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Proposal for a pilot project to assess if notification represent ESM

Contribution of Switzerland, subgroup 3

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Assessing if notifications represent ESM

Describing the workflow and the information sources used when a competent authority is assessing a notification for a TBM.

> ➤ How can ESM be assured

- ✚ Which institutes and persons are involved and with what tasks
- ✚ what are the subsequent steps taken and what is the timing
- ✚ how is verified that the information in the notification documentation represents reality and corresponds to ESM and which sources of information are being used to do that verification
- ✚ how efficient and effective is this procedure and how could it be improved

Contribution to ESM and lessons to be learned

Contribution to ESM in participation countries

- Better assessments of notifications and therefore better decisions on cases where TBM is necessary

- Better use of the scarce capacity and resources within the competent authorities needed to assure TBM corresponds to ESM

Lessons for other countries

- Examples of typical work flow schemes and information gathering strategies

- Examples of improvement possibilities

- Potential to develop a self-assessment tool

How to get started?

- The project will be supported by an external consultant who will collect the information in the country, do the assessment, present the recommendations and prepares a report to the EWG

- We still need candidate countries that would be willing to be the subject of this assessment; preferably from developing countries or countries with economies in transition

- If funding allows it may be possible to do this in several countries simultaneously to provide different examples of good practice