



Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

**TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND
OPERATION OF THE TBT AGREEMENT**

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The WTO Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (the Committee) will conduct its twenty-second Annual Review of the implementation and operation of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (the TBT Agreement) under Article 15.3 at its next meeting on 29-30 March 2017. This document contains information on developments in the Committee relating to the implementation and operation of the TBT Agreement from 1 January to 31 December 2016.

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. In 2016, the TBT Committee:

- a. oversaw the launch of "**ePing**", a new SPS and TBT notification alert system developed in cooperation with ITC and UNDESA (para. 5.3);



<http://www.epingalert.org/>

- b. set a record on **transparency**: a total of 2,336 notifications were submitted by 79 Members in 2016 – the most notifications submitted in one year in the Committee's history. The majority of notifications (76%) in 2016 were submitted by developing and Least-developed Members (Section 3.1);
- c. discussed 173 **specific trade concerns**, a record number (Section 3.3).² Among these the Committee addressed its 500th STC. DG Azevêdo said on 9 March 2016:

Today WTO Members discussed the 500th specific trade concern. It sounds technical but actually this is about dealing with all sorts of real-life issues that we all care about – from the use of chemicals in toys to the sugar, salt and fat content of our food. The WTO provides a forum for members to raise and resolve these concerns thereby avoiding them escalating into disputes. This is the unseen but essential daily work that keeps trade flowing – and it can only be done through the WTO.³

- d. held seven **thematic sessions** and launched a new stream of work on regulatory cooperation between Members, including discussions on energy efficiency and food (nutritional) labelling (para 2.1);
- e. held its **Eighth Special Meeting** on Procedures for Information Exchange (para. 21.1.e);
- f. was informed about **technical assistance** activities delivered by the WTO Secretariat. A total of 37 TBT technical assistance activities were delivered in various formats during 2016; 15 of these were organized specifically on the TBT Agreement (Section 5);
- g. was informed about the launch of a new WTO ISO **Standards Information Gateway**. This gateway provides information on standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code of Good Practice and, if available, their work programmes (para. 3.14); and,
- h. granted ad hoc **observer status** to the CARICOM Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ).⁴

1.2. Ms. Esther Peh (Singapore) was elected by the Committee as its Chairperson for 2016 and three regular meetings were held: on 9-10 March⁵, 15-16 June⁶ and 9-10 November.⁷ In addition to the review of measures (see Section 3, below), during these meetings, seven thematic sessions were organized. Representatives of the ACP, ARSO, BIPM, Codex Alimentarius, CROSQ, IEC, ISO,

² A new calculation method has been used in this report, see paragraph 3.19.

³ https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news16_e/tbt_11mar16_e.htm

⁴ G/TBT/M/69, para. 5.5.

⁵ G/TBT/M/68

⁶ G/TBT/M/69

⁷ G/TBT/M/70

OECD, OIML, UNECE and WHO updated the Committee on activities relevant to the work of the TBT Committee, including on technical assistance.

2 EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES

2.1. During 2016, Members' exchange of experiences took place mainly in the context of seven thematic sessions:

- a. **Good regulatory practice.** The thematic session on good regulatory practice (GRP) included discussion of: (i) the extent to which RIAs could facilitate the implementation of the TBT Agreement, considering the constraints facing developing Members in carrying out RIAs; and (ii) how trade impacts and TBT Agreement obligations could be taken into account in the preparation of RIAs. A summary report is contained in G/TBT/GEN/191.
- b. **Regulatory Cooperation between Members.** Two thematic sessions were held on this topic, one on energy efficiency and another on food (nutritional) labelling:
 - i. The session on *energy efficiency* explored, inter alia, regulators' use of standards in promoting energy efficiency of products, as well as approaches used to facilitate the acceptance of conformity assessment results of such products. A summary report is contained in document G/TBT/GEN/198.⁸
 - ii. The session on *food (nutritional) labelling* discussed, inter alia, global health objectives, food labelling and international standards as well as regional and national approaches to food labelling. A summary report is contained in document G/TBT/GEN/205.⁹
- c. **Conformity assessment procedures.** The thematic session on conformity assessment procedures focused on developments in international and regional systems, and regional trade agreements (RTAs), relating to the recognition and acceptance of conformity assessment results. A summary report is contained in G/TBT/GEN/190.
- d. **Standards.** This thematic session explored the topic of referencing standards in regulation. A summary report is contained in G/TBT/GEN/199.¹⁰
- e. **Transparency.** The Committee held its Eighth Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange. This event focused on the use of on-line tools, the functioning of enquiry points and transparency in standard-setting. A detailed summary report is included as an Annex to the minutes of the November Committee meeting (G/TBT/M/70).¹¹
- f. **Technical assistance.** The thematic session on technical assistance highlighted, inter alia, the need for both providers and recipients of technical assistance to be clear on the specific needs to be addressed through capacity building activities. The session gave examples of ways that the need and impact of technical assistance could be measured. A summary report is contained in G/TBT/GEN/204.

⁸ Some presentations and audio files are available here:
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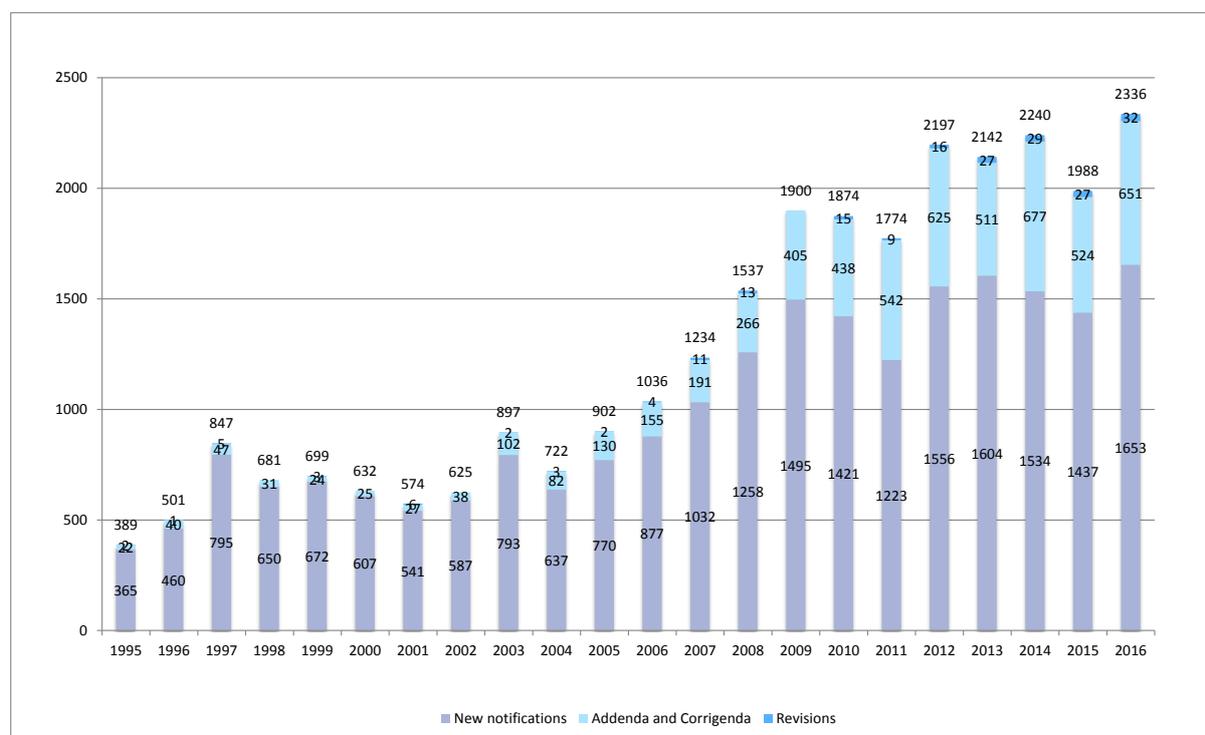
3 REVIEW OF TBT MEASURES¹²

3.1 Notifications of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures

3.1.1 Trends in new notifications and follow-up (addenda, corrigenda, revision)

3.1. The TBT Committee set a record in 2016 for total number of notifications (2,336) submitted in one year. This total comprises 1,653 new notifications of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures, 651 addenda or corrigenda to existing notifications and 32 revisions (Chart 1).¹³ There was wide participation in submissions of notifications in 2016: 79 Members submitted at least one notification during the year. Compared to 2015, the total number of notifications rose by 17.5%. Compared to the previous peak in 2014, the number of notifications rose by 4%, following the trend of a steady increase since 2012. Since the entry into force of the TBT agreement and up to 31 December 2016, 134 Members submitted 27,726 notifications (see Annex A).

Chart 1: total TBT notifications, 1995-2016



3.2. Over the past fifteen years, the number of new notifications has tripled, largely due to an increase in notifications from developing Members (Chart 6). The use of addenda and corrigenda has also increased remarkably and since 2011 more than 500 addenda and corrigenda were notified every year. Between 1995 and 2016, the US (1465), Brazil (623), Ecuador (585), Mexico (366) and Colombia (351) have submitted the most addenda and corrigenda. The number of revisions submitted is relatively low but also grew over the years; since 2012 the WTO received about 28 revisions per year (Chart 1). The Members that notified the most revisions since 1995 were China (39), Brazil (21), Thailand (17), Canada (16) and South Africa (16).

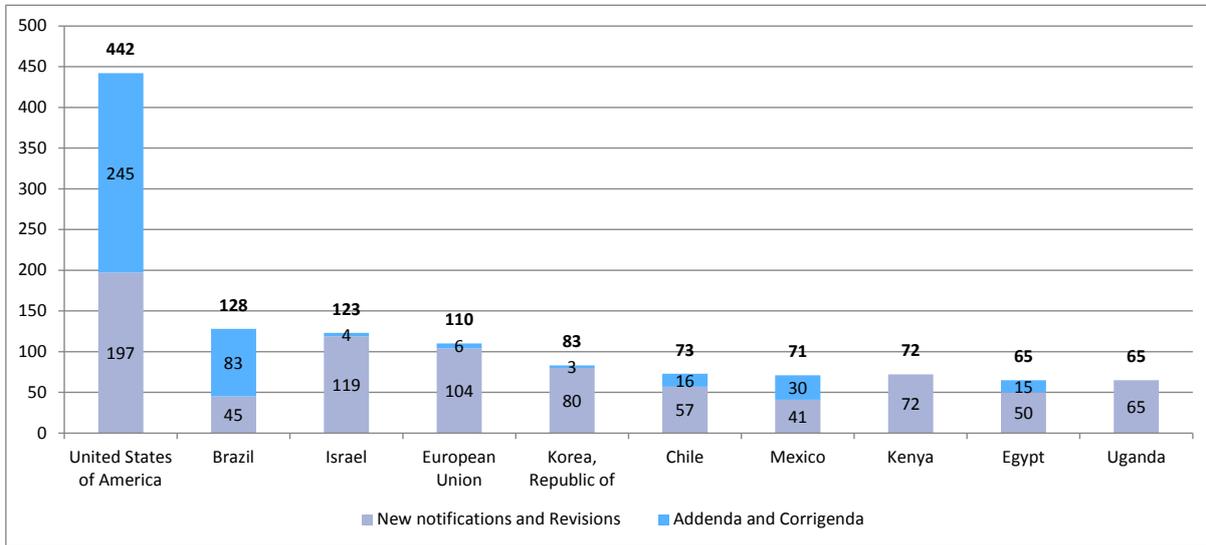
¹² The data for the charts in this section are drawn from the TBT IMS <http://tbtims.wto.org/>. More detail is contained in Annex A. More information on TBT notifications, STCs and other TBT-related documents is available through the TBT IMS.

¹³ This document uses the terminology adopted by the TBT Committee in the recommendation on "Coherent use of notification formats", G/TBT/35, 18 June 2014.

