

# WTO TBT Notification Workshop

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# ➤ Why are we here today?

- Papua New Guinea joined the WTO in 1996.
- WTO SPS and TBT agreements contain notification obligations.
- So far, Papua New Guinea has submitted 1 regular TBT notification.
- TBT Enquiry Point of PNG was newly assigned.
- Today, we will
  - 1) learn the role of TBT Enquiry Point and
  - 2) complete draft notifications
  - 3) practice sending the notifications through WTO e-Ping

# ➤ The Role of TBT Enquiry Point

1. Lead the notification of PNG's measures
2. Check the notification of others' measures
3. Answer all reasonable inquiries
4. Other activities

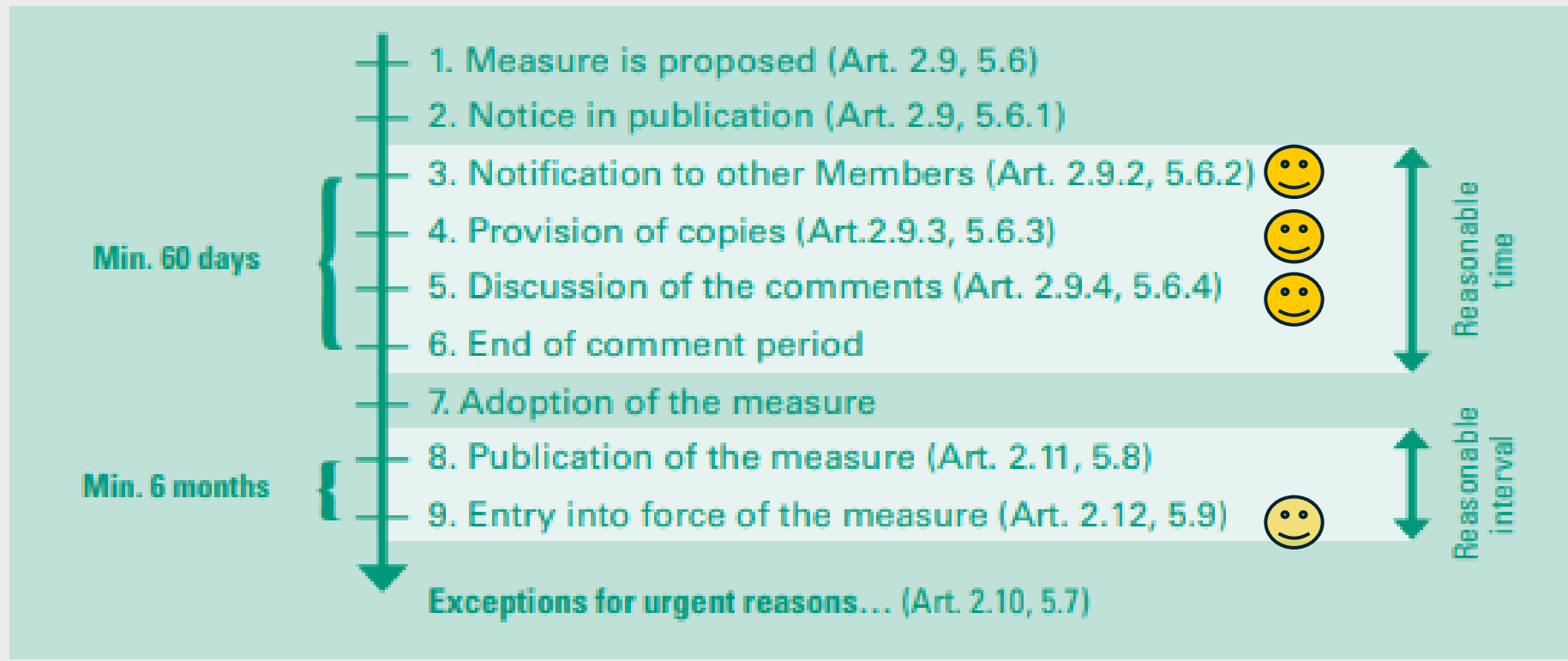
[TBT Enquiry Point Guide](#) by the WTO

# ➤ 1. Lead the notification of PNG's measures

- Proposed, Mandatory measures and conformity assessment
- Regular, Emergency

Figure 2: The lifecycle of a measure

😊 Enquiry Point



# ➤ Why is it important to notify?

- Sometimes, sending the WTO notification is considered as fulfilling other trade agreements.

## EPA with the EU

### *Article 40*

#### **Transparency and exchange of information**

1. The Parties confirm their commitments to implement the transparency provisions set out in the SPS Agreement and the TBT Agreement to facilitate access to relevant information on TBT or SPS measures.

