

Members' proposals to improve the committee's work

Discussions to improve the committee's work under the Seventh Triennial Review of the [TBT Agreement](#) picked up pace as members put forward eleven new proposals. Four proposals were introduced at the [March meeting](#). The purpose of the review is to identify opportunities to deepen the work of the Committee and set the work programme for 2016-2018. Members are scheduled to adopt the Seventh Review report at the next Committee meeting in November.

New proposals concern:

- > **conformity assessment** : easing procedures related to testing, inspection and certification of products
- > **transparency** : facilitating notification of draft regulations by members to the Committee and their dissemination to national stakeholders
- > **standards** : adopting international standards as a basis for members' regulations in order to facilitate trade
- > **regulatory cooperation between members** : encouraging early cooperation between members on emerging regulatory issues to avoid barriers to trade
- > **operation of the committee** : members discussed adding additional topics to the thematic discussions such as food labelling and energy efficiency

- > **good regulatory practices** : public consultation, regulatory impact assessment (RIAs) and other mechanisms applied in the regulatory process to help avoid future trade problems (see further explanation [below](#).)

The proposals were put forward by [Australia](#), [China](#), Japan ([G/TBT/W/412](#) and [G/TBT/W/413](#)), [Korea](#), [South Africa](#), [Switzerland](#), [Chinese Taipei](#), [Ukraine](#) and the United States ([G/TBT/W/411](#) and [G/TBT/W/415](#)).