

Some key results from ITC surveys on Non-Tariff Measures in SVEs

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Overview of the ITC programme on non-tariff measures

Main Objective:

To ensure stakeholders in beneficiary countries are aware of NTMs and other obstacles affecting their trade, so that they are in a better position to address these challenges.

Key activities (2010 - 2013):

NTM Survey

- Comprehensive company surveys on NTMs in 23 countries, including the following SVEs: Jamaica, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago

Official NTM data

- Collection, classification and dissemination of NTM regulations (in collaboration with UNCTAD, World Bank and African Development Bank)

Main donor of phase 1 (2010-13):



DFID, UK

Ongoing activities/collaboration with other organisations/groups, e.g.:

ACP, ICTSD, COMESA, SADC, SVEs, WB, UNCTAD, WTO



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ITC NTM surveys capture different sorts of obstacles to trade

NTM

Official policy measures on export and import, other than customs tariffs that can potentially have an effect on international trade of goods

NTMs too strict

Ex: " Satellite tracking of where in the Caribbean Sea the fishing is being done is required by the EU states. A Catch Certificate is required to prove that the harvesting ships work within the waters of Jamaica. This is a relatively new requirement but it is costly"

A Jamaican exporter

Procedural Obstacles (PO)

Ex: " We encounter lengthy verification procedures at both the US and UK Customs which sought to ensure that exports of yams are free of chemicals"

Jamaican agricultural Exporter

Obstacles to Trade

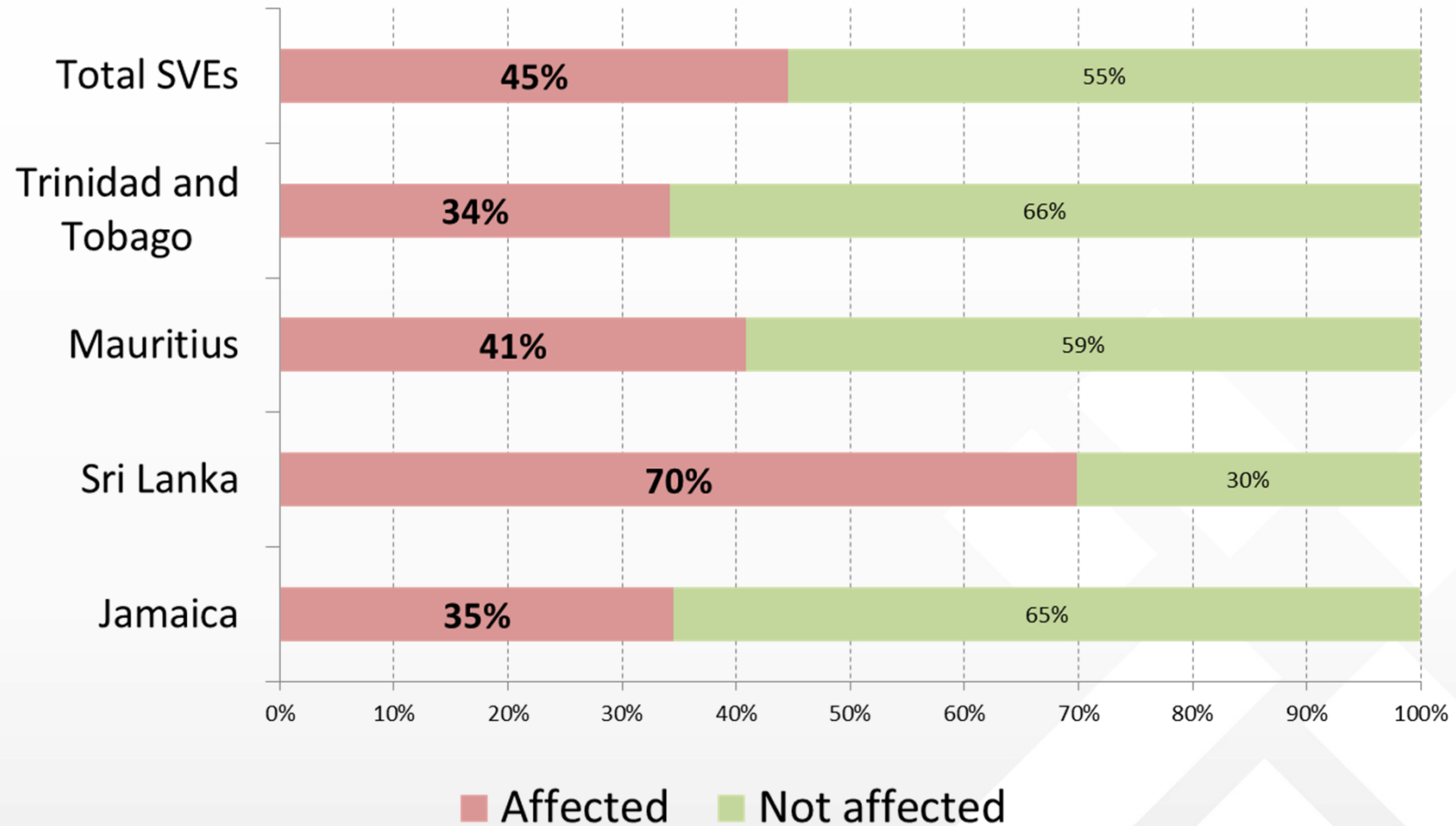
Trade Business Environment: obstacles not linked to NTMs but which hinder international trade of goods e.g. Lack of road infrastructure.