3.1.2 Notifications by Member

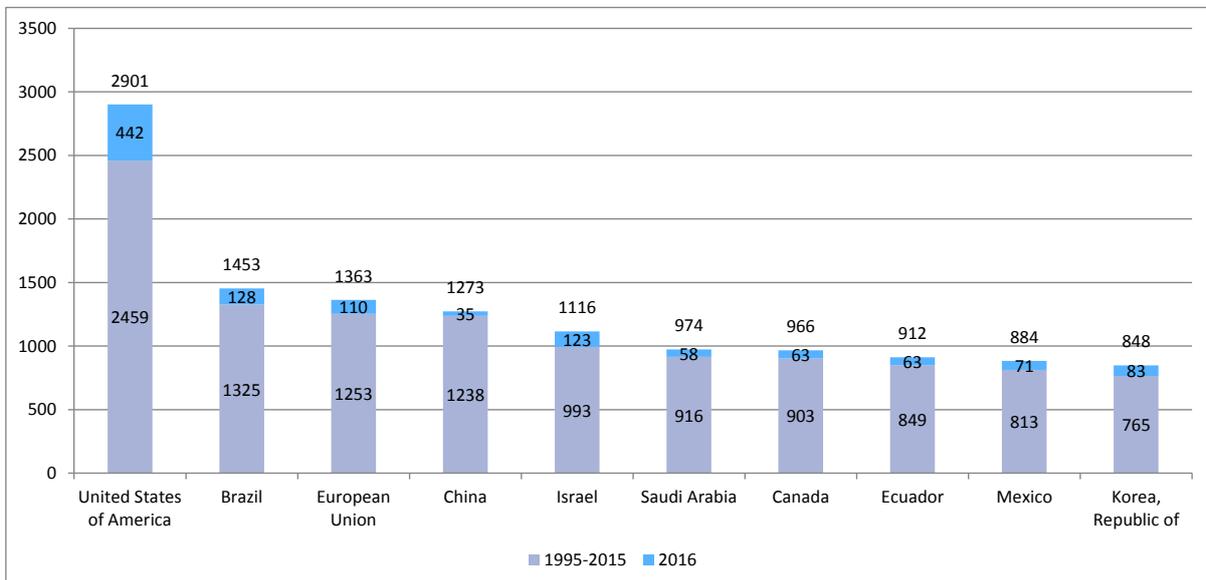
3.3. The US, Brazil, Israel, EU, Korea, Chile, Mexico, Kenya, Egypt and Uganda notified the most TBT notifications in 2016 (Chart 2).

Chart 2: Top ten notifying Members in 2016



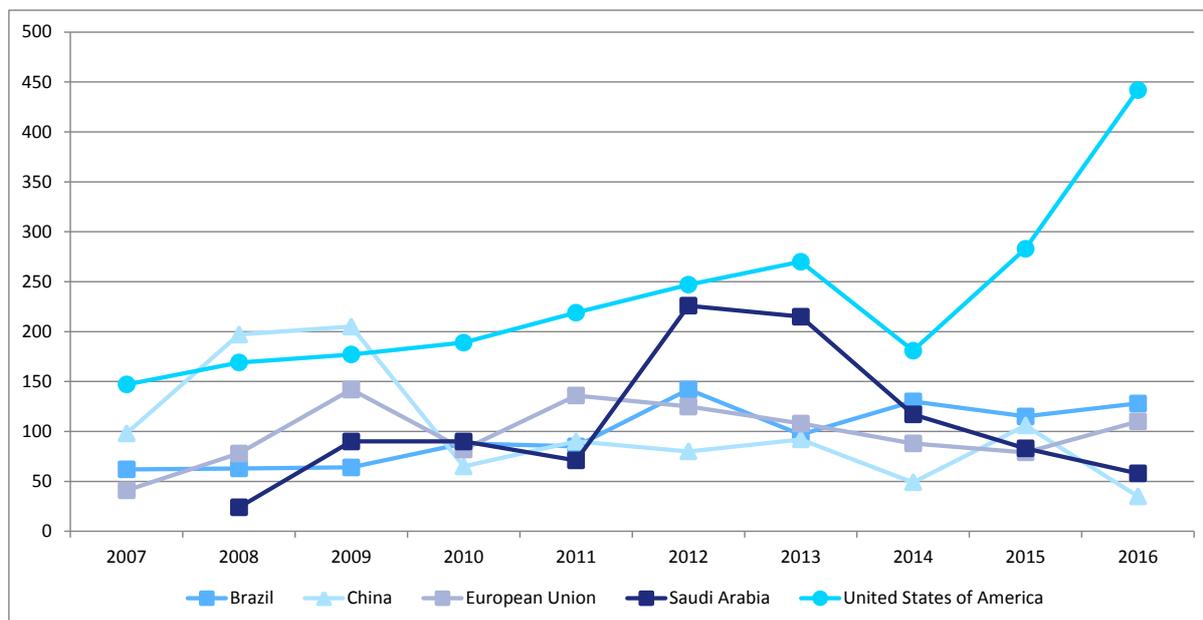
3.4. Several Members among the top notifying Members in 2016 do not appear among the top notifying Members for the period 1995 to 2016 (Chart 3), namely Chile, Kenya, Egypt and Uganda.

Chart 3: Top ten notifying Members (new notifications, addenda and corrigenda, and revisions) 1995-2015, and 2016



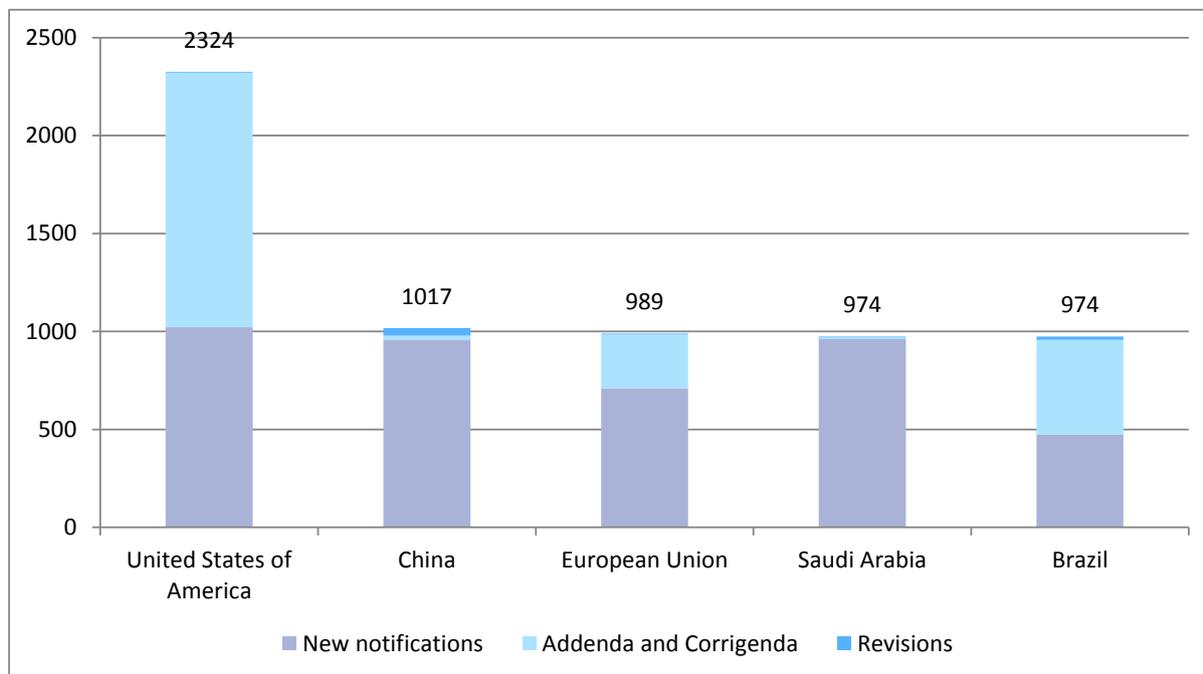
3.5. Taking a closer look at the five top notifying Members over the past ten years (2007-2016), Chart 4 shows that there is limited fluctuation in the number of notifications submitted. Exceptions to this are the number of notifications submitted by the US over the last two years, which increased significantly from 2014 to 2016. In addition, China and Saudi Arabia experienced peaks in submission of notifications in 2008-2009, and 2012-2013, respectively.

Chart 4: Notifications submitted by Brazil, China, the EU, Saudi Arabia and the US, all types, 2007-2016



3.6. The formats of notifications used by the five top notifying Members differ from Member to Member (Chart 5). The US and Brazil have notified more addenda/corrigenda than new notifications, while China and Saudi Arabia rarely use these formats. As indicated above, revisions are used very infrequently.

Chart 5: Type of notifications by Member (five top notifying Members), 2007-2016

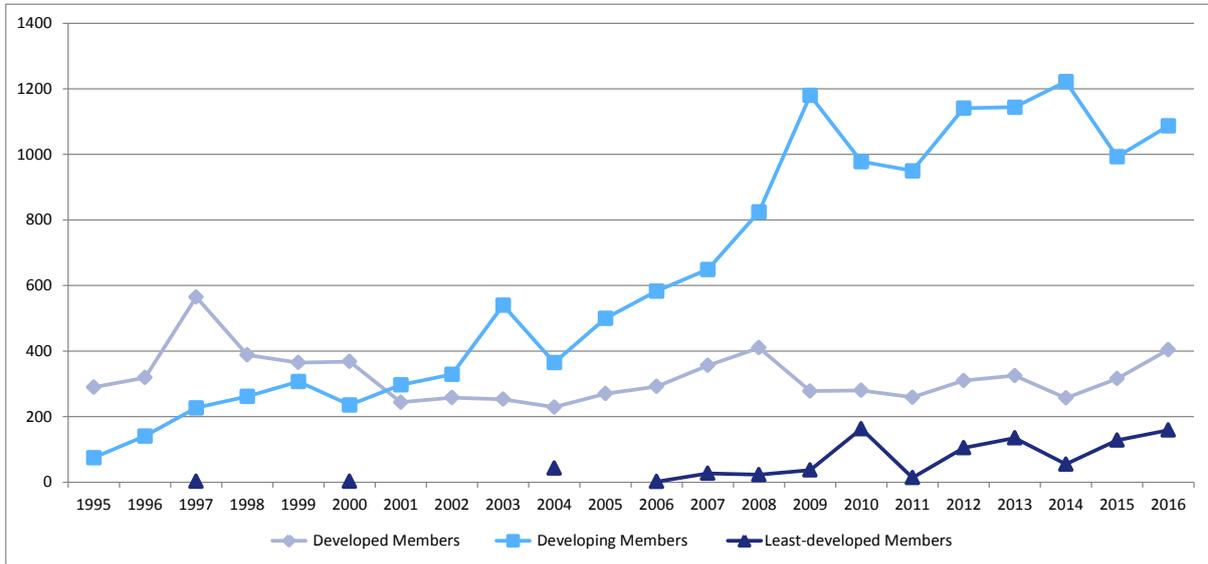


3.1.3 Notifications by development status and region

3.7. The rise in new notifications since 2005 (see Chart 1) is to a large extent explained by a very marked increase in notifications submitted by developing Members (Chart 6). Again in 2016 the majority of notifications (66%) were submitted by developing Members (90). Least-developed

