



SESSION 3

WTO sources of SPS & TBT information

2019 SPS Workshop on Transparency and Coordination
15-16 July 2019
Geneva, Switzerland



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- WTO Documents Online
- SPS & TBT Gateways
 - *Transparency Manual for SPS NNAs & NEPs – 2018 edition*
- SPS & TBT Information Management Systems (SPS IMS & TBT IMS)
- ePing: SPS/TBT notification alert system & coordination forum

WTO Documents Online

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WTO Documents Online

<http://docs.wto.org>

- Database of all WTO official documents
- Public or **Restricted** access
- Main sources of information for other systems – SPS IMS & TBT IMS
- Broader searches for SPS information



SPS-related documents in Docs Online



WTO DOCUMENTS ONLINE

Documents Online provides access to the official documentation of the World Trade Organization. The database contains over 140,000 documents in the three official languages from 1995 onwards and is updated daily. All WTO documents are posted in PDF and WORD format. The application provides a descriptive catalogue record for every document stored in the archive. It is possible to consult all of these documents online and also to download selected documents from the site.

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- **Recent documents** provides access to the latest documents posted.
- **Commonly-consulted** offers a selection of searches which enable the easy retrieval of regularly requested documents.
- **Documents for meetings** displays a list of formal and informal meetings of WTO bodies and their associated documents.
- **By topic** offers the possibility of searching for WTO documents by broad subject category.
- The **Notifications** interface allows for the searching of notification documents by notifying members and WTO legal requirements, using the Central Registry of Notifications database. The *Advanced search* provides additional search criteria, such as symbol, requirement topic and classification. Full-text search capabilities for searching within the document text itself are also available in the *Advanced search*.
- The **Search** module provides advanced searching capabilities enabling the user to retrieve all WTO official documents on the basis of specified criteria, such as symbol, country, topic, or full-text search capabilities for searching within the document text itself.
- The **GATT** module provides access to the official documents issued under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The General Council [decided](#) to make these documents public on 15 May 2006. These have been scanned to create a digital archive. Currently only the documents belonging to the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations have been uploaded.

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SPS and TBT Gateways

<http://www.wto.org/sps>

<http://www.wto.org/tbt>



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GOODS

- Agriculture
 - Agriculture negotiations
 - Cotton
- Anti-dumping
- Rules negotiations
- Balance of payments
- Customs valuation
- GATT & the Goods Council
- Goods schedules
- Import licensing
- Information Technology Agreement
- Market access for goods
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- Quantitative restrictions
- Non-tariff measures

- Rules of origin
- Preshipment Inspection

Sanitary & phytosanitary measures

- State trading enterprises
- Subsidies & countervail measures
- Rules negotiations
- Fisheries subsidies
- Tariffs

Technical barriers to trade

- Trade facilitation
- Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs)

SERVICES

- Services negotiations
- Services schedules
- I-TIP services

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- Specific TRIPS issues

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

- Disputes chronologically
- Disputes by country/territory
- Disputes by agreement
- Disputes by subject
- Find disputes cases
- Dispute Settlement Body
- Dispute Settlement database
- Digital Dispute Settlement Registry (DDSR) project
- Appellate Body

REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

- Transparency Mechanism
- RTA Database

DOHA DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

- Subjects treated
- Trade Negotiations Committee
- Groups in the negotiations

BUILDING TRADE CAPACITY

- Aid for Trade
- Development
- E-Learning website
- Enhanced Integrated Framework
- Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)
- Technical assistance and training
- Preferential trade arrangements

TRADE MONITORING

- Trade monitoring reports
- Trade policy reviews

MORE TOPICS

- Accessions
- Civil aircraft
- Competition policy
- Electronic Commerce
- Environment
 - Climate change
 - Environmental Database
- Government procurement
- Investment
- Trade finance
- Women and trade

JOINT INITIATIVES

- Electronic Commerce
- Investment facilitation for development
- Small business/MSMEs

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7 JUL Review of Aid for Trade (PM)

8 JUL Council for Trade in Goods (10:00)

9 JUL Council for Trade in Goods (10:00)

11 JUL Working Party on the





Sanitary and phytosanitary measures

Problem: How do you ensure that your country's consumers are being supplied with food that is safe to eat — "safe" by the standards you consider appropriate? And at the same time, how can you ensure that strict health and safety regulations are not being used as an excuse for protecting domestic producers?