ITC NTM Surveys: Some Key facts

- A total of **23 DCs and LDCs**, including **4 SVEs** benefitted from the programme during Phase I (2010-2013)
- On average **55%** of interviewed companies faced burdensome NTMs and other obstacles to trade in all surveyed countries
- On average **45%** of interviewed companies faced burdensome NTMs and other obstacles to trade in **SVEs**

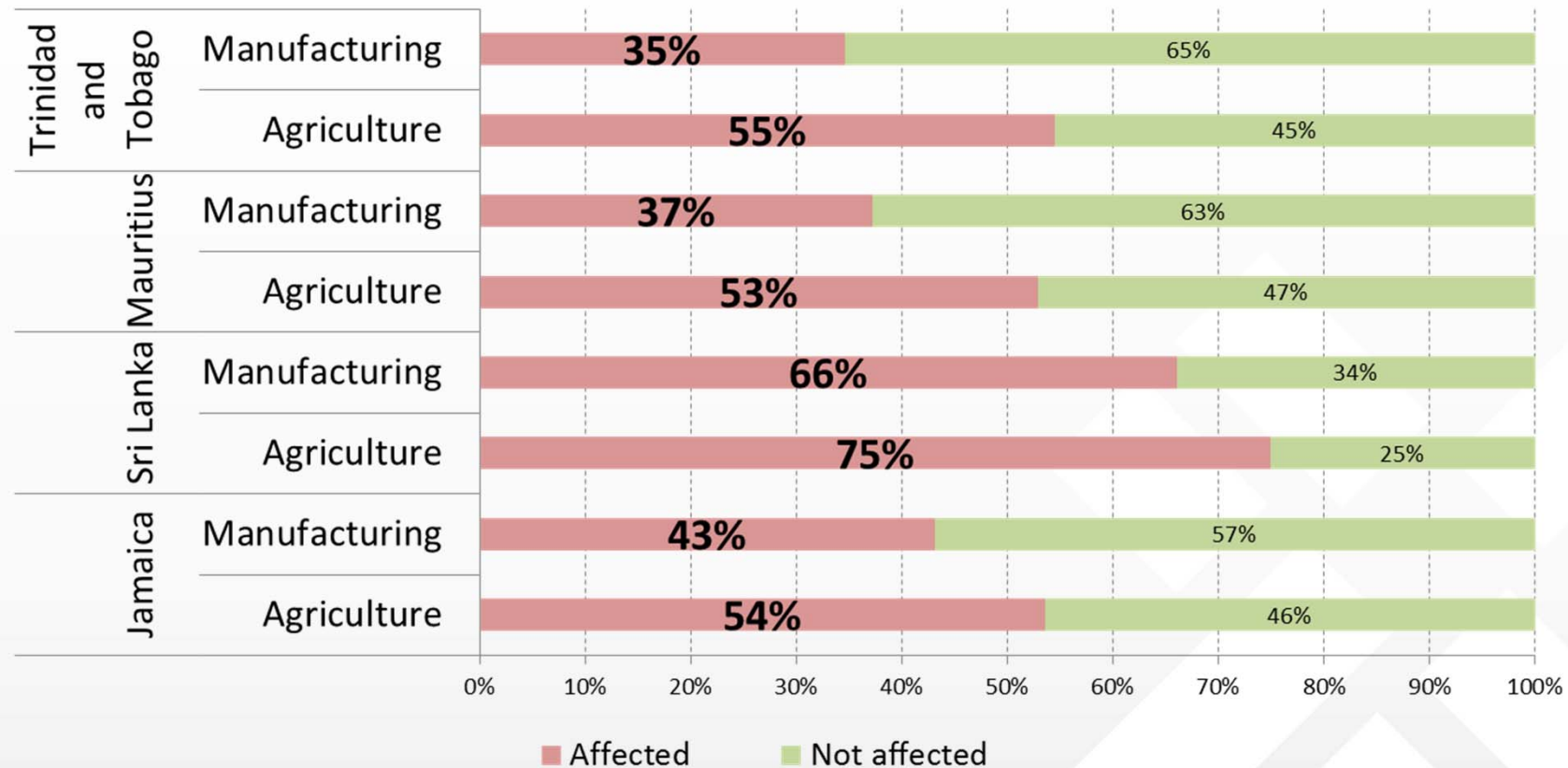
Some Cross Country Results of the ITC NTM surveys with a focus on the 4 SVEs

