Basics of Quality Infrastructure for Trade

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- Clarifying the base concepts
  - to ensure that everyone is on the same page
  - to highlight the work under WP.6
- Conferences organized on the topic on 22 May 2023 (2nd Forum) and 7 November 2022 (32nd Session)
- The rest of the WP.6 segment of the SCTCS meeting will showcase some of the chapters of this publication and the plans for next steps.
- Transformed into a publication: a good introductory document to quality infrastructure
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• Publication ECE/TRADE/478
• Each chapter written by a prominent expert in that field
• The basic principles of quality infrastructure in Part I
  • Standardization
  • National technical regulations
  • Metrology
  • Market surveillance
  • Accreditation and conformity assessment
  • Risk management
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• Part II integrated quality infrastructure into a global picture:
  • International regulatory cooperation
  • Cooperation between government agencies
  • Quality infrastructure and gender
  • Quality infrastructure and sustainable development
  • Technical regulation of products with embedded digital technologies
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• Who is the target audience?
  • Those with little knowledge of QI or those wishing to reconfirm their basic knowledge of QI.
  • This may include government representatives in the missions working on trade-related issues

• The WTO just released a guidelines on conformity assessment procedures (G/TBT/54). It does start off from an assumption that the reader knows the base principles.
  • The “Basics” publication can be used to help to understand the base principles and better utilize this guidelines.
  • 50 copies of the “Basics” publication was brought to the last TBT Committee Meeting. They were all taken within 15 minutes…
Series of “Basics” publications

• Near finalization of a “Basics of risk management in regulatory systems”
  • Core concepts (regulatory reform, market surveillance, border clearance, conformity assessment, integrated risk management, business risk)
  • In business (business risk management system, international supply chain, risk competence)
  • Emerging issues (circular economy, AI, gender)
  • Case study
Series of “Basics” publications

• Next possible “Basics” publication on market surveillance, standardization, international regulatory cooperation… ?

• This proposed series will help to clarify the areas of work covered by WP.6

• And eventually propose linkages to other cross-cutting themes like circular economy or digital, green transformations