

*WTO SPS Workshop on Transparency and Coordination*

# Coordination Mechanism of SPS/TBT Notifications

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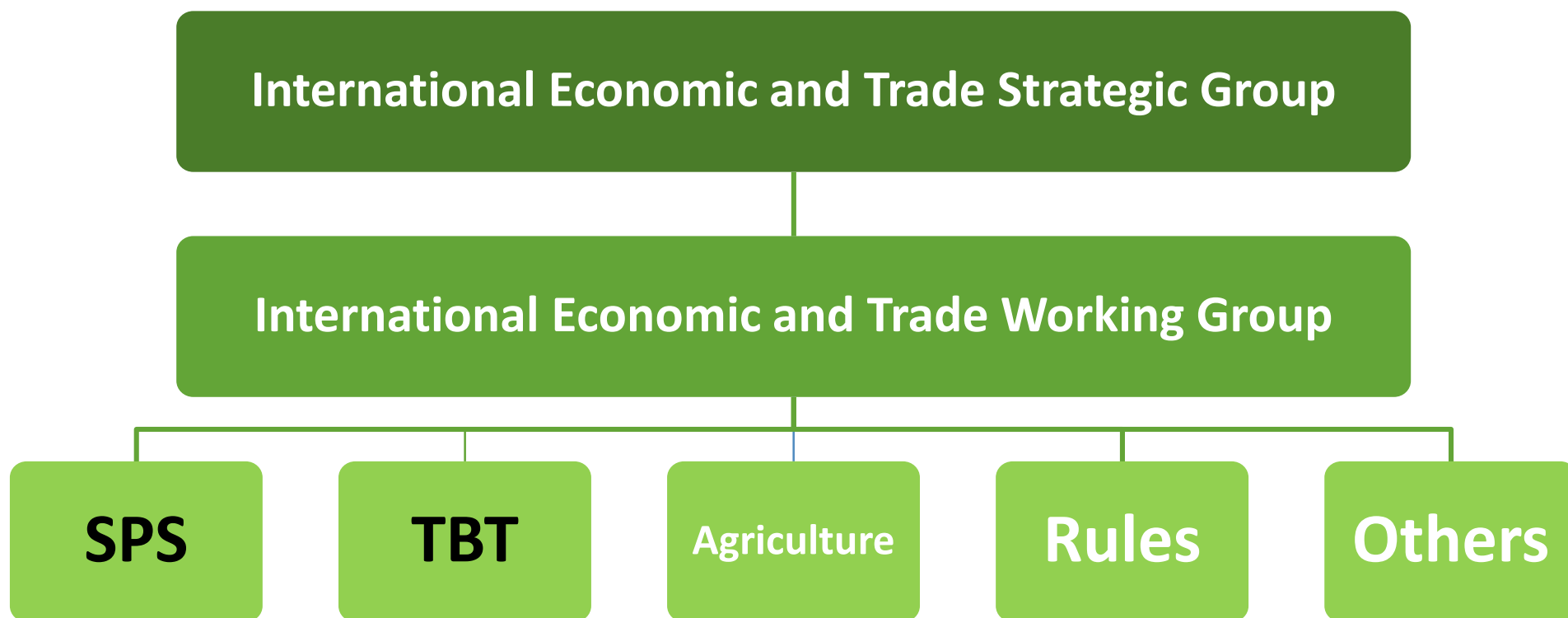
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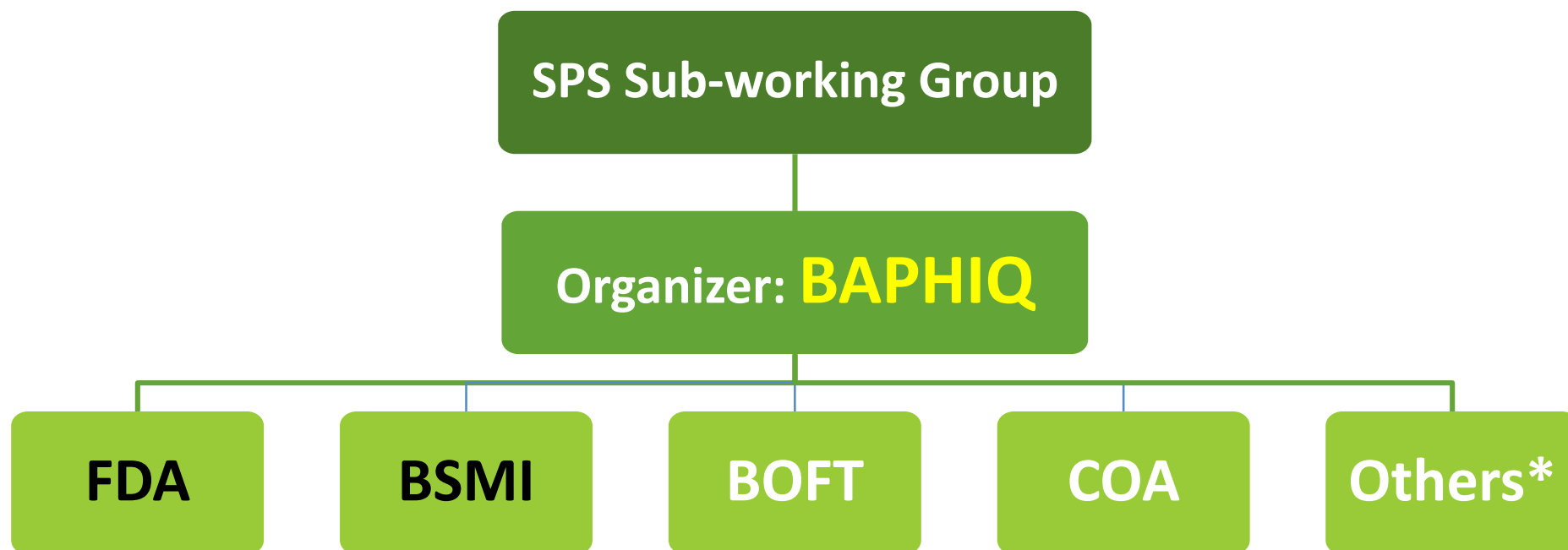
# International Trade Coordination Mechanism