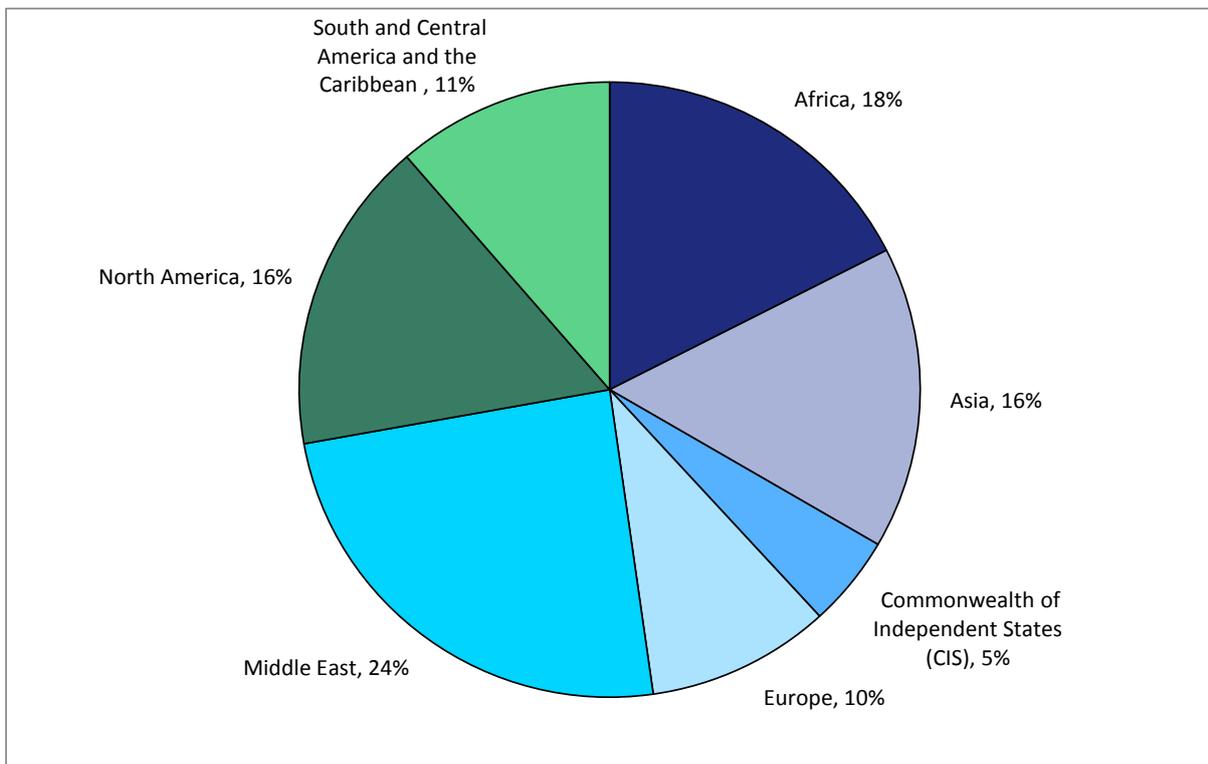
Members (36) were responsible for 10% of new notifications in 2016¹⁴ and developed Members (38) for 24%.

Chart 6: New notifications by development status, 1995-2016

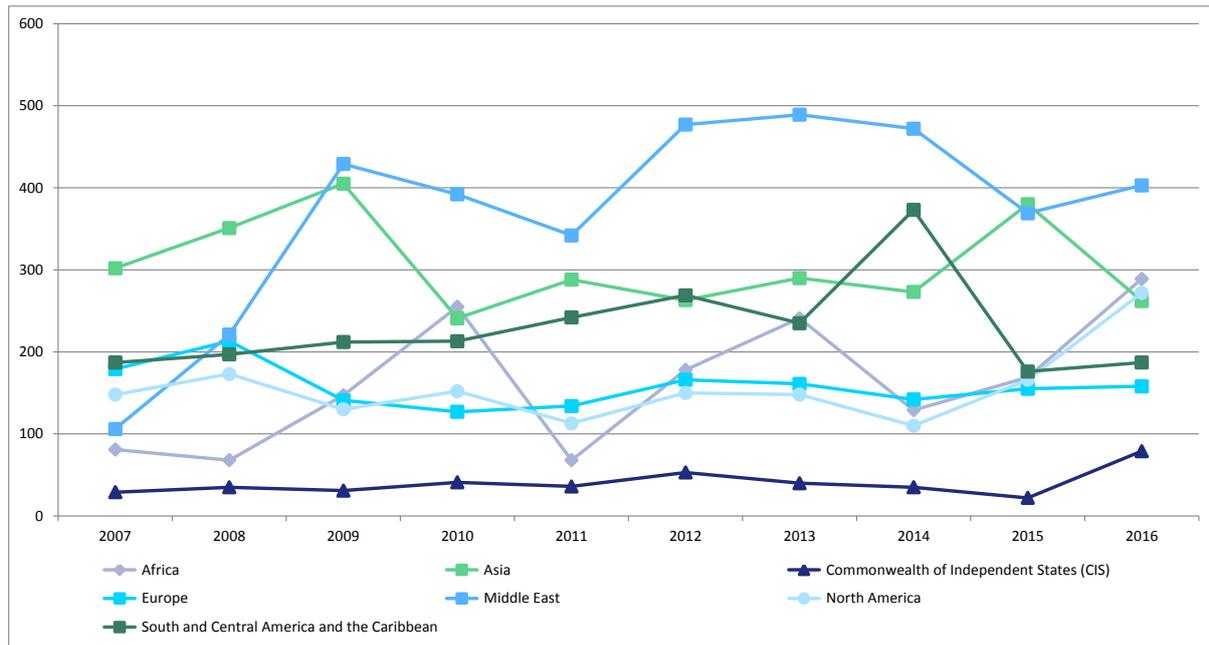


3.8. Members in the Middle East submitted about one quarter of all new notifications in 2016, the most of any regional group. African Members submitted 18%, followed by Members in Asia and North America, each submitting 16%. Compared to 2015, the main change was an increase in notifications from the Middle East and North America, and a decrease in notifications from Asia. (Chart 7 and 8)

Chart 7: Distribution of new notifications by region, 2016



¹⁴ The top five notifying least-developed members for the period 195 to 2016 for what concerns new notifications are Uganda (597), Zambia (89), Yemen (62), Rwanda (49) and Tanzania (44).

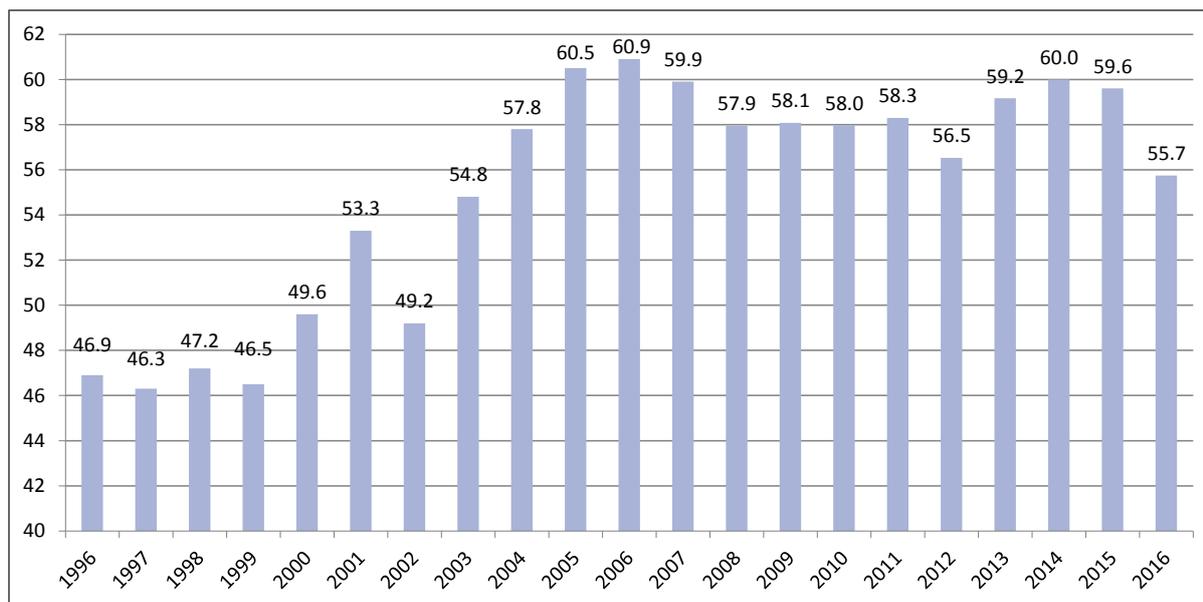
Chart 8: Number of new notifications by region, 2007-2016

3.1.4 Comment period provided in notifications

3.9. The Committee agreed that the normal time limit for comments on notified technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures should be 60 days. Any Member able to provide a time-limit beyond 60 days is encouraged to do so and should indicate this in the notification.¹⁵ In 2016, Members provided on average 55.7 days for comments on new notifications and revisions (of those 1534 notifications which specified a comment period – Chart 9).¹⁶ This is a significant drop compared to 2015; in that year Members provided on average 59.6 days. The average number of days for comments provided in 2016 was the lowest in the past decade. In 145 new notifications and revisions submitted last year, there was no comment period included, the stated comment period had lapsed or it was stated that a comment period was non-applicable.

¹⁵ G/TBT/1/Rev.13, Section 5.3.1.8, page 27.

¹⁶ This chart covers only those notifications that specify a comment period. The chart does not take into account notifications where the comment period was not specified, was stated as non-applicable, or had lapsed at the time of circulation ("lapsed" means that the deadline for comments stated on the notification was earlier than the date of circulation of the notification).

Chart 9: Average number of days allowed for comments, 1996-2016

3.1.5 Online submission of notifications

3.10. In 2016, 69% of all TBT notifications were submitted using the TBT Notification Submission System (TBT NSS). The 35 Members listed below used the NSS in 2016 (Table 1). This represents a significant increase in the number of notifications submitted online; in 2014, 35% of all notifications were submitted through the TBT NSS, rising to 52% in 2015. Since the NSS was launched at the end of 2013, 39 Members continue to use the TBT NSS of the 134 Members who have ever notified.¹⁷

Table 1: List of Members that used the TBT NSS in 2016

Australia	Czech Republic	Israel	Rwanda	Tukey
Bolivia	Denmark	Japan	Senegal	Uganda
Botswana	EU	Kenya	Seychelles	Ukraine
Brazil	Germany	Korea, Republic of	Sweden	United Arab Emirates
Canada	India	Kyrgyz Republic	South Africa	US
Chile	Indonesia	Lithuania	Chinese Taipei	Vietnam
China	Ireland	Malaysia	Thailand	Zambia

3.1.6 Stated objectives of notifications

3.11. "Protection of human health or safety" was overwhelmingly the primary objective stated in new notifications submitted in 2016 (Chart 10). The second most cited objective was "Prevention of deceptive practices", followed by "Protection of the environment" and "Quality requirements". When comparing this with the most cited objectives for the period 1995 to 2016, the top five objectives remain unchanged (Chart 11).¹⁸

¹⁷ For access to the TBT NSS, please contact tbtnss@wto.org.

¹⁸ The objectives as indicated be Members in Item 7 of the new notification template (see G/TBT/1/Rev. 13, pp. 58-61). Notifications may cite multiple objectives.