An agreement on how governments can apply food safety and animal and plant health measures (sanitary and phytosanitary or SPS measures) sets out the basic rules in the WTO.

□ [SPS Notification Submission System](#)

National Notification Authorities can now use the SPS Notification Submission System (SPS NSS) to fill out and submit SPS notifications online.

□ [SPS Information Management System](#)

a database of WTO information on SPS (Notifications, concerns raised, other documents, enquiry points, etc)

□ [ePing SPS & TBT Notification Alert System](#)

By registering on ePing, users can receive daily or weekly email alerts containing SPS/TBT notifications covering products/markets of interest to them.

See Also

- [Standards and Trade Development Facility \(STDF\)](#)
- [Agriculture](#)
- [Technical barriers to trade](#)
- [Direcon Chile presenta beneficios del sistema e-Ping junto a expertas de la OMC \(Spanish only\)](#)

NEWS

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DDG Wolff: Food safety is a shared responsibility, building strong partnerships is essential

24 APRIL 2019

"Food safety is a shared responsibility ... and

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MEETINGS 2019 ▲

- [20 March](#) — Informal
- [21 – 22 March](#)
- [17 July](#) — Informal
- [18 – 19 July](#)
- [6 November](#) — Informal
- [7 – 8 November](#)

MEETINGS 2018 ▼

WHAT'S NEW

- **23-24 April 2019:** [International Forum on Food Safety and Trade](#)
- **12-13 February 2019:** [The First FAO/WHO/AU International Food Safety Conference](#), Addis Ababa
[▶ Livestream](#)
- **19 March 2019:** [Thematic Session on Fall Armyworm](#)

<http://www.wto.org/sps>

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VIDEOS



- ▶ New technologies and food safety (02/05/2019)
- ▶ Addressing food safety concerns through trade and cooperation (23/04/2019)
- ▶ ePing — essential updates on product requirements in foreign markets (06/12/2018)
- ▶ WTO/FAO: Trade and Food Standards (12/07/2017)

Work on SPS in the WTO, and official documents

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Work on this subject is handled by the SPS Committee, which reports to the Goods Council. The work is officially recorded in the committee's annual reports to the General Council and in summary reports (equivalent to minutes) of the committee's meetings. The current chair is Ms. Noncedo VUTULA (South Africa).

> [Search here for SPS documents](#)

Members' transparency toolkit

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Notification formats, handbooks, links to members' SPS websites and other aids for members' transparency work in SPS.

Events, workshops and training

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Find information on planned and recently held activities.

Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)

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A joint initiative of the World Trade Organization, World Health Organization, World Bank, World Organization for Animal Health and Food and Agriculture Organization for enhancing developing countries' capacity to meet SPS standards. Work includes sharing information on technical cooperation, and finance for projects.

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Find links to relevant standard setting bodies, observer organizations, etc.

- ▣ STDF and the private sector: partnering to deliver SPS outcomes
- ▣ More News

▣ [SPS TA activities](#)

SPS NOTIFICATION SUBMISSION SYSTEM

The [SPS NSS](#) allows for more accurate and complete notifications, and a substantial reduction in the time required for the WTO to process and circulate them. The system has been available to Members since 1 June 2011 upon request.

Interested Members are requested to send an e-mail to the Secretariat (spscommittee@wto.org) so that their National Notification Authorities can receive login names and access passwords.