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✂ Total 17 sub-working groups

# SPS Coordination Mechanism



**BAPHIQ:** Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, COA (**SPS NNA & NEP**)

**FDA:** Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare (**SPS NEP**)

**BSMI:** Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection, Ministry of Economic Affairs (**TBT affairs**)

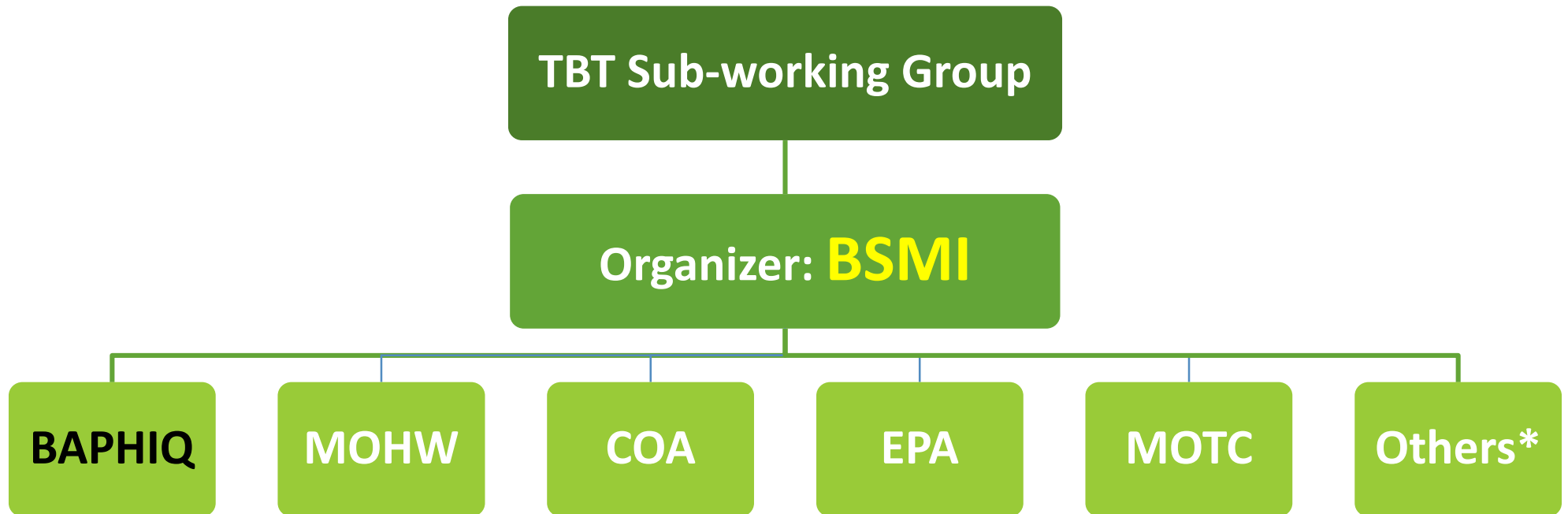
**BOFT:** Bureau of Foreign Trade, MOEA

**COA:** Council of Agriculture

**\*Relevant authorities attend meeting depending on concerned issues**

# TBT Coordination Mechanism

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**BSMI:** Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection, MOEA (**TBT NNA & NEP**)

**MOHW:** Ministry of Health and Welfare

**EPA:** Environmental Protection Administration

**MOTC:** Ministry of Transportation and Communication

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# Summary of SPS/TBT Notifications