Chart 10: Notification by objective, 2016

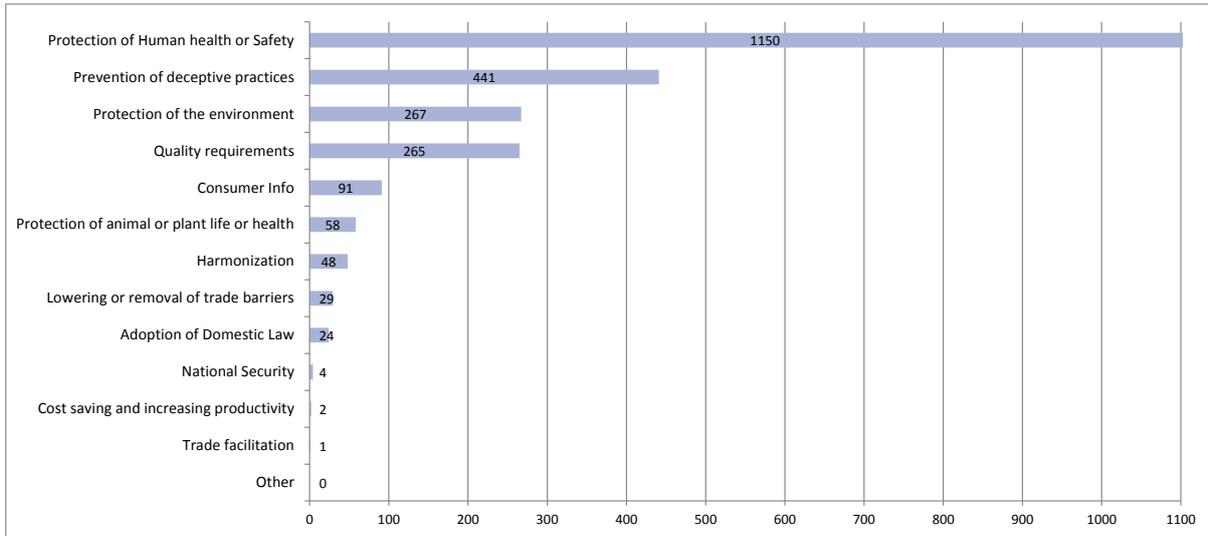
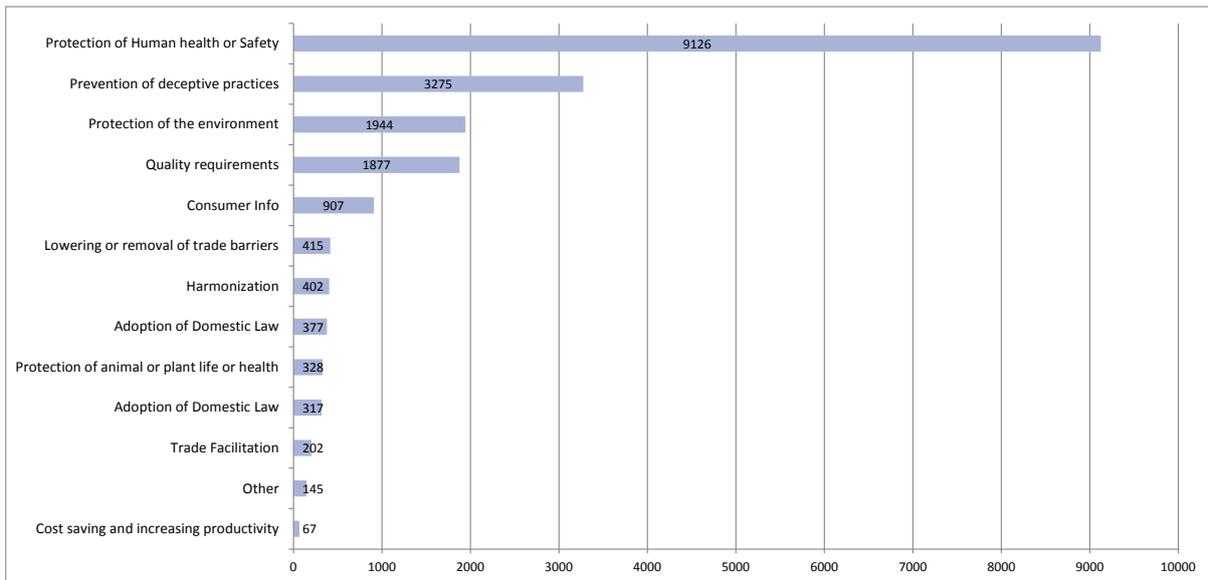


Chart 11: Notification by objective, 1995-2016



3.2 Other TBT notifications

3.2.1 Notifications under Article 10.7

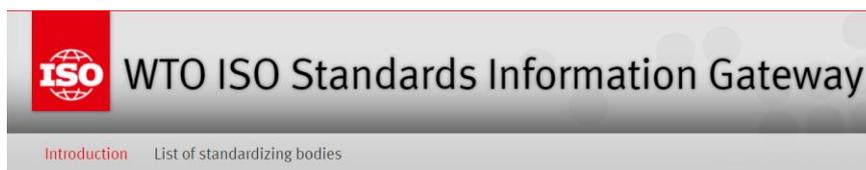
3.12. Four agreements were notified under Article 10.7 in 2016, all of them between Brazil and other Members.¹⁹ Since 1995, 140 Agreements, four revisions and four corrigenda have been notified under article 10.7.

3.2.2 Notifications under Article 15.2

3.13. In 2016, eight notifications under Article 15.2 of the TBT Agreement with respect to measures in existence or taken to ensure the implementation and administration of the TBT Agreement have been submitted. Five Members notified for the first time under Article 15.2: Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Kazakhstan Vanuatu and Yemen. Three Members revised their previous notifications: Japan, South Africa and Ukraine.²⁰

3.2.3 Notifications under the Code of Good Practice for the preparation, adoption and application of standards ("Code of Good Practice")

3.14. In the context of cooperation between the WTO and ISO on notifications under the Code of Good Practice, in 2016, a new WTO ISO Standards Information Gateway was launched.²¹ It provides information on standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code of Good Practice and, if available, their work programmes. The WTO forms for the acceptance of and withdrawal from the Code of Good Practice as well as the form to notify work programmes can also be found on the gateway.



<https://tbtcode.iso.org/sites/wto-tbt/home.html>

3.15. In 2016, three standardizing bodies notified their acceptance of the Code of Good Practice: the Afghan National Standards Authority (Afghanistan), the Institute of Standards of Cambodia (Cambodia) and *Bureau Haïtien de Normalisation* (Haiti). There were no withdrawals in 2016. With respect to work programmes, 12 notifications on work programmes were submitted in 2016, 10 of which contained a link to the organization's website, a specific link to the work programme or an electronic version of the work programme.

3.16. Between 1995 and 2016, 178 standardizing bodies from 138 Members or observers have accepted the Code of Good Practice. In addition, one regional standardizing body has accepted the Code of Good Practice: the African Organisation for Standardisation.²² 14 standardizing bodies have withdrawn from the Code of Good Practice since 1995.

¹⁹ In 2016, 4 notifications under article 10.7 have been submitted: notification G/TBT/10.7/N/129 concerns an agreement between Brazil, Canada and the US; notification G/TBT/10.7/N/130 concerns an agreement between Brazil, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and the US; notification G/TBT/10.7/N/131 concerns an agreement between Brazil, Argentina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru and US; and notification G/TBT/10.7/N/132 concerns an agreement between Brazil, Argentina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, US.

²⁰ The latest list of statements submitted under article 15.2 is available in the TBT IMS under "reports" (<http://tbtime.wto.org>). This information was previously circulated in the G/TBT/2/GEN/-series). The list is also included in Annex E.

²¹ <https://tbtcode.iso.org/sites/wto-tbt/home.html>

²² A list of the standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code and have not withdrawn can be found in Annex D.

3.3 Specific Trade Concerns

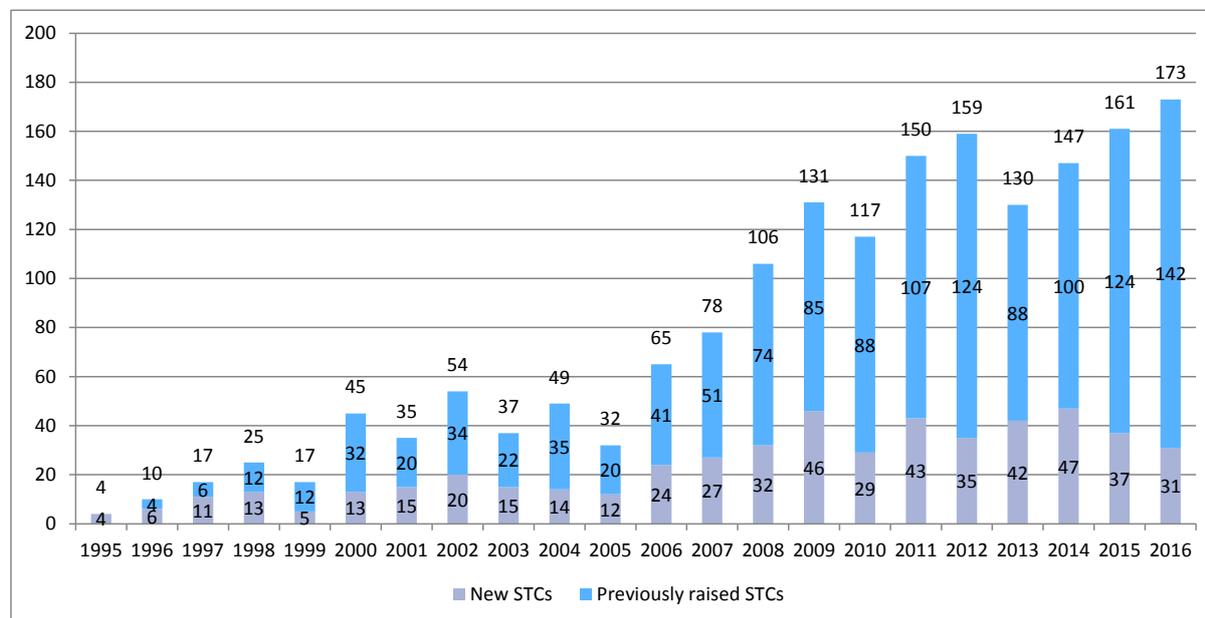
3.17. The TBT Committee provides Members with a forum to discuss trade issues related to technical regulations, conformity assessment procedures and standards, prepared, adopted or applied by other Members. These discussions are referred to as "specific trade concerns" (STCs) and relate either to proposed measures, or to measures currently in force. Members thus have the opportunity to review these concerns in a multilateral setting, and to seek further information and clarification, working towards mutually acceptable solutions.

3.3.1 Trends in STCs

3.18. In 2016, Members reviewed a total of 173 STCs, a record number. The number of new concerns, however, dropped to 31, that is 6 less than in 2015 (Chart 12). This continues a new trend in declining number of new concerns raised in the Committee: in 2015, the number of new trade concerns dropped by 21% compared to 2014. On the other hand, the number of times previously raised STCs were discussed continues to increase and more than makes up for the declining number of new concerns raised. In 2016, Members discussed 142 previously raised concerns in TBT Committee meetings²³ (in 2015, this number was 124; in 2014, 100).²⁴

3.19. A new calculation method has been applied in this year's Annual Review for what concerns the category "previously raised STCs". In previous reports, an STC raised in the Committee in a given year was only included once in the statistics, either as a new or as a previously raised STC, regardless of the number of times the STC was raised that year. An STC raised for the first time in June and again in November, for example, was included as new, but not as previously raised. This method underreported the number of previously raised STCs. In this review, an STC is counted each time it has been raised in a TBT Committee meeting. If raised for the first time, it is counted as a new STC. If it is raised again, it is counted as a previously raised STC. This gives a more accurate reflection of the number of concerns actually discussed in the Committee in any given year.

Chart 12: STCs raised, 1995-2016



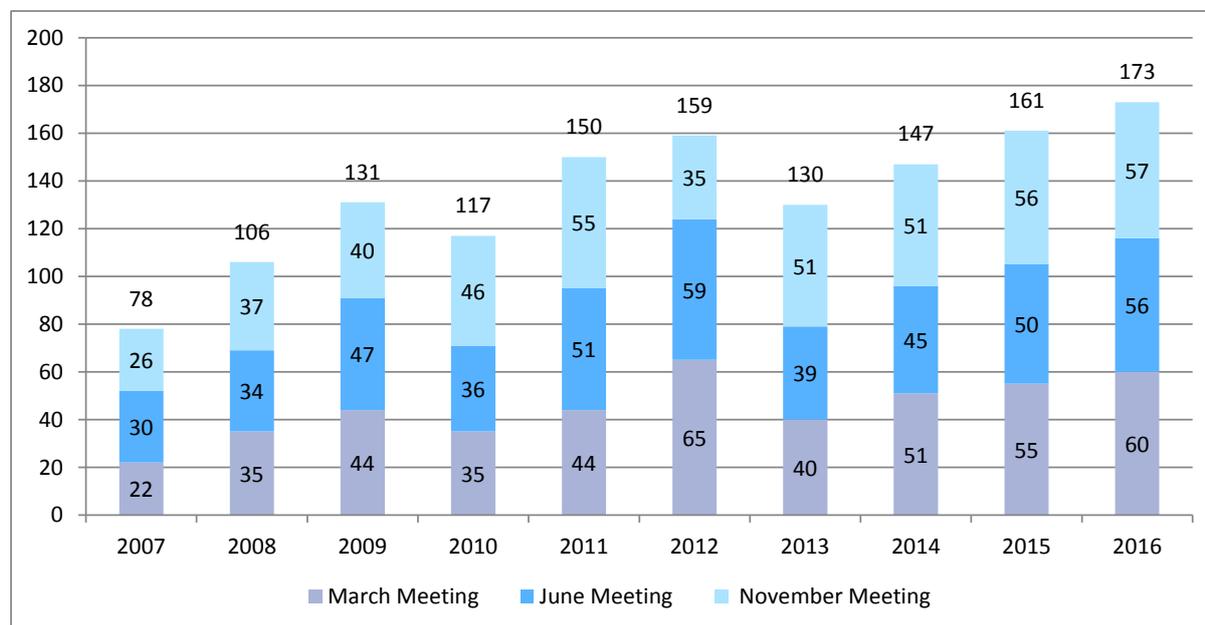
3.20. Chart 13 shows the number of STCs discussed per TBT Committee meeting, which is significant and increasing. In 2016, 60 STCs were discussed at the March meeting, 56 STCs at the June meeting, and in November, 57 STCs. This illustrates the steadily increasing workload for the

²³ Each time an STC is raised in the Committee, it is counted, regardless of whether the STC has been raised before in the same calendar year either as a new or previously raised STC.

