Good Regulatory Practices (GRP) and Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) Workshop
April 24-26, 2017
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Monday, 24 April
0830 – 0840  Welcoming Remarks
• H.E. Nabil Molla, GSO Secretary General
• Joseph Tretler, ANSI

0840 – 0945  Session 1: Principles of Good Regulatory Practices
Application of good regulatory practices to support implementation of the WTO
TBT Agreement
• GSO (participation)
• Shagufta Ahmed, OMB-OIRA
• John Pacheco, USTR

0945 – 1030  Session 2: Development of Technical Regulations: U.S. and GCC Processes
U.S. and GCC processes for the preparation, adoption and implementation of
technical regulations.
• Dr. Sufyan A. Al-Irhayim, GSO
• Shagufta Ahmed, OMB-OIRA
• Q&A

1030 – 1045  Tea/Coffee Break

1045 – 1200  Session 3: Use of International Standards to Meet Regulatory Objectives
Key considerations for the development of technical regulations and standards:
when and how to regulate; Use of international standards in regulations and
best practices to identify and reference a standard in regulations
• Eng.Ibrahim Y. Al-Hashaf, GSO
• Jim Olshefsky, ASTM International/Lori Hyllengren, Red Wing Shoe
• Q&A

1200 - 1300  Prayer and Lunch Time

1300 – 1400  Session 4: Use of Conformity Assessment Procedures in Regulation
Good practices related to conformity assessment, as well as innovative
mechanisms (reputation, risk, etc.) to promote compliance with the standards
(“how to ensure that we choose the best conformity assessment procedures
available, given our options”).
• Eng. Abdesselam Benyaich, GSO
• Bruce McGill, Intertek
• Q&A
1400 – 1500  **Session 5: Information Quality and Rulemaking**  
Information quality, appropriate use of data, use of peer review studies and challenges and opportunities around achieving, finding and using the best data  
- GSO(participation)  
- Alexander Metcalf, EPA  
- Q&A

1500  **Day One Wrap-up**

**Tuesday, 25 April**

0830 – 1030  **Session 6: Overview of Regulatory Impact Assessment**  
Why regulatory analysis matters, principles of regulatory impact analysis, methodological considerations, and the US approach.  
- GSO (participation)  
- Shagufta Ahmed, OMB-OIRA  
- Q&A

1030 – 1045  **Tea/Coffee Break**

1045 – 1200  **Session 7: Practical Exercise – RIA**  
Key regulatory case studies applying the methodologies of RIA, tangible examples of RIA, and examples of how best practices for RIA have been implemented for a regulated sector

1200 – 1300  **Prayer and Lunch Time**

1300 – 1430  **Session 8: Public Consultation and Advancements in E-Rulemaking**  
Public consultation tools, including use of e-rulemaking, impact of public consultation and opportunities and challenges in participating in public consultation process  
- GSO (participation)  
- Shagufta Ahmed, OMB-OIRA  
- Alexander Metcalf, EPA  
- Q&A

1430  **Day Two Wrap-up**
Wednesday, 26 April

0830 – 1030  Session 9: Private sector perspective regarding the elaboration, adoption and implementation of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures. Including tools for post market surveillance and/or recalls; Positive effects of GRP on trade and competition.

Panel Discussion moderated by: ANSI
- GSO/Gulf industry
- Paul Olson, Red Wing Shoe Company
- Alexa Burr, ACC
- Ali Wanas, Procter & Gamble
- Jim Olshefsky, ASTM
- Q&A

1030 – 1045  Tea/Coffee Break

1045 – 1130  Session 10: Examples and Best Practices for Regulatory Cooperation
OECD, APEC GRP principles, regulatory coherence chapters in recent international trade negotiations, regional integration through regulatory cooperation

- GSO (participation)
- Alexa Burr, ACC
- Q&A

1130 – 1200  Path Forward: Opportunities for U.S.-Gulf Cooperation

- GSO(participation)
- JSMO
- USA

1200  Closing Remarks

1200 – 1300  Prayer and Lunch Time