## ▲ SPS Notification

502 regular notifications

289 addendums

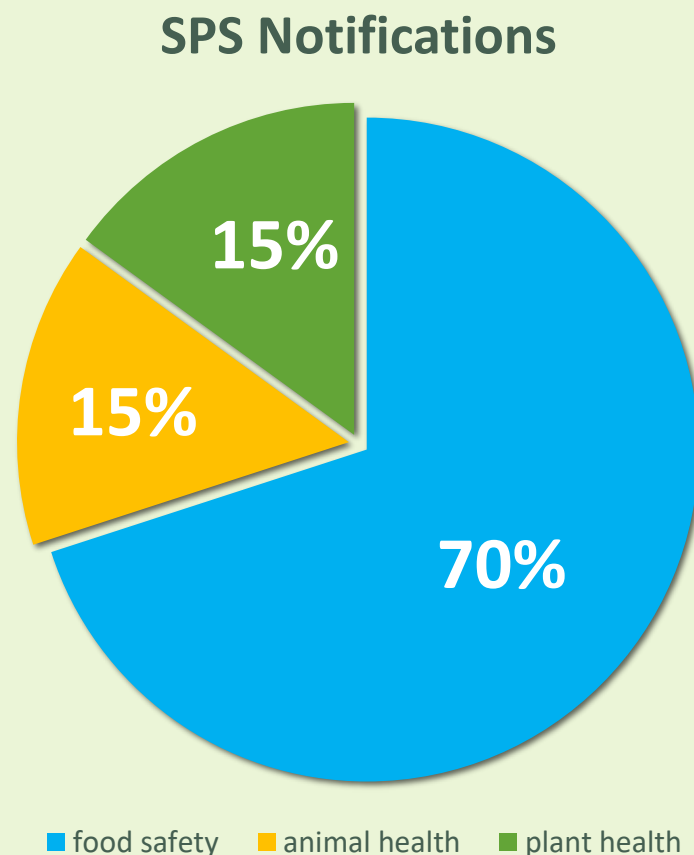
26 revisions

## ▲ TBT Notification

381 regular notifications

191 addendums

11 revisions



# Weekly SPS Notification List

Subscribers: 95 officials

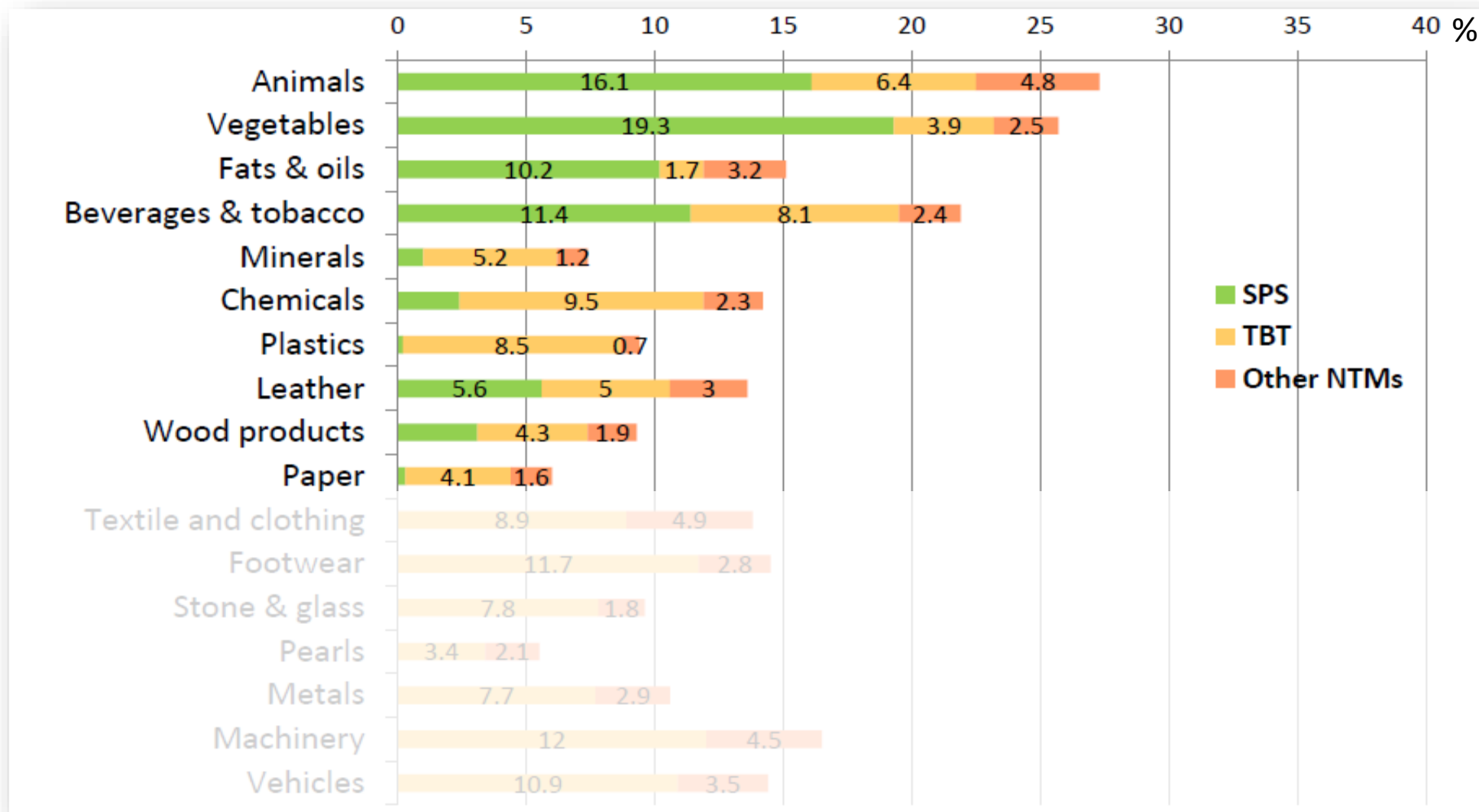
| E701 |               |                        |                     |                  | Food safety; Animal health; |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                            |                         |
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|      | A             | B                      | C                   | D                | E                           | F                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | G                                          | H                       |
| 1    | Index No.     | Document symbol        | Date of distributio | Notifying Member | Objective and rationale     | Notified document title                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Regions or countries likely to be affected | Final date for comments |
| 700  | sps 2019 - 24 | G/SPS/N/EU/278/Add.1   | 13/06/2019          | European Union   | Food safety;                | Requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption, lists of third countries or regions thereof authorised for the entry into the European Union of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption, model official certificates for certain animals and goods |                                            |                         |
| 701  | sps 2019 - 24 | G/SPS/N/EU/281/Add.1   | 13/06/2019          | European Union   | Food safety; Animal health; | Categories of consignments to be subjected to official controls at border control posts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            |                         |