²⁴ An overview of the STCs raised in the Committee in 2016 can be found in annex B. Annex C provides a more detailed overview of new STCs raised in 2016.

TBT Committee: in 2007, 78 STCs were discussed in the Committee, in 2016, this number rose to 173.

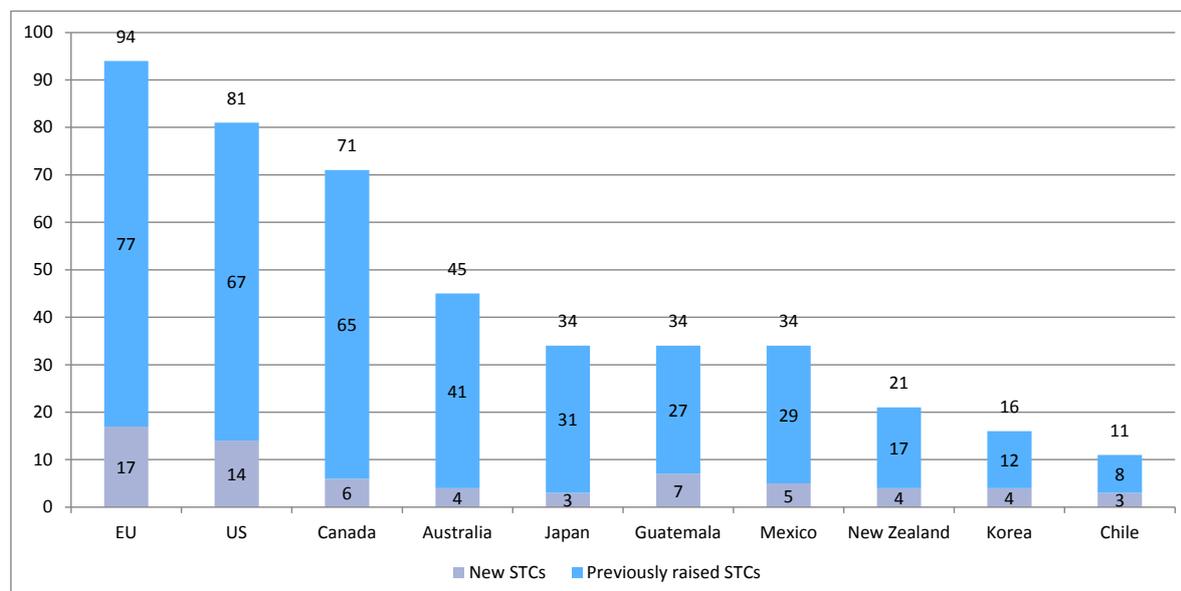
Chart 13: STCs raised per Committee Meeting, 2007-2016



3.3.2 STCs by Member

3.21. As in 2015, the EU, US and Canada most frequently raised STCs in the Committee, followed by Australia, Japan, Guatemala, Mexico, New Zealand, Korea and Chile (Chart 14). The large majority of these STCs are not new but raised previously.²⁵

Chart 14: Members most frequently raising STCs, 2016

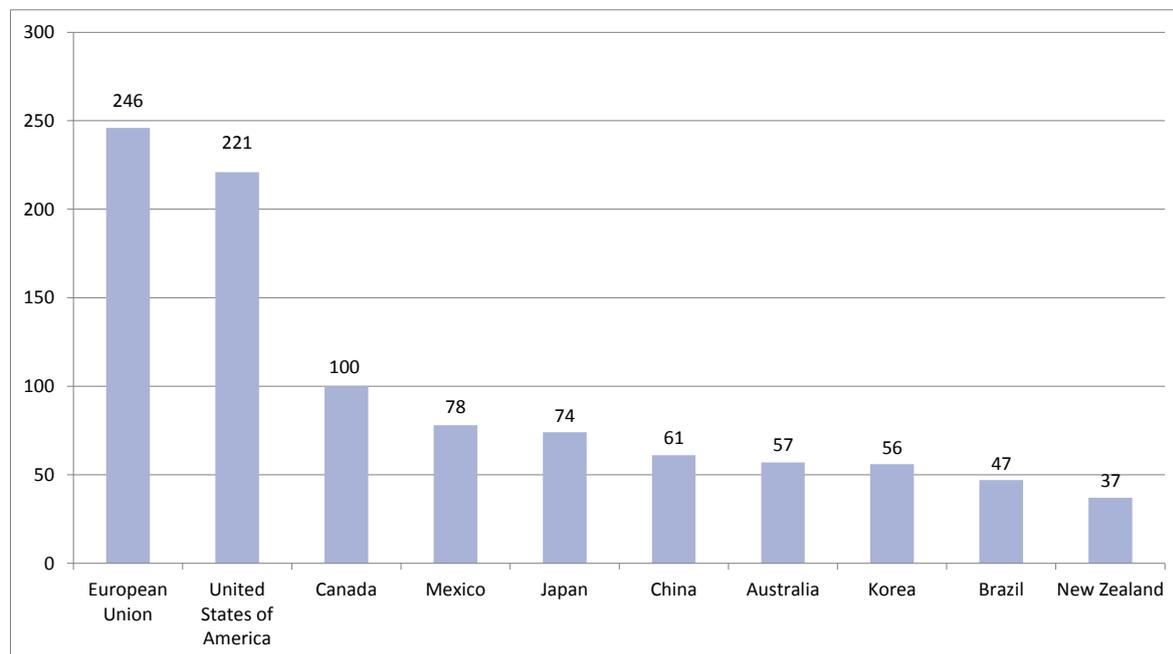


3.22. When looking at the chart displaying Members most frequently raising new STCs for the period 1995 to 2016, we see a similar trend: the EU and US have raised the most new STCs, more than 200 each. Canada (100), Mexico (78), Japan (74), China (61), Australia (57) Korea (56),

²⁵ More than one Member may raise concerns (new and previous) about the same STC. Members can raise the same STC more than once in the same year; it is counted each time it is raised.

Brazil (47) and New Zealand (37) are also among the 10 Members most frequently raising new STCs. (Chart 15)

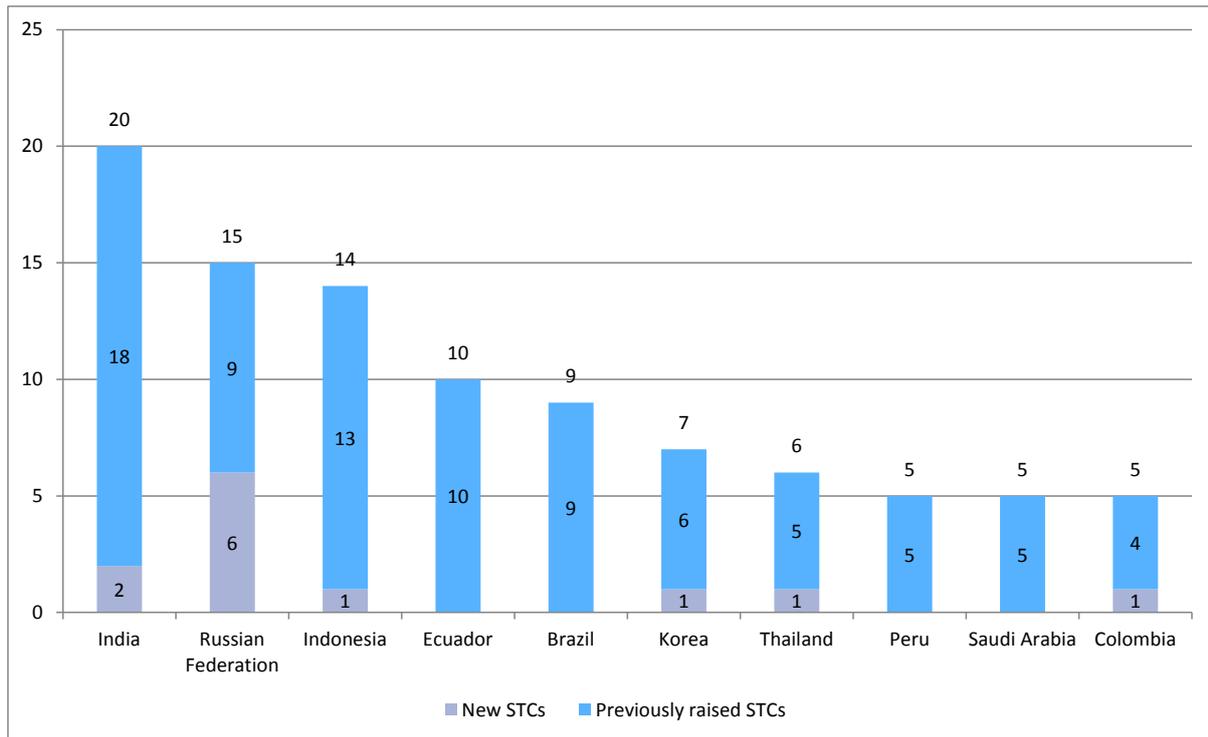
Chart 15: Members most frequently raising new STCs, 1995-2016



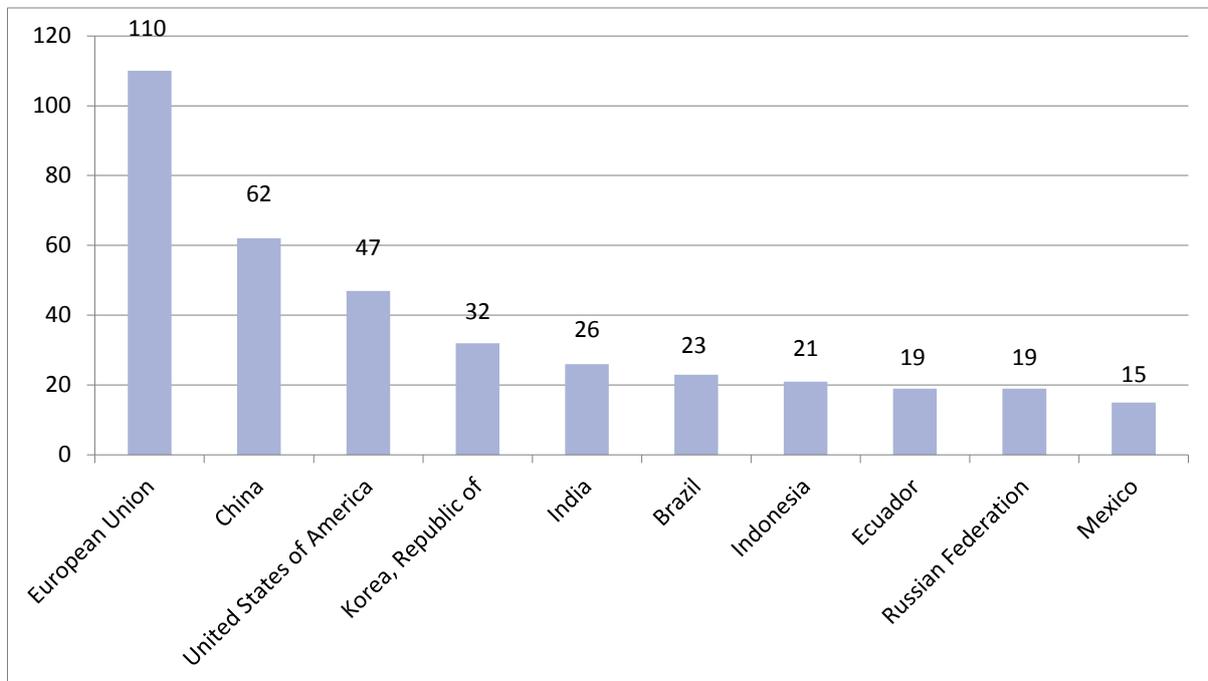
3.3.3 Members subject to STCs

3.23. Measures of India, the Russian Federation and Indonesia have been most frequently subject to concerns raised in the Committee in 2016, followed by Ecuador, Brazil, Korea, Thailand, Peru, Saudi Arabia and Colombia (Chart 16). Most of there were previously raised STCs, only 12 of the 96 concerns included in Chart 16 were new.²⁶

²⁶ Members can be subject to the same STC more than once in the same year; each time the STC is raised in the Committee, it is counted.