### *Article 71*

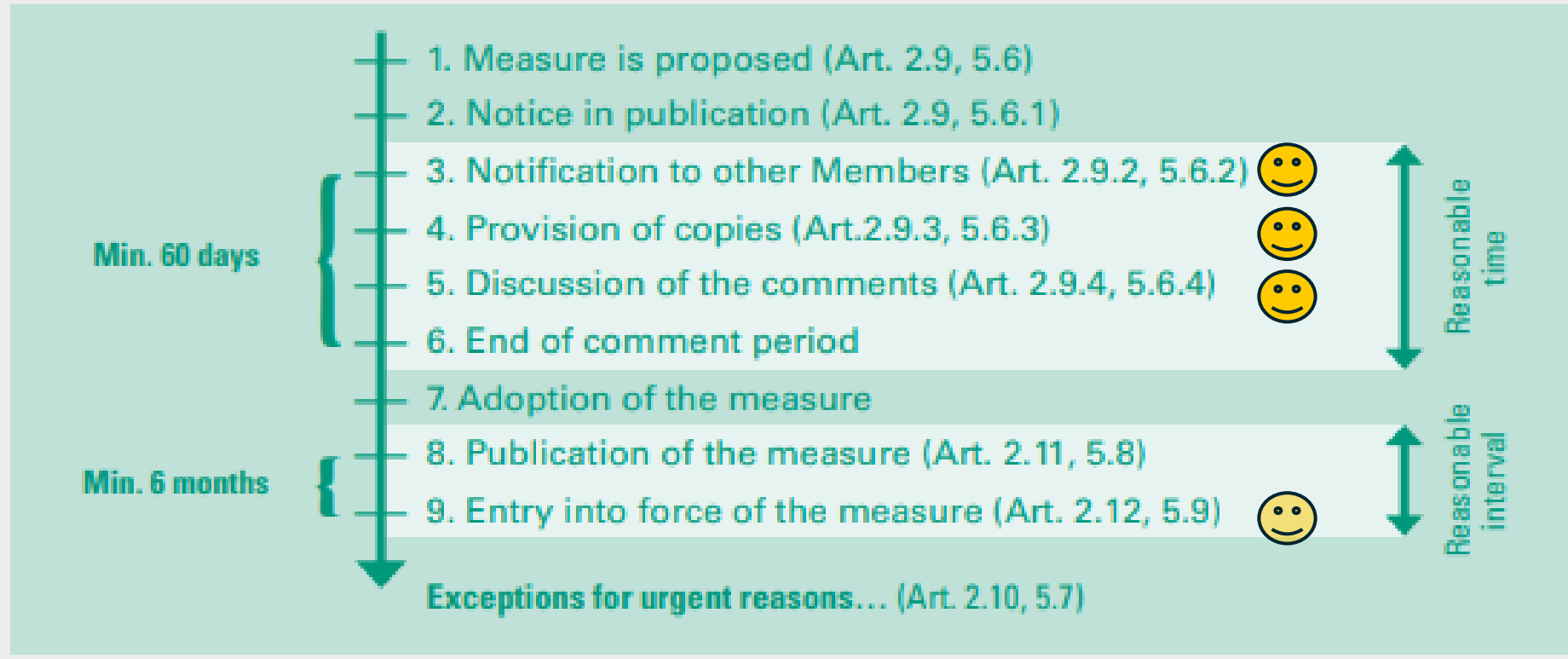
#### **Coordinators and exchange of information**

4. The EC Party and the Pacific States shall ensure that their laws, regulations, procedures and administrative rulings of general application relating to any trade matter covered by this Agreement are promptly published or made publicly available, which may include making the information available on the official, publicly and fee-free accessible websites of the EC Party or Pacific States concerned. Such measures shall also be brought to the attention of the other Party.

5. Without prejudice to specific transparency provisions in this Agreement, the information referred to in paragraph 4 shall be considered to have been brought to the attention of the other Party when the information has been made available by appropriate notification to the WTO and to the coordinator of the Pacific States.

## ➤ 2. Check the notification of others' measures

Figure 2: The lifecycle of a measure



## 3. Answer all reasonable inquiries

- Specific (adopted or proposed) (mandatory or voluntary) measures and conformity assessment procedures
- Membership and participation in international and regional bodies (e.g., ISO, IEC, APAC/IAF, MRA, MLA)
- Location of notices and publications
- If possible, within 5 working days

## 4. Other activities

- Statement of implementation (sometimes referred to as the "Article 15.2 notification")
- Agreements with other members (Article 10.7)
- Technical assistance and capacity-building
- The TBT Committee - specific trade concerns (STCs)



# Thank you