| 702  | sps 2019 - 24 | G/SPS/N/EU/294/Add.1   | 12/06/2019          | European Union   | Food safety;                | Wine-growing areas where the alcoholic strength may be increased, authorised oenological practices and restrictions applicable to the production and conservation of grapevine products, the minimum percentage of alcohol for by-products and their disposal, and publication of OIV files                                                |                                            |                         |
| 703  | sps 2019 - 24 | G/SPS/N/TPKM/468/Add.1 | 13/06/2019          | Chinese Taipei   | Food safety;                | Establishment of standards for specification, scope, application and limitation of pectins, guar gum, carob bean gum, $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin, $\beta$ -cyclodextrin, and $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin                                                                                                                                            |                                            | 11/08/2019              |
| 704  | sps 2019 - 24 | G/SPS/N/TPKM/484/Add.1 | 14/06/2019          | Chinese Taipei   | Food safety;                | Those foods, food additives, food utensils, food containers or packaging classified under two specific CCC codes                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                            | 13/08/2019              |
| 705  | sps 2019 - 24 | G/SPS/N/TPKM/486/Add.1 | 13/06/2019          | Chinese Taipei   | Plant protection;           | The implementation of the "Regulations for Quarantine of Plant Regulated Articles Export and Import by Mail"                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                            |                         |
| 706  | sps 2019 - 24 | G/SPS/N/URY/53         | 12/06/2019          | Uruguay          | Animal health;              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                            | 11/08/2019              |

