



# **THE NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS IN KENYA**

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# Outline of Presentation

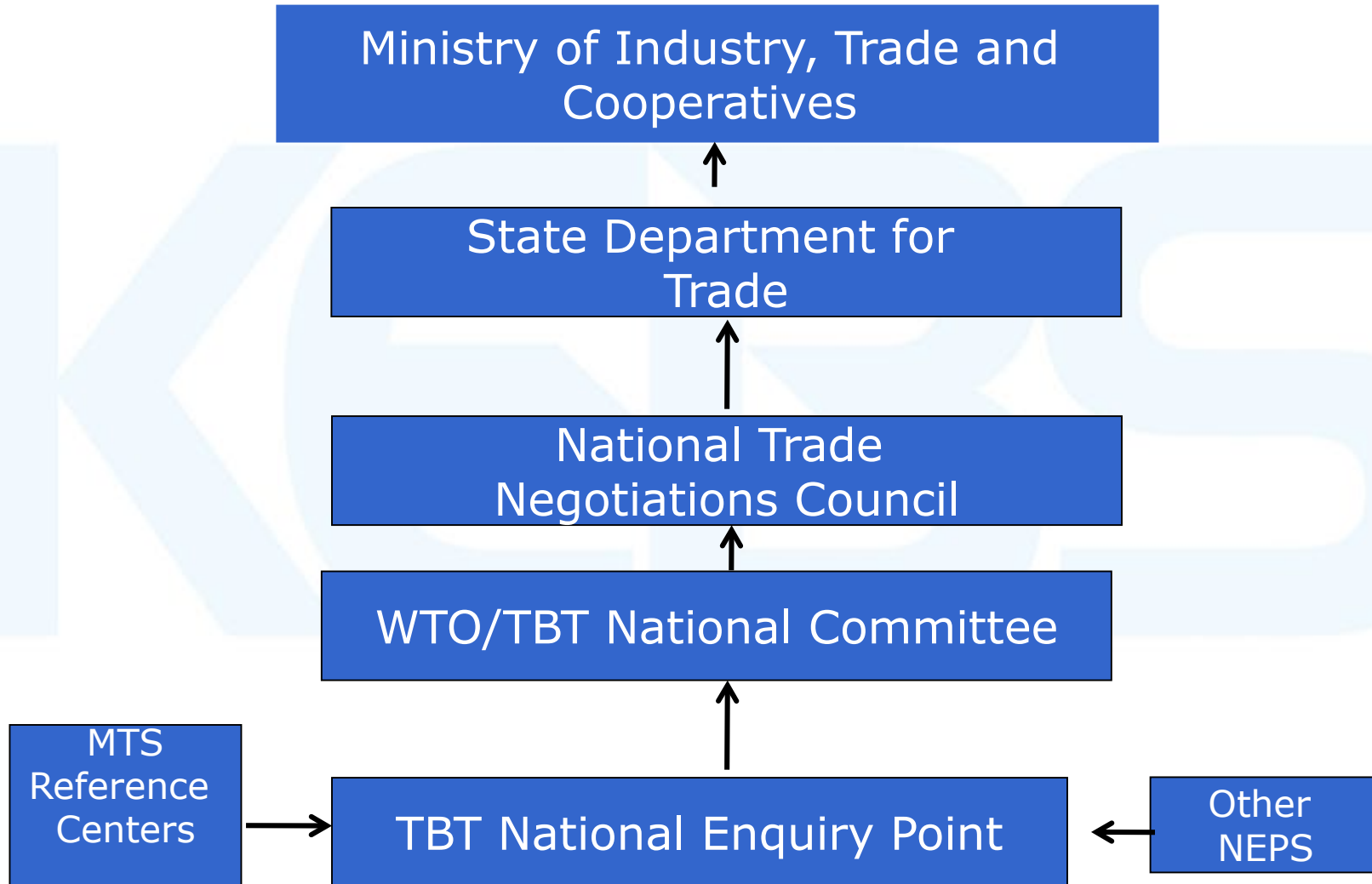


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- ❖ Consultations in Kenya are carried out through the TBT National Consultative Committee
- ❖ The TBT National Notification Authority(NNA) is based at the State Department for Trade, under the Ministry of Trade, Industry & Cooperatives
- ❖ The TBT National Enquiry Point(NEP) is based at the Kenya Bureau of Standards

# Implementation of TBT Agreement

## Institutional Framework





# Membership

- ❖ State Department for Trade – Chair
- ❖ Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) - Secretariat
- ❖ **National Government**
- ❖ Ministry of Health - Member
- ❖ State Department of East African Affairs - Member
- ❖ State Department of Agriculture - Member
- ❖ Directorate of Veterinary Services - Member
- ❖ The Office of the Attorney General - Member

## Regulatory Authorities & Statutory Bodies

- ❖ Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) - Member
- ❖ Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI) - Member
- ❖ National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) - Member
- ❖ Export Promotion Council - Member
- ❖ Kenya Investment Authority - Member
- ❖ NACADA - Member
- ❖ KENTRADE - Member
- ❖ Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS) - Member



# Membership

## Consumer Bodies

- ❖ Consumer Information Network - Member

## Business Associations

- ❖ Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) - Member

## Universities

- ❖ University of Nairobi - Member

# Terms of Reference

- ❖ To review all issues pertaining to TBT
- ❖ To review the operation and administration of the TBT Agreement with regard to enquiry and notification point obligations
- ❖ To review developments in technical regulations, standards, & conformity assessment procedures that are barriers to trade nationally & in trading partners
- ❖ To exchange information and assist in the co-ordination among ministries and lead agencies on responses to WTO foreign notifications
- ❖ Technical evaluation of all WTO TBT foreign notifications



- ❖ To review developments in the WTO TBT Committee
- ❖ To review responses and enquiries to the country's notifications to WTO
- ❖ To provide views and other inputs for the Triennial Reviews of the TBT Committee
- ❖ To review developments in Trade and regulatory practices
- ❖ Development of National Positions with regard to WTO TBT issues for onward transmission to the Geneva - based Kenyan negotiators
- ❖ To review Technical Assistance needs through the Ministry responsible for trade matters

# Administration

- ❖ Committee meets at least three times a year, a month before the Scheduled WTO TBT Committee meeting in Geneva



# Typical Agenda

- Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising
- Discussions on implementation of EAC Regional TBT Workplan
- Preparations for the WTO TBT meeting in Geneva
  - Report from previous WTO TBT meeting in Geneva
  - Triennial Review
  - Invitation Letters
  - National Position paper covering ongoing discussions including STCs raised at TBT meetings
  - Follow up on resolution of STCs raised through bilateral means
- Technical Evaluation of Domestic and Foreign Notifications

# Challenges



- ❖ There is limited feedback from the business community on foreign notifications
- ❖ Delayed communication from regulatory authorities concerning proposed/revised technical regulations
- ❖ Inadequate resources both human and capital

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