for senior and middle level Government officials working in the Standards setting bodies/ Institutes, Testing labs, Trade or Commerce Ministries in the government or allied institutions handling issues related to Standards, SPS/ TBT measures, Regulations for import and exports, public health and consumer related issues.

Faculty and Pedagogy

Experts and Resource Persons specialising in the identified components of the trade discourse would conduct the classroom sessions. These include faculty of the Centre for WTO Studies and the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, senior officials of the Department of Commerce, Government of India, as well as experts from Standards setting institutions/accreditation bodies such as FSSAI, BIS, NABCB, and legal experts.

The pedagogy for the programme will include lectures, discussions and panel presentations as well as case studies and group work to provide participants with opportunities to develop their skills.

Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction will be English and no translation will be available.

Organisation of Training Programme

It is proposed that the Centre organise the training programme in collaboration with the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Tentative Programme**Specialised Training Programme on Standards, Regulations and WTO SPS and TBT Measures****11 September to 20 September 2023**

	<i>Day 1</i>
0900-0930 hrs	<i>Registration</i>
0930 -1000 hrs	<i>Inaugural Session</i>
1000-1030 hrs	<i>Group Photograph & Tea/Coffee</i>
1030-1145 hrs	<i>Session 1</i> Overview of WTO
1145-1245 hrs	<i>Session 2</i> WTO SPS Agreement, Notification Obligation and case laws
1245-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>
1400-1515 hrs	<i>Session 3</i> SPS and TBT Notification Obligation to WTO and Developing capacities for examination of Notifications
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>
1530-1645 hrs	<i>Session 4</i> SPS/TBT Portal of CWS
	<i>Day 2</i>
0930-1100 hrs	<i>Session 5</i> Introduction to SPS/TBT Portal of CWS
1100-1115 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>
1115-1245 hrs	<i>Session 6</i> Codex Alimentarius Commission and its Role in Standards setting
1245-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>
1400-1515 hrs	<i>Session 7</i> Introduction to WTO TBT Agreement
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>
1530-1630 hrs	<i>Session 8</i> National Standards Eco System, Role of National Standards Body, Regulatory Framework & TBT Enquiry Point
	<i>Day 3</i>
0930-1100 hrs	<i>Session 9</i> Accreditation and Conformity Assessment Infrastructure
1100-1115 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>
1115-1245 hrs	<i>Session 10</i> SPS and TBT Issues and Experiences in Exports of Agriculture & Food Products from India
1245-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>

1400-1700 hrs	Session 11 Meeting Importing countries' requirements and Issues in export certification
	Day 4
0930-1100 hrs	<i>Session 12</i> <i>Exports of Fishery Products-SPS and Quality Issues</i>
1100-1115 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
1115-1245 hrs	<i>Session 13</i> MRLs and Experiences of Import Refusals by Developed countries
1245-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>
1400-1515 hrs	<i>Session 14</i> Export of Spices-SPS and Quality Issues
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
1530-1645 hrs	<i>Session 15</i> Catch certification procedures of EU for Fishery Products
	Day 5
0930-1100 hrs	<i>Session 16</i> Case study on WTO ruling on SPS/TBT Agreement
1100-1115 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
1115-1245 hrs	<i>Session 17</i> Scientific Risk Assessment for Imposing SPS Measures- case of poultry exports; Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries-SPS Inquiry point
1245-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>
1400-1515 hrs	<i>Session 18</i> <i>Sharing of Experiences in SPS and TBT Measures by the Participants</i>
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
1530-1645 hrs	<i>Session 19</i> Private Standards – Indian Experience
	Day 6
0930-1100 hrs	<i>Session 20</i> Challenges of Standards and Conformity Assessment
1100-1115 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
1115-1245 hrs	<i>Session 21</i> <i>Field visit</i>
	Day 7
0930-1100 hrs	<i>Session 22</i> Import Restrictions due to Avian Influenza-Challenges
1400-1515 hrs	
1100-1115 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
1115-1245 hrs	<i>Session 23</i> <i>Case studies</i>
1245-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>
1400-1515 hrs	<i>Session 24</i>

	<i>Experiences in exports of Engineering Products</i>
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
1530-1645 hrs	<i>Session 25</i> <i>Case Study on TBT measures</i>
	<i>Day 8</i>
0930-1100 hrs	<i>Session 26</i> <i>Standards and Regulations in Export Markets</i>
1100-1115 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
1115-1245 hrs	<i>Closing Session/ Evaluation and Feedback</i>