Percentage of companies complaining about trade barriers in SVEs

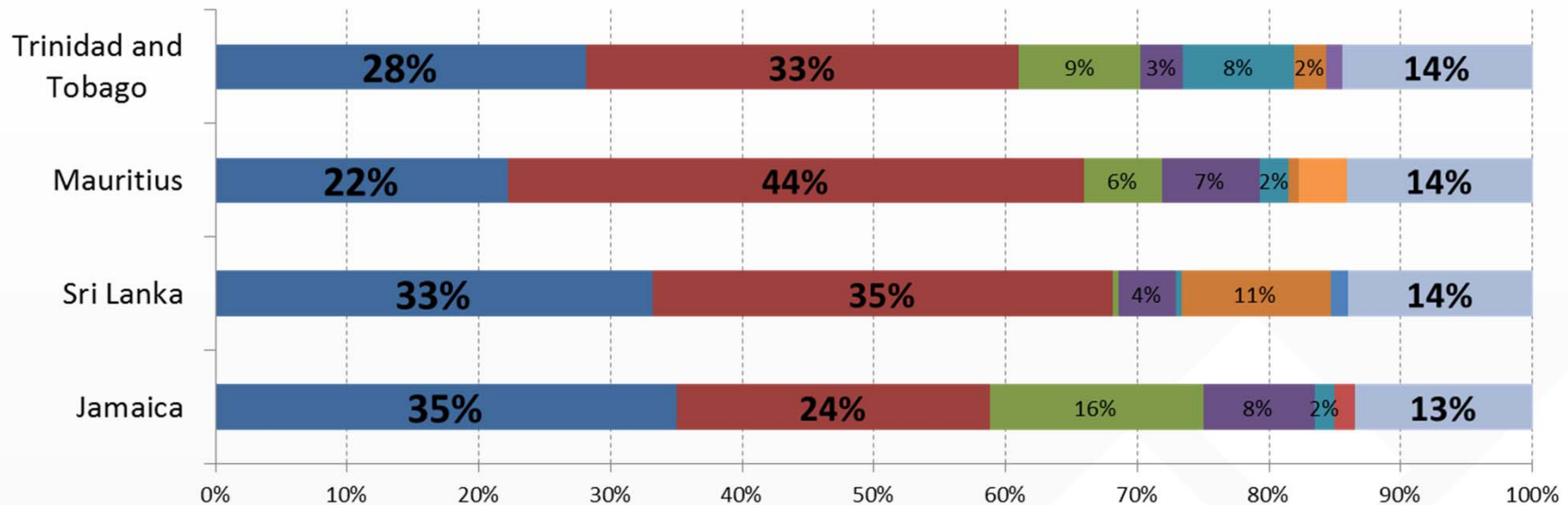


Affectedness per sector in SVEs: Agriculture sector more affected by trade barriers

