

DISCLAIMER

The Handbook on Notification Requirements does not constitute a legal interpretation of the notification obligations under the respective Agreement(s) or relevant legal provision(s). It has been prepared by the Secretariat to assist Members in complying with their notification obligations.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION HANDBOOK ON NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

AGREEMENT ON PRESHIPMENT
INSPECTION

This section of the Handbook on Notification Requirements covers the notification obligations under the **AGREEMENT ON PRESHIPMENT INSPECTION**. It consists of the following five parts:

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For Members which acceded pursuant to Article XII of the Marrakesh Agreement, their respective Protocols of Accession may contain notification obligations in addition to those set out in the WTO Agreements, and may govern the deadlines for the submission of their initial notifications.

PART 1

OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

WHAT MUST BE NOTIFIED?

Copies of the laws and regulations by which Members put the Agreement on Preshipment Inspection (PSI Agreement) into force, as well as copies of any other laws and regulations relating to preshipment inspection. Any changes in laws and regulations relating to PSI shall not be enforced before such changes have been officially published, and shall be notified immediately after their publication.

WHICH MEMBERS MUST NOTIFY?

All WTO Members implementing the PSI Agreement.

WHEN TO NOTIFY?

Members shall notify PSI laws and regulations at the time the PSI Agreement enters into force for them, and shall notify any changes to such laws and regulations immediately after publication.

HOW TO NOTIFY?¹

There is no standard format for PSI notifications.

¹ All notifications, regardless of their subject content or the requirement under which they are being submitted, must be directed to the administrator of the Central Registry of Notifications (CRN), as indicated in document [WT/INF/25/Rev.2](#). Notifications may be submitted through online submission systems, as electronic attachments to emails, or on paper. As it may be practice, a copy of the notification may be sent to the Secretariat unit substantively handling the notification.

PART 2

LISTING OF THE NOTIFICATION OBLIGATIONS

	WHAT MUST BE NOTIFIED?		WHICH MEMBERS MUST NOTIFY?	WHEN TO NOTIFY?		HOW TO NOTIFY?		
	Notification requirements	Type of measure	Members notifying	Periodicity	Comments on Periodicity	Format	To whom ¹	Notification Symbol
1.	Agreement on Preshipment Inspection, Article 5 .	Copies of laws and regulations by which the Agreement is put into force for the Member concerned, as well as copies of any other laws and regulations relating to preshipment inspection.	All WTO Members	One time	Once upon entry into force of the WTO Agreement for the Member concerned.	No	Committee on Customs Valuation	G/PSI/N/1/*
2.	Agreement on Preshipment Inspection, Article 5 .	Changes in laws/regulations.	All WTO Members	<i>Ad hoc</i>	Immediately after their publication.	No	Committee on Customs Valuation	G/PSI/N/1/*

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PART 3

RELEVANT DOCUMENT(S) CONCERNING GUIDELINES AND FORMATS

NONE.

PART 4

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LIST OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 5

Notifications under Article 5 [G/PSI/N/1/*](#).

PART 5

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Agreement on Preshipment Inspection [LT/UR/A-1A/6](#).