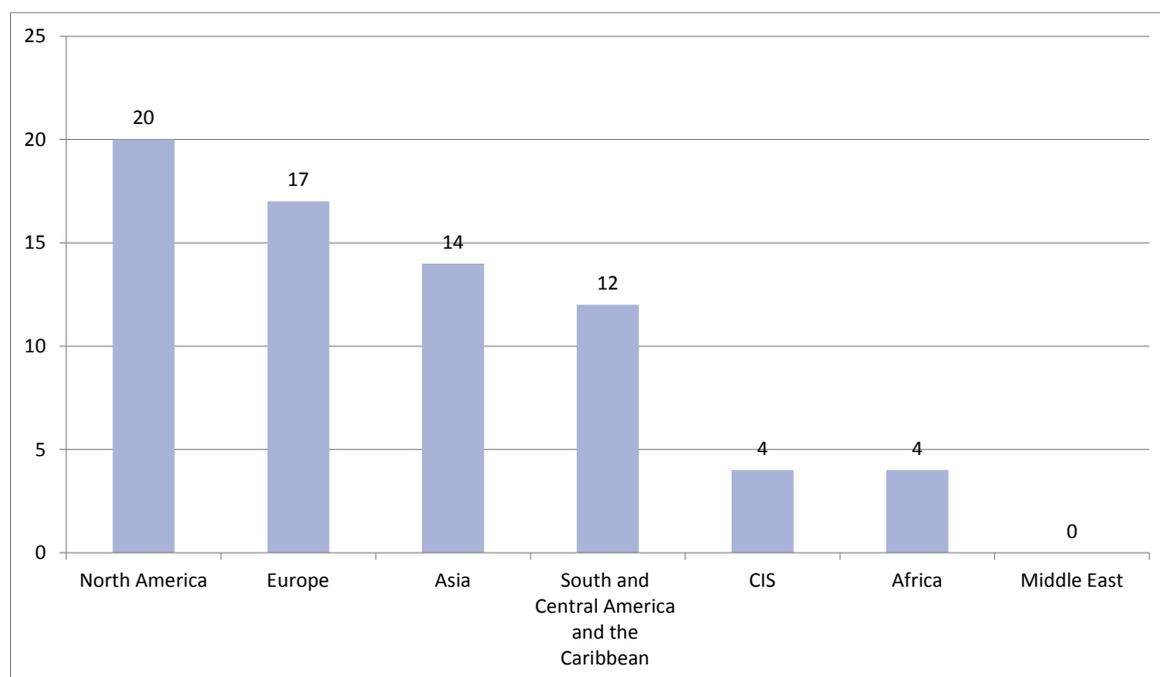
Chart 16: Members most frequently subject to STCs, 2016

3.24. Chart 17 shows that the EU, China and the US were most frequently subject to new STCs raised in the Committee between 1995 and 2016.

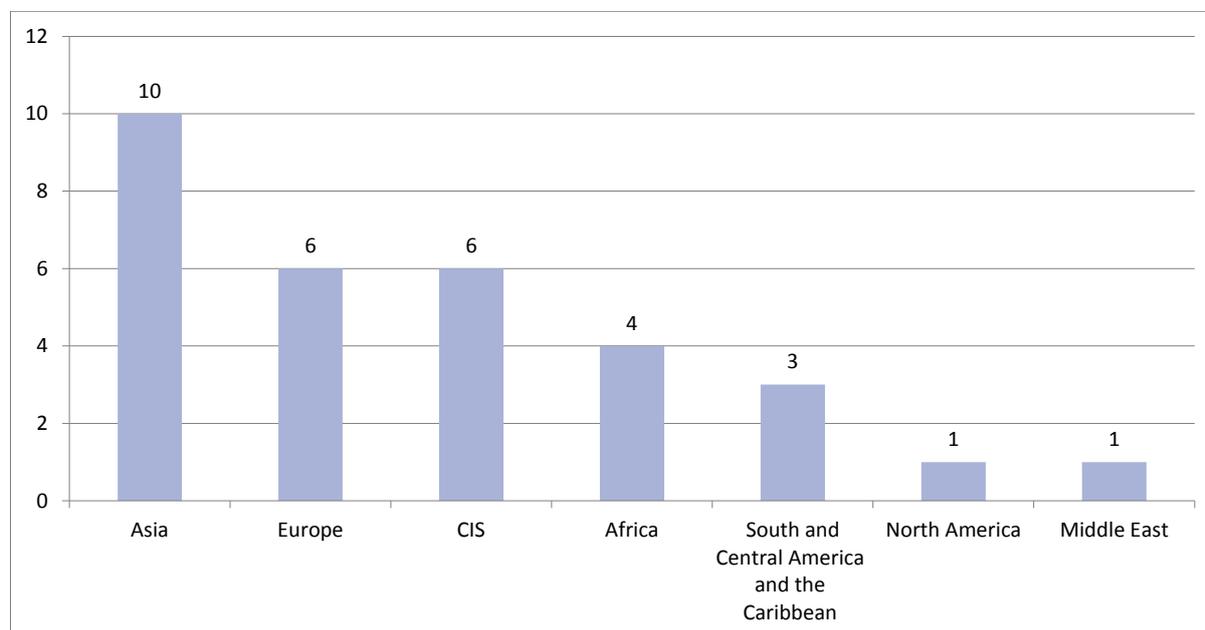
Chart 17: Members most frequently subject to new STCs, 1995-2016

3.3.4 STCs by region and development status

3.25. Charts 18 and 19 provide information on the regional breakdown of participation in STC discussions. In 2016, Members from North America raised 20 new STCs, from Europe 17 new STCs, and from Asia 14 new STCs. Members from the Middle East did not raise any new STCs (Chart 19).

Chart 18: New STCs raised by region, 2016²⁷

3.26. On the other hand, Members from Asia were most frequently subject to new STCs, followed by Members from Europe and CIS (Chart 19).

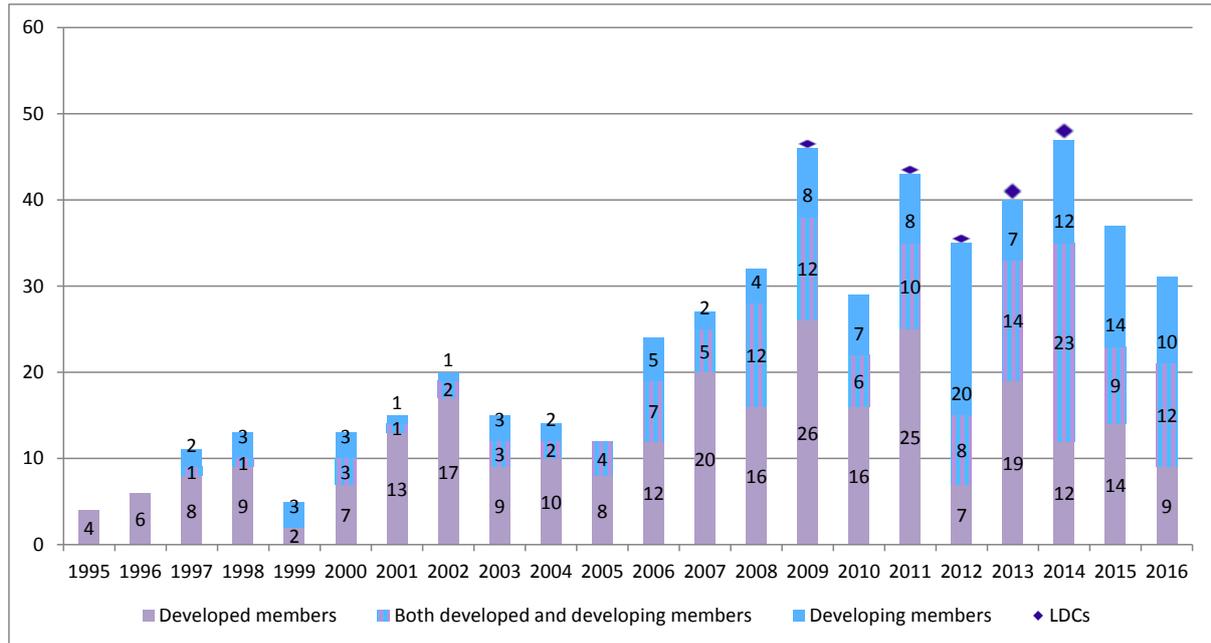
Chart 19: subject to new STCs by region, 2016²⁸

3.27. In 2016, about one third of the new STCs were submitted by developing Members, one third by both developing and developed Members and one third by developed Members alone. No LDC Member raised a new STC during the year. These shares have fluctuated over the years, but in general developing countries have become more active in raising new STCs (Chart 20).

²⁷ "New STCs raised STCs by region" indicates the number of times a Member in a given region has raised a new STC. One STC can be raised by several members from different regions.

²⁸ "Subject to STCs by region" indicates the number of times a measure of a member in a given region has been subject to a new STC.

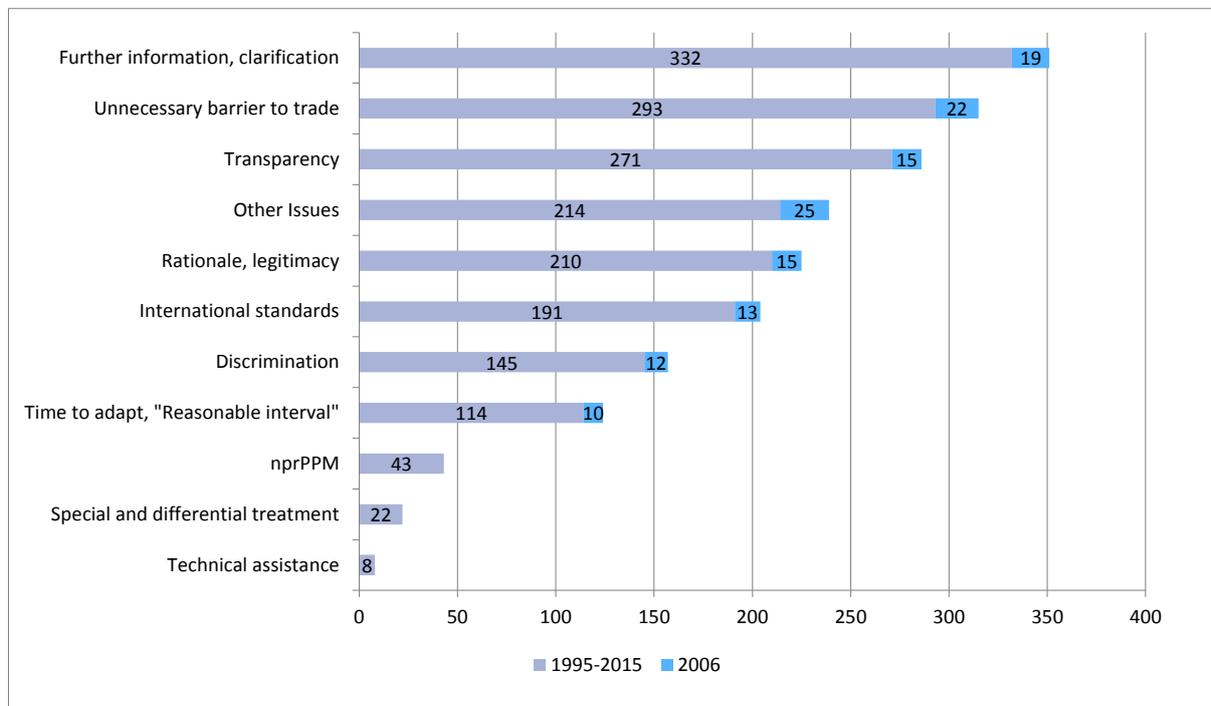
Chart 20: New STCs raised by development status, 1995-2016²⁹



3.3.5 Types of concerns raised in STCs

3.28. Of the issues highlighted by concerned Members in new STCs raised in 2016, 22 dealt with "Unnecessary barriers to trade", 19 with "Further information and clarification", 15 with "Transparency", 15 with "Rationale and legitimacy" and 13 with "International standards" (Chart 21).