Affectedness per sector for exporters



Main types of burdensome NTMs applied by partner countries to SVEs exports



■ A. Technical requirements

■ C. Pre-shipment inspection and other entry formalities

■ E. Quantity control measures

■ G. Price control measures

■ I. Trade related investment measures

■ L. Subsidies

■ O. Rules of origin and related certificate of origin

■ B. Conformity assessment

■ D. Charges, taxes and other para-tariff measures

■ F. Finance Measures

■ H. Anti-competitive measures

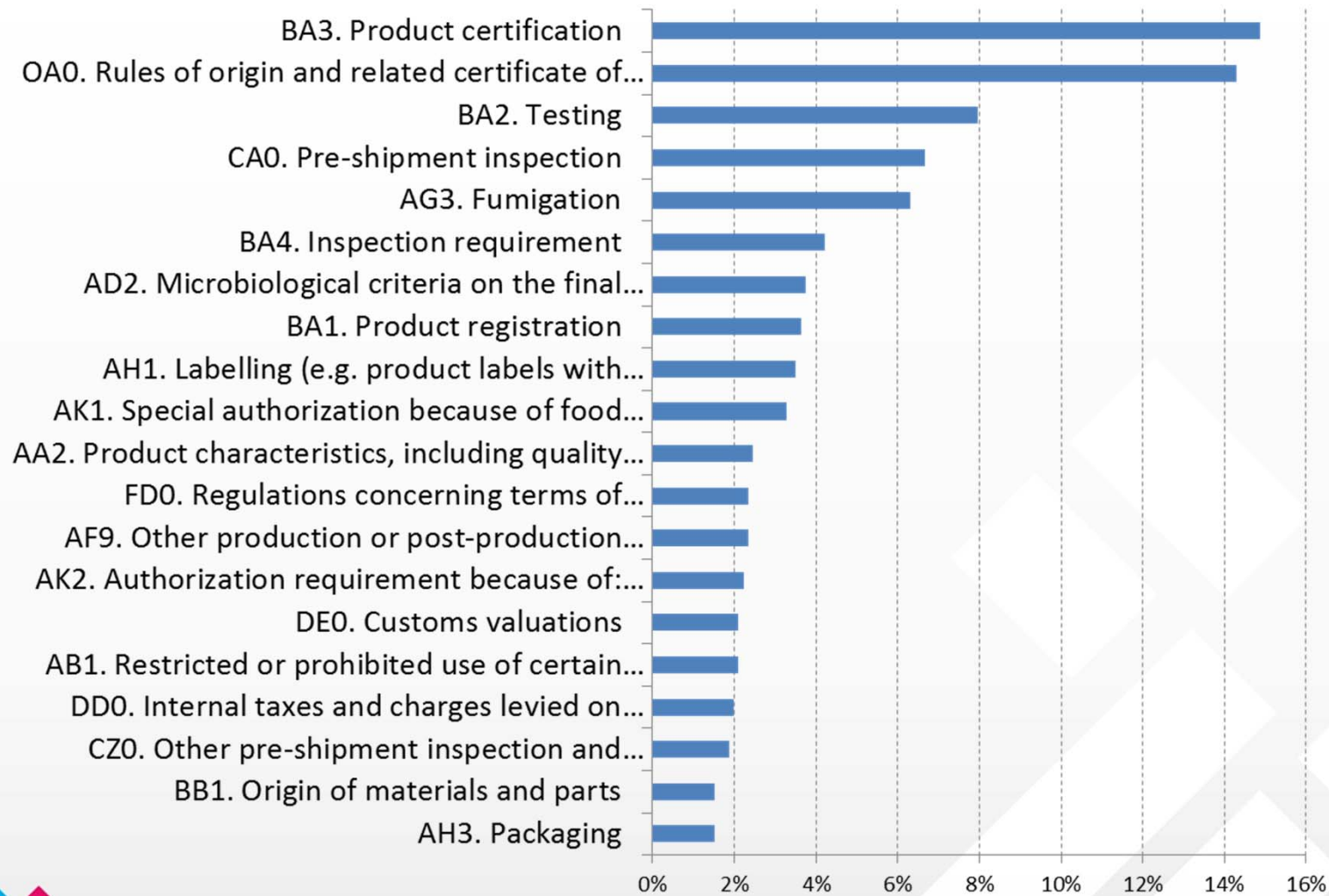
■ J. Distribution restrictions

■ N. Intellectual property



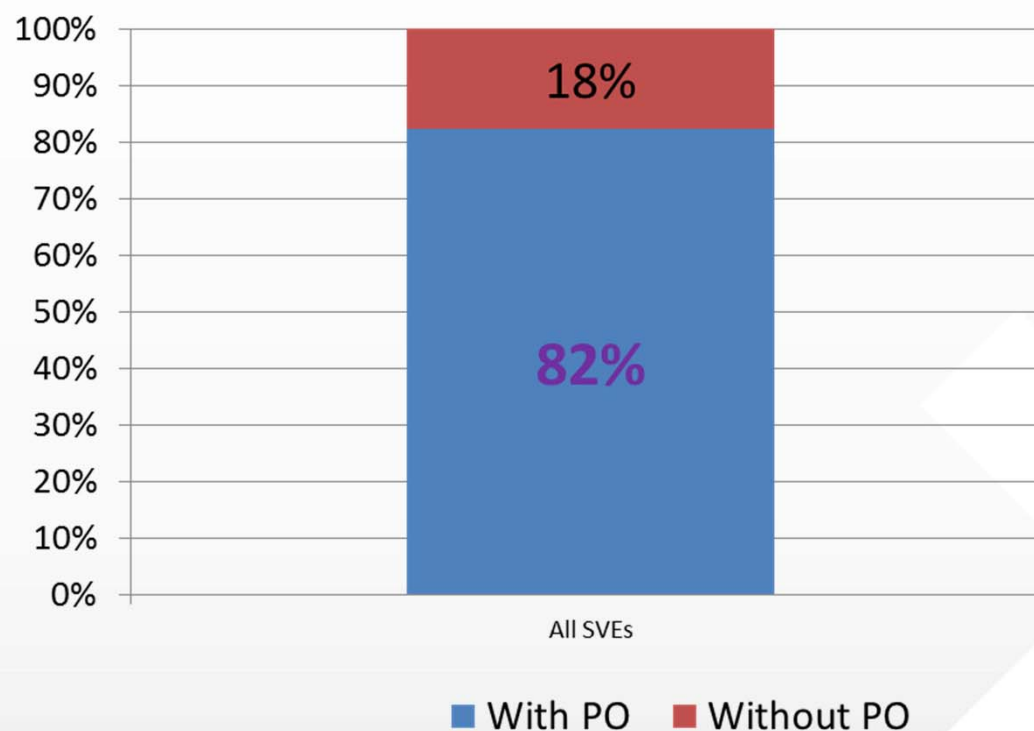
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Main types of burdensome NTMs applied by partner countries to SVEs exports (details)