<http://www.wto.org/sps>

SANITARY & PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES: INFORMATION

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SEE ALSO

- Technical assistance/training
- [WTO training courses](#)
- WTO E-Campus
- Building trade capacity

Find documents

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- [Recommended Transparency Procedures](#)
- [Transparency in special treatment for developing countries](#)
- [Transparency: level of implementation](#)
- The [SPS work and documents page](#) contains a range of links for searching documents
- The [SPS Information Management System](#), offers a wide range of search criteria for notifications, trade concerns and other SPS information. ([What is SPS-IMS?](#))

Notification formats

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Download:

- [The complete set](#)

Separately:

- [Regular notification](#) – [Addendum](#) – [Corrigendum](#) – [Revision](#)
- [Emergency notification](#) – [Addendum](#) – [Corrigendum](#) – [Revision](#)
- [Notification of determination of the recognition of equivalence](#)
- [Notification on availability of translations](#)
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Fill out and submit SPS notifications online

- [SPS Notification Submission System](#)
National Notification Authorities can now use the SPS Notification Submission System (SPS NSS) to fill out and submit SPS notifications online.

NEW PUBLICATION

Practical Manual for SPS National Notification Authorities and SPS National Enquiry Points



PRACTICAL MANUAL FOR SPS NATIONAL NOTIFICATION AUTHORITIES AND SPS NATIONAL ENQUIRY POINTS

2018 EDITION



- Download in [pdf format](#)

Technical barriers to trade

The Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement aims to ensure that technical regulations, standards, and conformity assessment procedures are non-discriminatory and do not create unnecessary obstacles to trade. At the same time, it recognises WTO members' right to implement measures to achieve legitimate policy objectives, such as the protection of human health and safety, or protection of the environment. The TBT Agreement strongly encourages members to base their measures on international standards as a means to facilitate trade. Through its transparency provisions, it also aims to create a predictable trading environment.

WHAT'S NEW

- 18 - 19 June 2019
[Thematic session on
Transparency](#)

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PUBLICATIONS

- [Making transparency work](#)
New WTO TBT Enquiry Point
Guide



[ePing](#)
**eping SPS & TBT Notification
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WTO members deepen discussions on transparency and trade concerns

21 JUNE 2019

In line with the 2019-2021 work plan to
improve the operation and implementation
of the WTO...

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SPS Information Management System (SPS IMS)

<http://spsims.wto.org>

TBT Information Management System (TBT IMS)

<http://tbtime.wto.org>





Why an SPS/TBT IMS?

- Since 1995
 - **> 60 000 notifications SPS & TBT**
 - **> 9 000 other SPS & TBT documents**
 - **456 SPS STCs & 593 TBT STCs**
 - *National Notification Authority (NNA) and Enquiry Point (NEP) contact info (constantly changing)*



SPS/TBT IMSs – Allow for easy access to SPS/TBT documents and related information



What can you do with it?

- Multi-criteria searching for notifications, STCs and other SPS documents
- Export results into other formats (*.docx, *.xlsx, *.png, *.jpg, etc.)
- Browse interactive dashboards
- Create customized reports

<http://tbtdims.wto.org>



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How many measures have been notified?

Regular notifications

26,941

Revisions

329

Addenda/Corrigenda/Supplements

8,026

How many STCs have been raised?

Specific Trade Concerns

581

What are Technical Barriers to Trade?

Technical Barriers to Trade are measures adopted by governments establishing product requirements for fulfilment of public policy objectives, such as human health and safety, environmental protection, consumer information, or quality. These measures apply to both domestically produced and imported goods.

The **Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement (TBT)** aims to ensure that these measures (technical regulations, standards, testing and certification procedures) do not create unnecessary obstacles to trade.

More information on the TBT Agreement can be found [here](#).

What is the Technical Barriers to Trade- Information Management System (TBT IMS)?

The TBT IMS is a comprehensive database allowing users to search all TBT notifications and Specific Trade Concerns raised in the TBT Committee (STCs). Users can also browse information on TBT Enquiry Points, Statements on Implementation, Agreements between Members and other TBT-related documents.