Number of weeks

Objectives of measure

Commentary deadline

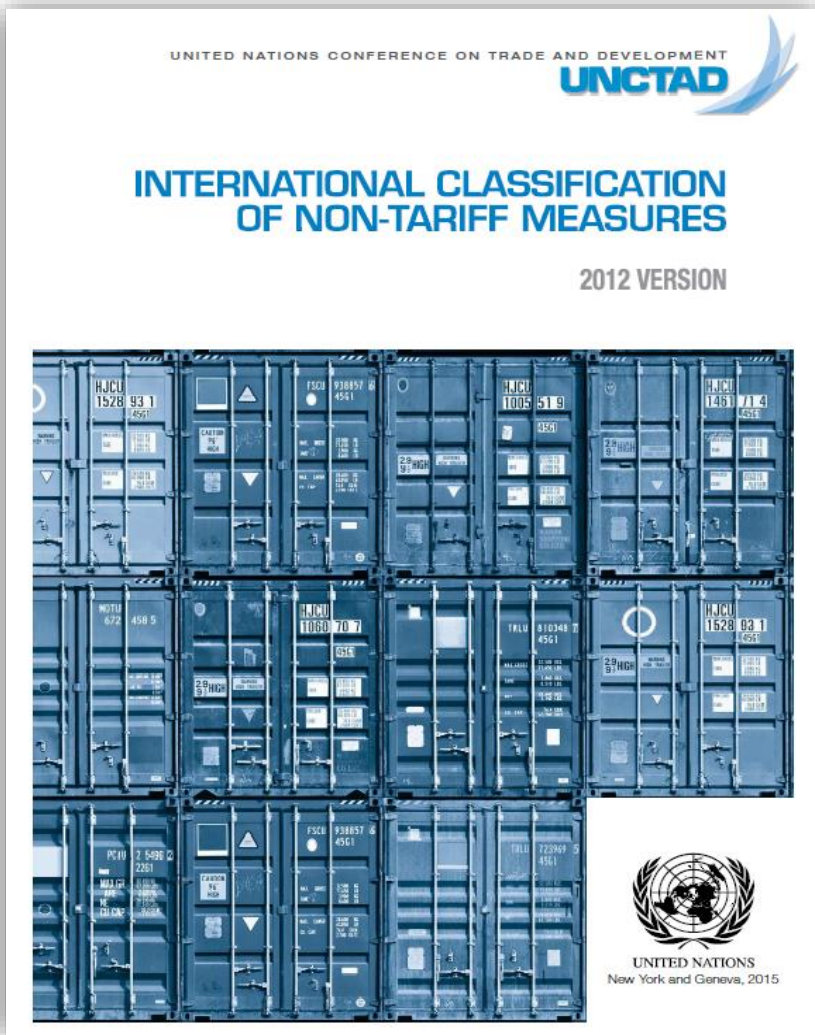
# World Average Ad-valorem Equivalent of Non-Tariff Measures