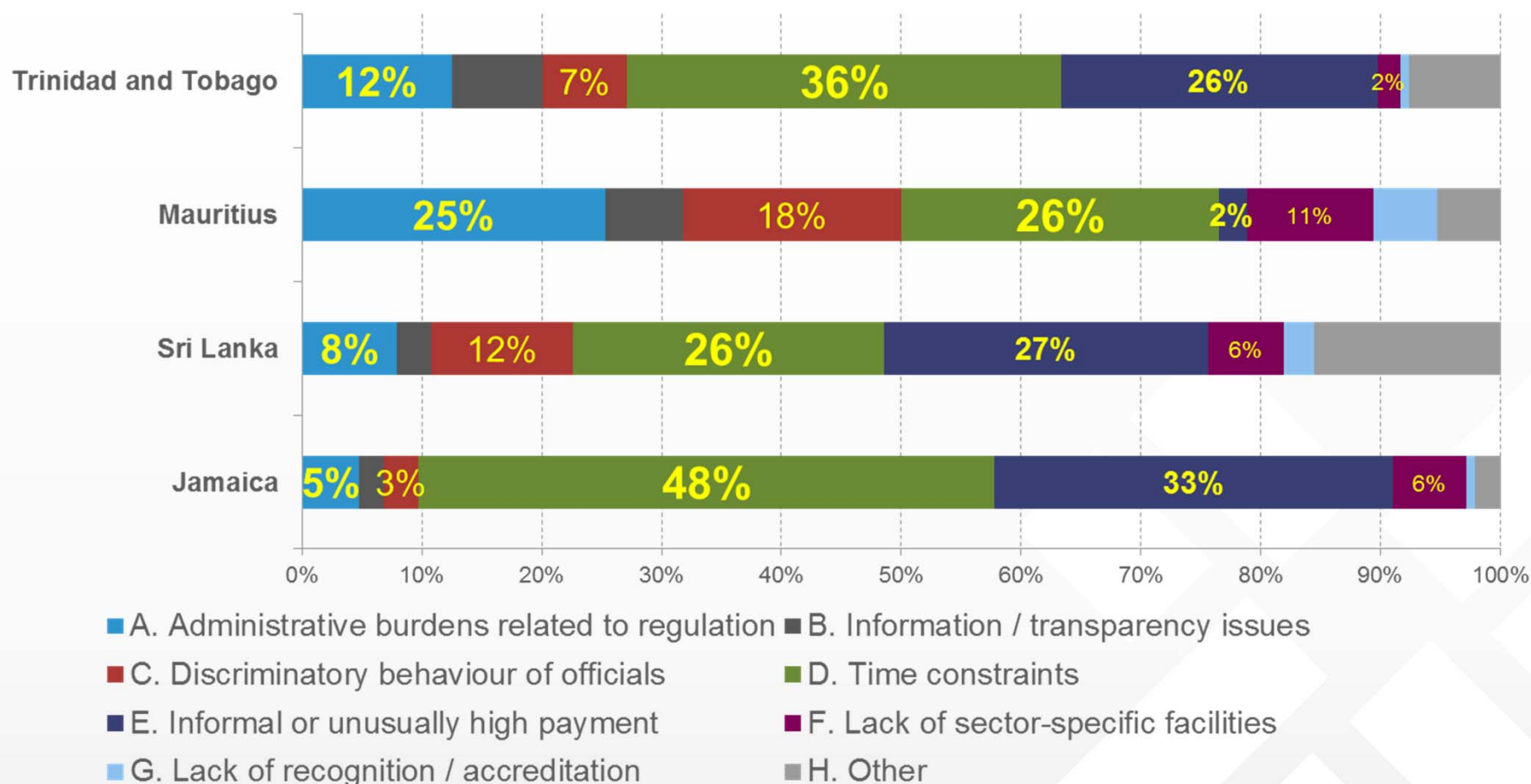


Most of NTMs perceived to be burdensome due to procedural obstacles

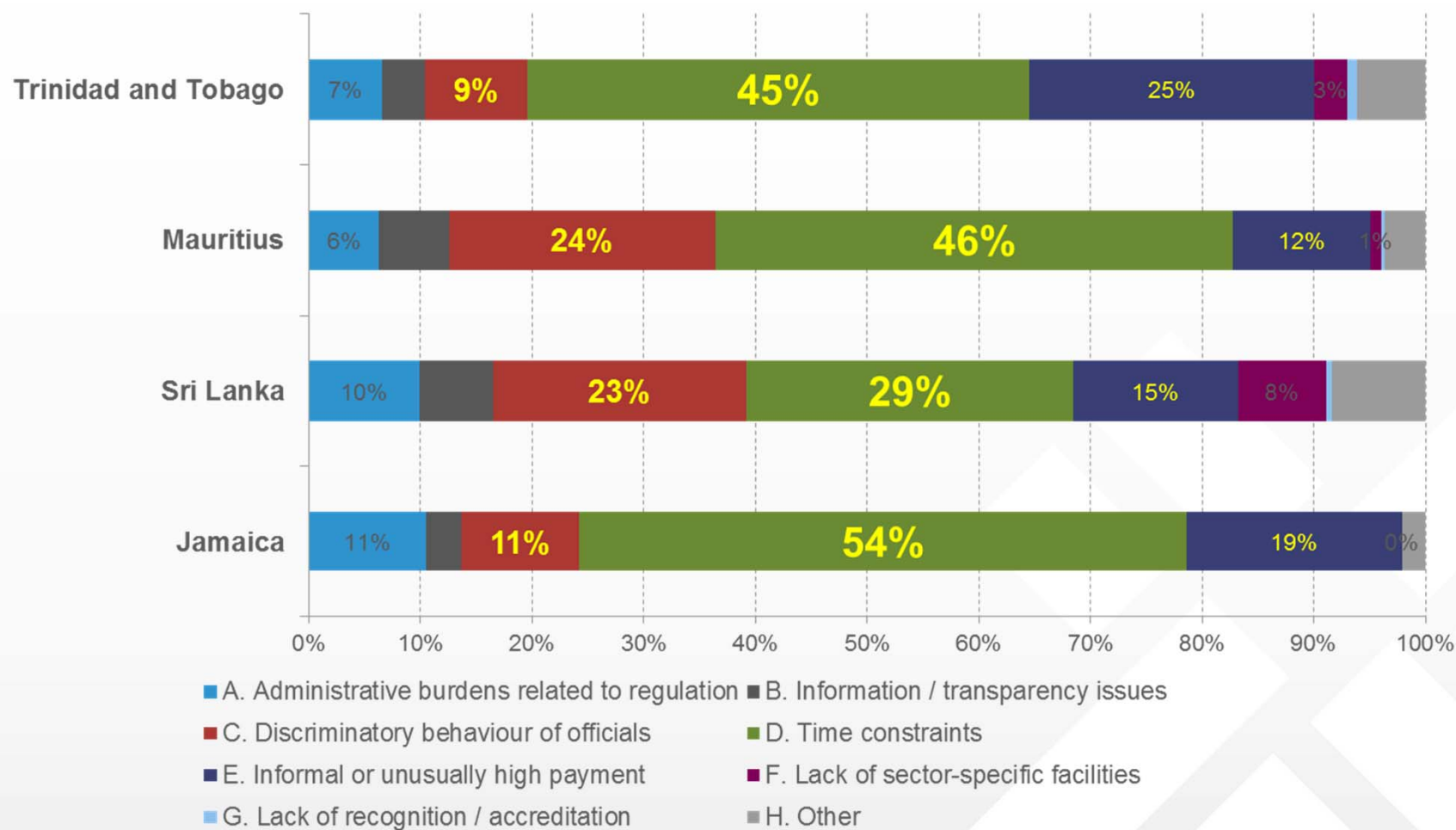
Share of NTMs linked to POs



Share of Procedural obstacles encountered by exporters in SVEs

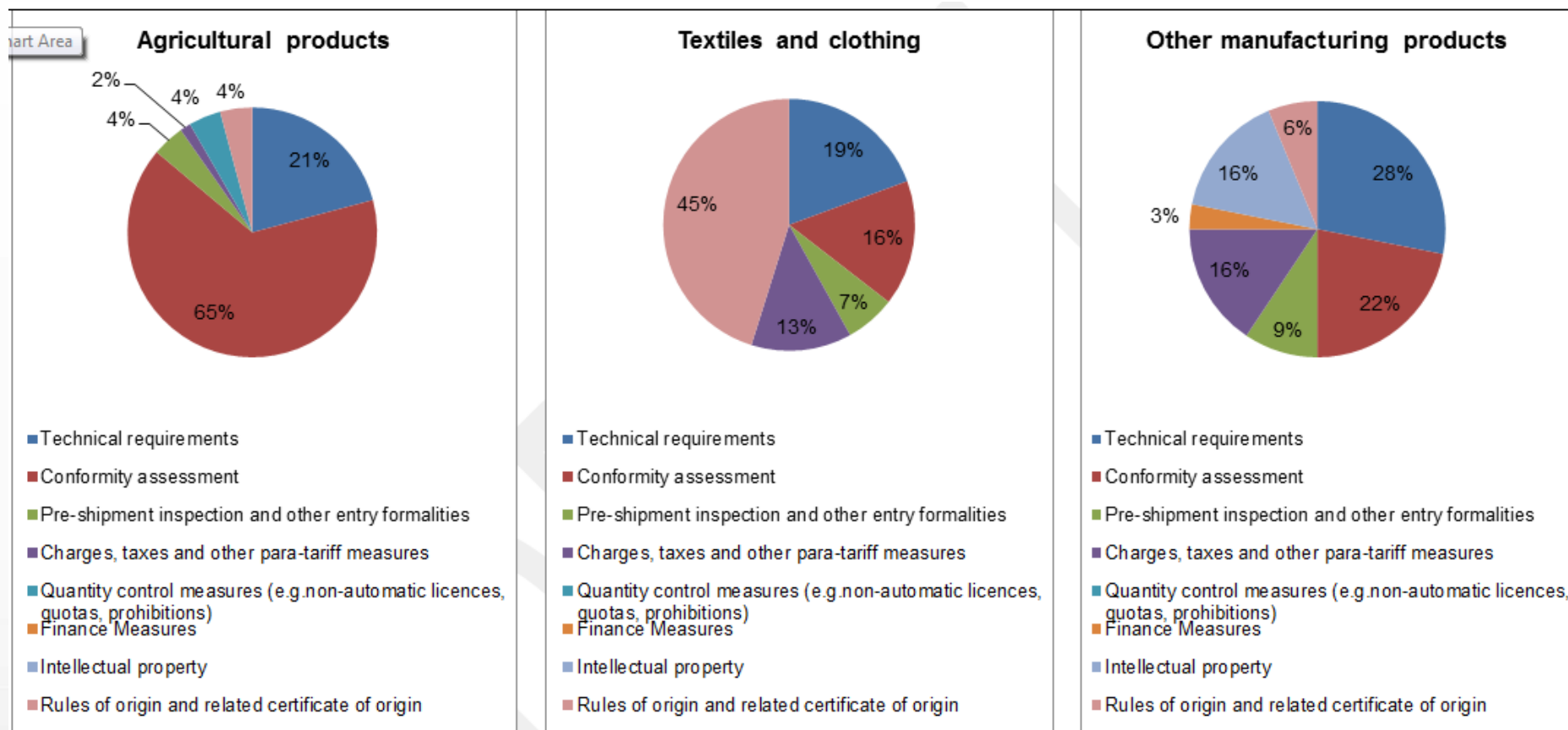


Share of Procedural obstacles encountered by importers in SVEs

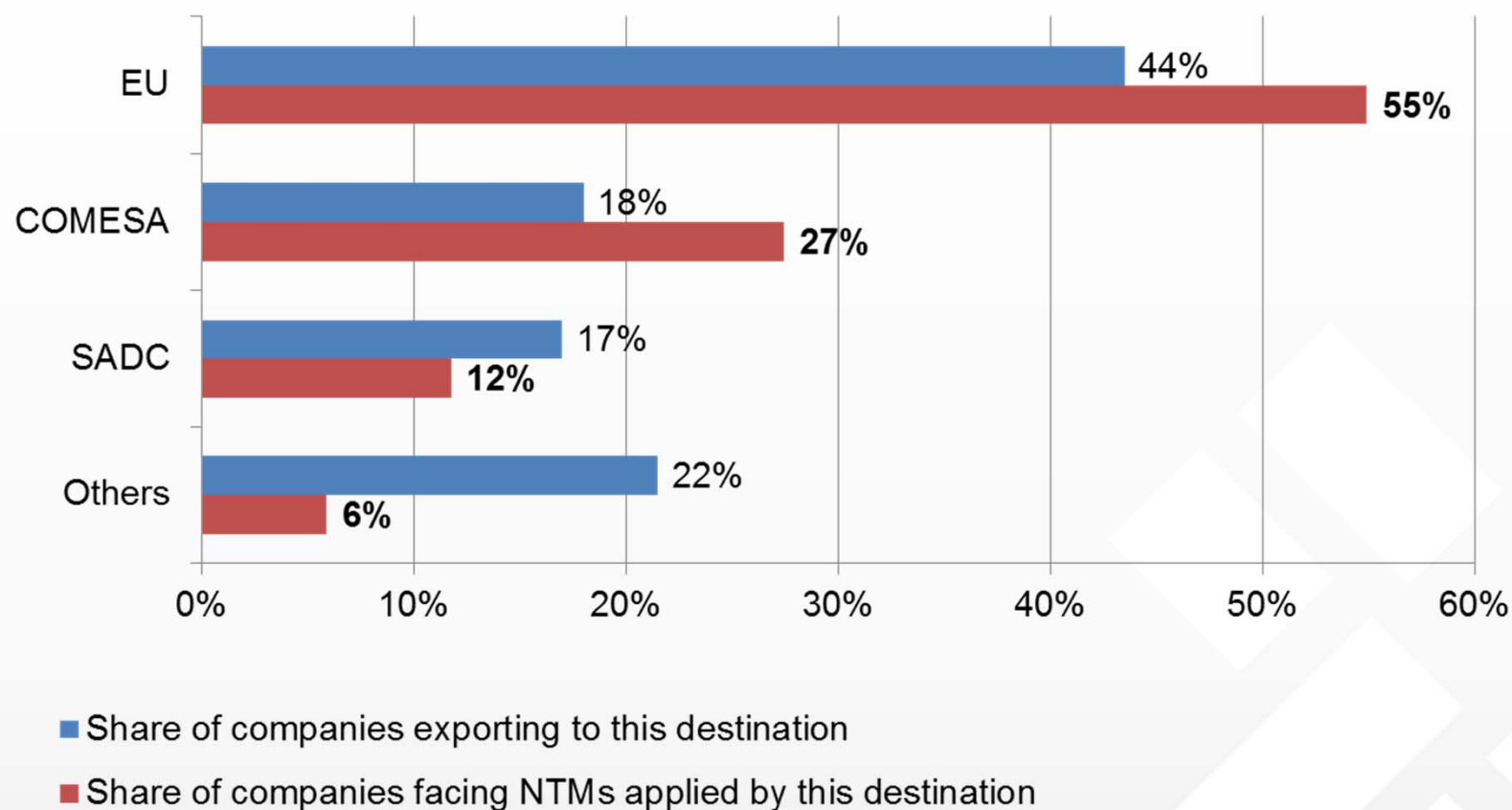


A Few Country Specific Examples

Mauritius: Most frequent categories of NTMs applied by partner countries affecting exporting sectors

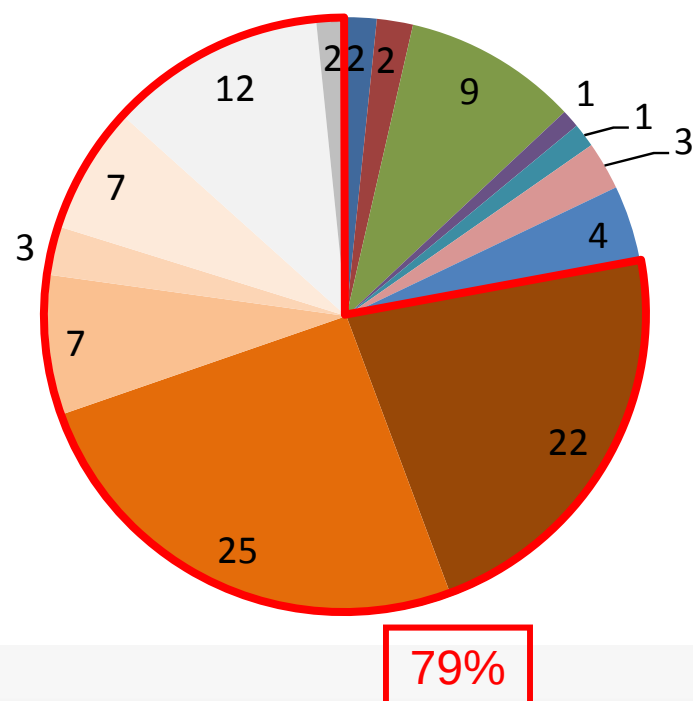


Mauritius: Exports Destination and Burdensome NTMs



Trinidad and Tobago: frequent burdensome NTMs when exporting

