



Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

THEMATIC SESSION ON STANDARDS

12 NOVEMBER 2019, 10:00-13:00

Programme¹

At the Eighth Triennial Review, Members agreed to continue to hold thematic sessions in conjunction with its regular meetings during 2019 to 2021, with a view to further deepening the Committee's exchange of experiences on specific topics, and to hold a session on standards in November 2019 with a focus on incorporating standards by reference in regulations.²

This thematic session will be moderated by: Ms. Göksu Tülümen (Turkey)

Guiding questions:³

- What are the policy considerations for incorporating standards by reference?
- What guidelines exist for incorporating standards by reference?
- What are best practices for incorporating standards by reference in regulations?

Speakers are invited to make presentations not exceeding 15 minutes.

Panel 1

- a. **Canada:** *Incorporation of Standards by Reference in Canada: Considerations for Trade*, Ms Michelle Parkouda, PhD, Manager Research, Standards Council of Canada, and Mr. Stephen Head, Manager, Strategic Policy and Sector Engagement, Standards Council of Canada.
- b. **China:** *China's experiences on mandatory standards*, Mr. HU Xiongwei, Deputy Director of National Center of Standards Evaluation, State Administration for Market Regulation.
- c. **European Union:** *Referencing standards in EU legislation*, Ms Silvia Vaccaro, Principal Administrator, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission.
- d. **United States:** *ASTM International Experience with Incorporation by Reference*, Mr. James Olshefsky, Director of External Relations, ASTM International.

¹ The draft programme is contained in JOB/TBT/341/Rev.1.

² [G/TBT/41](#), para. 8.2.a.iv, footnote 299.

³ [G/TBT/41](#), para. 5.8.a.

Panel 2

- a. **United States:** *US Regulatory Perspective on Incorporation by Reference*, Ms Elise Owen, Standards Executive, US Environmental Protection Agency.
 - b. **Canada:** *The Use of Incorporation by Reference in Canadian Federal Regulations*, Ms Patricia Pledge, General Counsel, Legislative Services Branch, Department of Justice Canada.
 - c. **Australia:** *Australia's perspective on the best practice use of standards and risk assessments in policy and regulation*, Mr. Alan McGuinness, Assistant Manager, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.
 - d. **Canada:** *Standards-based, risk-based rule-making: best practice from UNECE*, Ms Lorenza Jachia, UNECE.
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