Chart 21: Types of concerns raised, 1995-2015, and 2016



²⁹ "New STCs raised by development status" indicates the number of times a Member of a given development status raised a new STC. An STC can be raised by several members each with a different development status.

3.3.6 Stated objectives of measures subject to STCs

3.29. Information about the stated objective of measures subject to STCs may be derived from the notification itself, or through the discussion of the particular measure in the Committee. By far the most frequently stated objective of measures subject to STCs between 1995-2016 was "Protection of human health and safety", matching the main objective cited in TBT notifications (Chart 22, Chart 10).

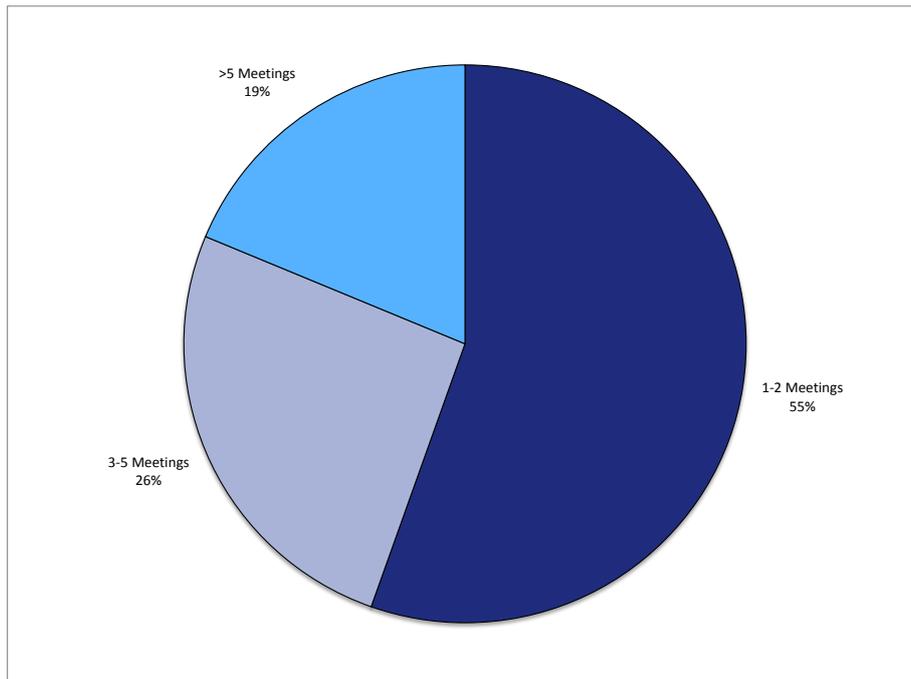
Chart 22: Stated objectives for the measures raised as STCs, 1995-2016, 2016



3.3.7 Frequency – the number of times a given STC is raised in the Committee

3.30. The majority of STCs (55%) have been raised at one or two Committee meetings. 26% were raised 3 to 5 times and 19% were raised more than 5 times (Chart 23). The share of STCs raised more than 5 times has increased in comparison with 2015, in line with the finding that fewer new and more previous STCs were raised in 2016 (Chart 12).

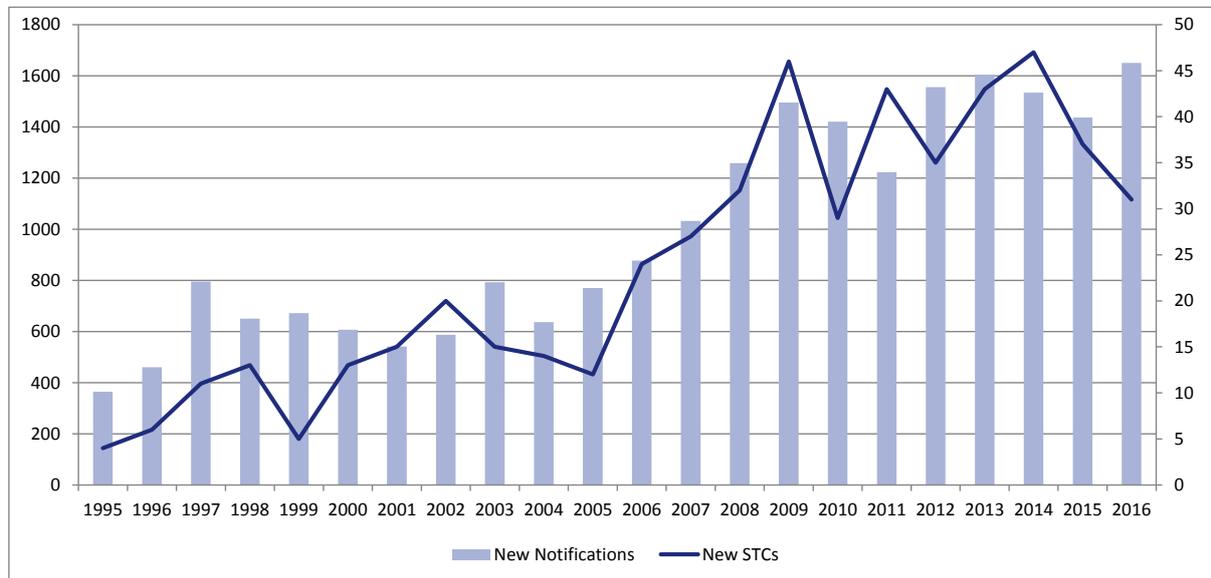
Chart 23: number of times an STC is raised in the Committee, 1995-2016



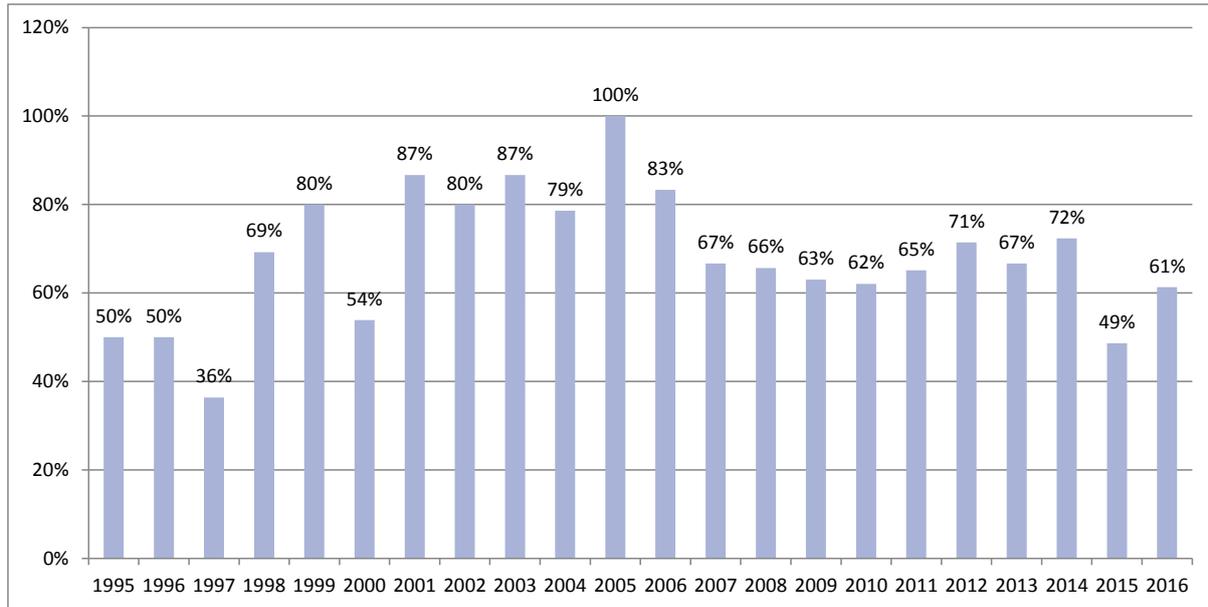
3.4 Relation between notifications and STCs

3.31. When comparing the number of new notifications submitted versus new STCs raised from 1995 to 2016, a similar upward trend characterizes both sets of data (Chart 24). However, since 2014, the number of new STCs has decreased somewhat.

Chart 24: Trend in new notifications and new STCs



3.32. 61% of the new STCs raised in 2016 concerned a measure notified to the WTO. While this number is quite low compared to the general trend in the last decade, it represents a 12% increase compared to 2015 (Chart 25).

Chart 25: New STCs discussed related to notified measures

4 DISPUTES INVOLVING PROVISIONS OF THE TBT AGREEMENT

4.1. Since 1995, 52 disputes have cited the TBT Agreement in their respective requests for consultations, the first formal step to initiate a WTO case. Important developments during 2016 included:

- a. The establishment and composition by the DSB of compliance proceedings (second recourse by Mexico) with respect to US measures on canned tuna labelling;
- b. The establishment by the DSB of a Panel concerning certain Indonesian measures concerning the importation of beef;
- c. The establishment by the DSB of a Panel concerning certain measures by the Russian Federation affecting the importation of railway equipment;
- d. The composition of a Panel established by the DSB in 2015 concerning certain Indonesian measures affecting exports of chicken meat and products.

5 SECRETARIAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

5.1. Similar to 2014 and 2015, in 2016 the Secretariat continued to significantly increase its TBT-related technical assistance ("TBT TA") activities. This is consistent with the fact that demand for TBT TA has grown substantially over the last few years. During 2016, the WTO Secretariat organized, or otherwise participated in, a total of 37 TBT TA activities in various formats. This is the same number of overall TBT TA activities delivered in 2016. Similar to 2014 and 2015, in 2016 the demand for, and delivery of, national TBT TA activities was significant.³⁰ Preliminary data for TBT TA activities in 2017 indicates that delivery of national activities will likely again increase as compared to recent years, and that demand for TBT TA activities, in general, will remain very high.³¹ Demand for joint TBT-SPS workshops has also significantly increased since 2015.³²

5.2. 15 of all TBT TA activities carried out in 2016 were national, regional and Geneva-based workshops that were organized specifically on the TBT Agreement and hosted by various developing Members or observers. These included, in particular, five regional workshops, seven national workshops as well as three Geneva-based advanced course (see below for more details on some of these specific activities). The programmes were designed to assist participating economies to consolidate knowledge of the principles and disciplines of the TBT Agreement, discuss implementation-related challenges and better engage in the work of the TBT Committee. Particular emphasis was put on transparency and national coordination. Similar to 2015, in 2016 more than half of these national, regional and Geneva-based TBT-specific activities also covered the SPS Agreement and were organized in cooperation with the Secretariat experts responsible for that area.

5.3. On 8 November 2016, the ePing SPS and TBT notification alert system³³, developed in cooperation with ITC and UN DESA, was launched during the TBT Committee week. This online platform allows stakeholders – both private and governmental – to keep track of SPS and TBT measures. While ePing is an easy-to-use platform, it requires training to get acquainted with the system and to be able to use all functionalities. As soon as a pilot version of the system was available early last year, the three organizations received requests for training and information sessions on ePing. In 2016 more than ten ePing training activities were set up, most of them demand driven. Also in 2017, we continue to receive requests for ePing training and information sessions. The three partner organizations (UNDESA; WTO and ITC) are currently looking into ways to accommodate the requests. There has also been an increase in requests and collaboration with third parties to provide training on ePing (e.g. East Africa Trade and Investment Hub).