Most frequent burdensome NTMs when exporting



NTMs applied by Trinidad and Tobago

- PA2. Certification required by the exporting country
- PB3. Licensing or permit to export
- PB4. Export registration
- PB9. Other export quantitative restrictions
- PC0. Export taxes and charges
- PE0. Measures on re-export
- PZ0. Other export related measures

NTMs applied by partner countries

- A. Technical requirements
- B. Conformity assessment
- C. Pre-shipment inspect.
- D. Charges, taxes, para-tariff measures
- E. Quantity control measures
- O. Rules and related certif. of origin
- Other import related measures

What happens after the NTM surveys?

What's after the surveys?

Follow-up: selected examples



**Reduction
of NTM-
related
trade
barriers**

Côte d'Ivoire: continued public-private interaction through the creation of an online trade barriers reporter

Sri Lanka: successful application to WTO STDF with a view to improve product quality and cost of exporting

Mauritius: elimination of the need for Tea Board clearance of Rooibos Tea imports resulting in reduced time for importing

Jamaica: request to ITC for assistance in addressing capacity building needs of SMEs as well as customs officials to increase compliance with NTMs and reduce procedural obstacles

NTM Programme – Next steps

Increase country coverage

- 20+ surveys to be conducted in 2013-2016
- E.g. Barbados, Bangladesh, Colombia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Thailand etc.

Follow-up activities

- ...in countries where programme has been implemented to address identified obstacles (e.g. in Cote D'Ivoire, Morocco, Sri Lanka, etc.)
- ...ITC in collaboration with other international, regional, and national organisations

Donors of phase 2:



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Possible other donors such as CIDA, GIZ SAARC, and Financing through projects such as UNDP-led Aid for Trade project for Arab States



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