Information on standards related notifications under the Code of Good Practice, can be found on the [WTO ISO Standards Information Service](#)

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How many measures have been notified?

Regular	Emergency	Addenda	Corrigenda	Translation supplement	Recognition of equivalence
16,682	2,192	5,427	424	19	3

How many STCs have been raised?

Specific Trade Concerns
452

What are sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures?

SPS measures are adopted by governments to ensure that food is safe for consumers, and to prevent the spread of pests or diseases among animals and plants. These measures apply to both domestically produced and imported goods.

The Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) aims to ensure these measures protect human, animal, plant life or health while avoiding unnecessary barriers to trade.

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Notifications
Specific Trade Concerns
Other SPS Documents
Enquiry Points/Notification Authorities

How many measures:

Regulation

16,68

Addenda

5,427

Corrigenda

424

Translation supplement

19

Recognition of equivalence

3

How many SPS have been raised:

Specific Trade Concerns

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Interactive dashboards - STCs



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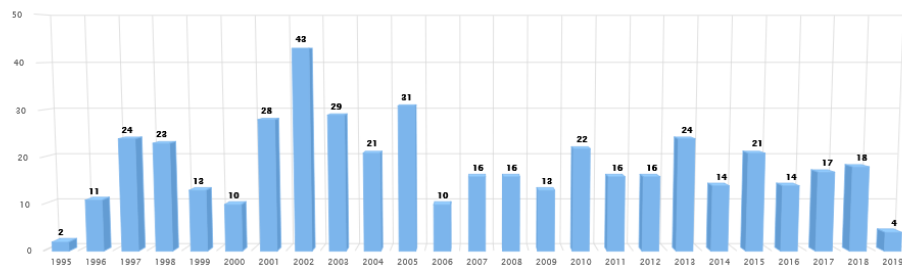
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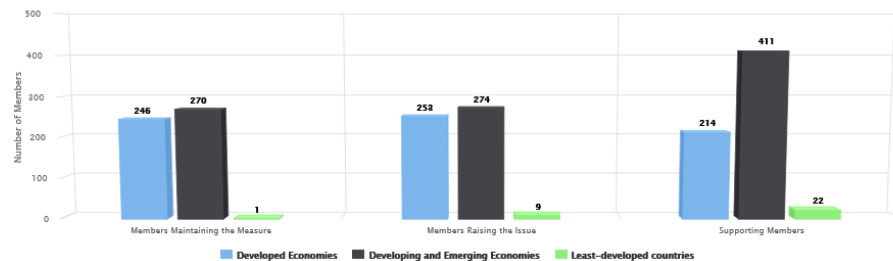
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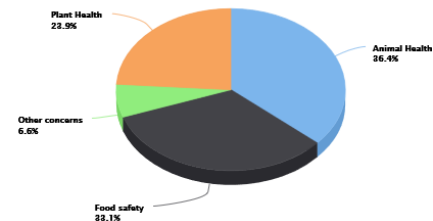
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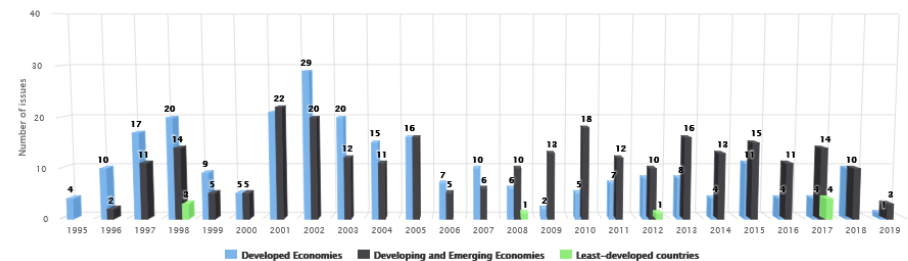
Participation by WTO Members



Trade concerns by subject



Number of issues raised by Members



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TBT Gateway

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