

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