# International Non-Tariff Measures Classification

Multi-Agency Support Team

Initiated by UNCTAD



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|---------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Imports | Technical measures     | <p><b>A</b> SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES</p> <p><b>B</b> TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE</p> <p><b>C</b> PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION AND OTHER FORMALITIES</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|         | Non technical measures | <p><b>D</b> CONTINGENT TRADE-PROTECTIVE MEASURES</p> <p><b>E</b> NON-AUTOMATIC LICENSING, QUOTAS, PROHIBITIONS AND QUANTITY-CONTROL MEASURES OTHER THAN FOR SPS OR TBT REASONS</p> <p><b>F</b> PRICE-CONTROL MEASURES, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL TAXES AND CHARGES</p> <p><b>G</b> FINANCE MEASURES</p> <p><b>H</b> MEASURES AFFECTING COMPETITION</p> <p><b>I</b> TRADE-RELATED INVESTMENT MEASURES</p> <p><b>J</b> DISTRIBUTION RESTRICTIONS</p> <p><b>K</b> RESTRICTIONS ON POST-SALES SERVICES</p> <p><b>L</b> SUBSIDIES (EXCLUDING EXPORT SUBSIDIES UNDER P7)</p> <p><b>M</b> GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT RESTRICTIONS</p> <p><b>N</b> INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY</p> <p><b>O</b> RULES OF ORIGIN</p> |
|         | Exports                | <b>P</b> EXPORT-RELATED MEASURES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

# Example: Notification of the “Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation”

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▲ **Objective:** this Act is enacted to govern the food sanitation, safety and quality, and protect the health of citizens.

▲ **Analyze the components of the Act**

| SPS parts                                                                                                                                                                         | TBT parts                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Food safety risk assessment</li><li>• Business self-management</li><li>• Food testing</li><li>• Good hygiene practice for foods</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Labelling (packaging, nutrition)</li><li>• GMO management</li><li>• Traceability</li><li>• Certification</li></ul> |

# Example: Notification of the “Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation”

| SPS Committee                                                                            | TBT Committee                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| G/SPS/N/TPKM/308<br>(26 March 2014)                                                      | G/TBT/N/TPKM/158<br>(1 April 2014)                                                                |
| <b>Risk-based</b> food safety management<br>G/SPS/N/TPKM/342<br>(7 January 2015)         | <b>Registration</b> requirements for <b>GMO</b> material<br>G/TBT/N/TPKM/192<br>(13 January 2015) |
| Systematic inspections for <b>high risk food</b><br>G/SPS/N/TPKM/409<br>(17 August 2016) | <b>Container labeling</b> of food or food additives<br>G/TBT/N/TPKM/244<br>(1 September 2016)     |
| Warning labels of <b>aloe</b> products                                                   | Warning labels of <b>aloe</b> products                                                            |

# Example: Notification of the “Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation”



Use of large amounts may cause side effects such as **diarrhea**, **kidney problems**, **stomach discomfort**, **muscle weakness**, and **heart disturbances**

## WARNING

**Women** who are menstrual, pregnant or lactating, **children** under 12 years of age, **patients** with gastrointestinal discomfort, abdominal pain or kidney disease are not recommended to consume.

# Conclusion

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- ▲ **Cross-agency groups** can benefit domestic network for coordination, positioning and education
- ▲ UNCTAD **NTM classification list** is a useful tool for determining SPS or TBT measures
- ▲ Regulators should **review the coverage of** all their **regulated measures** and distinguish which parts may fall under SPS or TBT Agreement
- ▲ SPS or TBT **NNA** should be aware of possible double notifications

*Transparency and notification requirements  
constitute fundamental elements of many  
WTO Agreements*

**Thank you**

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