³⁰ 7 national TBT workshops were delivered in 2016.

³¹ As of February 2017, almost 10 national TBT workshops were delivered or formally requested, or are expected to be requested, for 2017.

³² In 2015 and 2016, around half of the TBT-specific regional and national workshops covered both the TBT and SPS Agreements. In particular, the majority of the national workshops delivered in 2016 (7 out of 13) covered both Agreements, as opposed to, e.g., just 3 (out of 10) in 2014.

³³ www.epingalert.org

5.4. Three of the 15 TBT-specific activities were of particular significance, namely:

- a. A week-long "*Follow-up to the Advanced Course on the TBT Agreement*", organized jointly by TED and ITTC, for which 20 participants from the 2015 TBT advanced course returned to Geneva to share experiences and to report on progress made in the implementation of their action plans, which had focused on themes such as transparency, market access, national coordination and outreach. The new approach adopted for the course, in particular the development and implementation of action plans over a one-year period, with individual attention and support from coaches, served as a catalyst for change and gave the course participants the tools and the confidence to make a difference in their countries. The follow-up course also included two specific training sessions, focusing on a pilot SPS/TBT notification alert system (ePing); and on addressing specific trade concerns, both of which were well-received.
- b. A "*Workshop on Standards, Regulations and Health*", the first of this kind ever organized, which was developed and organized by TED (jointly with ACD). The workshop explored trade aspects of health related standards and regulations within the framework of the TBT and SPS Agreements, and was delivered in cooperation with WHO and the Codex Alimentarius Commission. One main theme of the workshop was finding ways to enhance policy coherence on trade and health at the national level, including better coordination between trade and health officials.
- c. A three-day "*Workshop on TBT Transparency and Transparency Enhancing Tools*", organized in parallel with the November TBT Committee and the Eight Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange, which was attended by 29 participants from least-developed and developing Members involved in the implementation of the TBT Agreement domestically. Workshop sessions focused on TBT transparency provisions and how to implement these in practice using electronic tools such as the TBT Notification Submission System, the TBT Information Management system and the newly launched ePing SPS & TBT notification alert system. Participants developed an action plan to implement what they had learned during the workshop.

5.5. Additionally, during the course of 2016, a total of 22 TBT modules were delivered within the programmes of various broader WTO TA activities, including Geneva-based and Regional Trade Policy Courses ("RTPCs"). Finally, in 2016, three distance learning courses specifically on the TBT Agreement were held.

5.6. Looking ahead, TBT transparency is an issue of increasing interest of Members, and there is growing demand for TA in this area particularly related to ePing. We also expect that with the entry into force of the TFA, there may be an increase of interest in the TBT-TFA intersection and demand for incorporating these issues in TA in the years to come.³⁴

³⁴ In fact, in 2016, TBT-SPS modules already featured in two Geneva-based TFA Workshops (one in English and one in French).

ANNEXES**A. Notifications by Member, 1995-2016¹**

Members	Regular notifications 2016	Addenda and Corrigenda 2016	Revisions 2016	Total Notifications 2016	Total number of notifications made since 1995
Afghanistan	2	0	0	2	2
Albania	6	0	0	6	83
Angola	0	0	0	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda	0	0	0	0	0
Argentina	13	24	0	37	604
Armenia	5	0	0	5	83
Australia	3	1	0	4	213
Austria	0	0	0	0	4
Bahrain, Kingdom of	35	0	0	35	471
Bangladesh	0	0	0	0	0
Barbados	0	0	0	0	10
Belgium	0	0	0	0	210
Belize	0	0	0	0	5
Benin	0	0	0	0	2
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	2	2	0	4	29
Botswana	18	0	0	18	56
Brazil	45	83	0	128	1453
Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	0	2
Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	0
Burundi	0	0	0	0	1
Cabo Verde	0	0	0	0	0
Cambodia	0	0	0	0	3
Cameroon	0	0	0	0	8
Canada	37	26	0	63	966
Central African Republic	0	0	0	0	10
Chad	0	0	0	0	0
Chile	57	16	0	73	560
China	27	0	8	35	1273
Colombia	7	29	0	36	614
Congo	0	0	0	0	3

¹ This table also includes notifications that have been cancelled. Supplement notifications are not included.

Members	Regular notifications 2016	Addenda and Corrigenda 2016	Revisions 2016	Total Notifications 2016	Total number of notifications made since 1995
Costa Rica	9	7	0	16	229
Côte d'Ivoire	0	0	0	0	0
Croatia	0	0	0	0	39
Cuba	0	0	0	0	20
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	1
Czech Republic	10	9	0	19	378
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark	1	0	0	1	253
Djibouti	0	0	0	0	0
Dominica	0	0	0	0	13
Dominican Republic	1	1	0	2	270
Ecuador	8	55	0	63	912
Egypt	50	15	0	65	211
El Salvador	11	3	0	14	280
Estonia	1	0	0	1	12
European Union	104	6	0	110	1363
Fiji	0	0	0	0	1
Finland	0	0	0	0	75
France	5	1	0	6	237
Gabon	0	0	0	0	2
Georgia	6	0	0	6	98
Germany	2	0	0	2	25
Ghana	0	0	0	0	12
Greece	0	0	0	0	0
Grenada	0	0	0	0	17
Guatemala	6	2	0	8	116
Guinea	0	0	0	0	1
Guinea-Bissau	0	0	0	0	0
Guyana	0	0	0	0	20
Haiti	0	0	0	0	1
Honduras	2	2	0	4	100
Hong Kong, China	0	0	0	0	91
Hungary	0	0	0	0	32
Iceland	0	0	0	0	2
India	4	4	0	8	122
Indonesia	8	6	2	16	214
Ireland	1	1	0	2	4

Members	Regular notifications 2016	Addenda and Corrigenda 2016	Revisions 2016	Total Notifications 2016	Total number of notifications made since 1995
Israel	119	4	0	123	1116
Italy	0	0	0	0	27
Jamaica	1	0	0	1	86
Japan	31	1	0	32	820
Jordan	0	0	0	0	48
Kazakhstan	10	2	0	12	12
Kenya	72	0	0	72	539
Korea, Republic of	80	3	0	83	848
Kuwait, the State of	34	0	0	34	354
Kyrgyz Republic	15	1	0	16	49
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0	0	0	0	1
Latvia	0	0	0	0	32
Lesotho	0	0	0	0	0
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	1	1	0	2	32
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	0
Macao, China	0	0	0	0	6
Madagascar	0	0	0	0	0
Malawi	0	0	0	0	0
Malaysia	8	1	0	9	239
Maldives	0	0	0	0	0
Mali	0	0	0	0	2
Malta	0	0	0	0	0
Mauritania	0	0	0	0	0
Mauritius	3	0	0	3	8
Mexico	41	30	0	71	884
Moldova, Republic of	1	0	0	1	32
Mongolia	0	0	0	0	6
Montenegro	0	0	0	0	0
Morocco	0	0	0	0	26
Mozambique	2	0	0	2	11
Myanmar	0	0	0	0	2
Namibia	0	0	0	0	0
Nepal	0	0	0	0	4
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	632
New Zealand	4	1	0	5	137

Members	Regular notifications 2016	Addenda and Corrighenda 2016	Revisions 2016	Total Notifications 2016	Total number of notifications made since 1995
Nicaragua	5	2	0	7	178
Niger	0	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	4
Norway	0	0	0	0	88
Oman	45	0	0	45	291
Pakistan	18	0	0	18	110
Panama	2	1	0	3	89
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0	1
Paraguay	5	2	0	7	109
Peru	8	3	0	11	106
Philippines	3	0	0	3	261
Poland	0	0	0	0	8
Portugal	0	0	0	0	1
Qatar	34	0	0	34	493
Romania	0	0	0	0	94
Russian Federation	30	1	0	31	77
Rwanda	12	0	1	13	54
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Lucia	0	0	0	0	51
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0	0	0	0	13
Samoa	0	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	56	0	2	58	974
Senegal	1	0	0	1	13
Seychelles	2	0	0	2	2
Sierra Leone	0	0	0	0	0
Singapore	6	0	0	6	51
Slovak Republic	0	0	0	0	54
Slovenia	7	0	0	7	111
Solomon Islands	0	0	0	0	0
South Africa	20	7	2	29	337
Spain	2	0	0	2	71
Sri Lanka	1	0	0	1	49
Suriname	0	0	0	0	1
Swaziland	0	0	0	0	1
Sweden	1	0	0	1	229
Switzerland	2	0	0	2	296

Members	Regular notifications 2016	Addenda and Corrigenda 2016	Revisions 2016	Total Notifications 2016	Total number of notifications made since 1995
Chinese Taipei	33	17	3	53	352
Tajikistan	5	0	0	5	5
Tanzania	0	0	0	0	45
Thailand	22	26	11	59	690
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0	0	0	0	9
The Gambia	0	0	0	0	2
Togo	0	0	0	0	2
Tonga	0	0	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	2	1	0	3	132
Tunisia	0	0	0	0	27
Turkey	16	1	0	17	102
Uganda	65	0	0	65	605
Ukraine	7	2	0	9	163
United Arab Emirates	47	0	0	47	348
United Kingdom	0	0	0	0	51
US	194	245	3	442	2901
Uruguay	3	0	0	3	14
Vanuatu	0	0	0	0	0
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	0	0	0	0	35
Viet Nam	14	6	0	20	106
Yemen	34	0	0	34	62
Zambia	42	0	0	42	88
Zimbabwe	1	0	0	1	1
Total	1653	651	32	2336	27726

B. Summary of STCs raised in 2016

The following table lists the 82 specific trade concerns raised in the TBT Committee during 2016. The second column contains the name of specific trade concern.

IMS ID	Title of STC	Date last raised	Freq. raised	Members raising
428	China - Regulations for the Supervision and Administration of Medical Devices (Order No. 650 of the State Council) (ID 428)	10/11/2016	8	4
517	Bolivia - Technical regulations on the labelling of foods and products destined for human consumption that consist of, contain or derive from genetically modified organisms (ID 517)	10/11/2016	1	2

IMS ID	Title of STC	Date last raised	Freq. raised	Members raising
470	Brazil - Draft Ordinance Act Nº. 374, 27 November 2014 (Portaria SDA/MAPA 374/2014) Establishes quality requirements for wine and derivatives of grape and wine (ID 470)	10/11/2016	5	2
478	Brazil - Toy Certification; Ordinance No. 89, No. 310 and draft administrative rule No. 321 (ID 478)	10/11/2016	4	3
443	Brazil - Draft Technical Resolution nº 69, 9 September 2014, Regarding the Requirement of Describing the Chemical Composition, in Portuguese, in the Label of Personal Hygiene Products, Cosmetics and Perfumes (ID 443)	10/11/2016	7	3
370	Chile - Proposed amendment to the Food Health Regulations, Supreme Decree No. 977/96 (ID 370)	10/11/2016	12	12
456	China - Administrative Measure on Cosmetics Labelling (AMCL) (ID 456)	10/11/2016	6	7
457	China - Banking IT Equipment Security Regulation (ID 457)	10/11/2016	6	5
493	China - Formula Registration Regulation for Infant and Follow-up Formula (ID 493)	10/11/2016	3	5
489	China - Insurance Regulatory Commission (CIRC) Information and Communication Technology Regulation (ID 489)	10/11/2016	4	6
477	China - Interim Measures for Quality Management of Commercial Coal	10/11/2016	4	2
509	China - National Standards on Limits of Volatile Organic Compounds for Furniture (ID 509)	10/11/2016	2	1
296	China - Provisions for the Administration of Cosmetics Application Acceptance (ID 296)	10/11/2016	19	5
466	China - Registration Fees for Drugs and Medical Device Products (ID 466)	10/11/2016	5	4
294	China - Requirements for information security products, including, inter alia, the Office of State Commercial Cryptography Administration (OSCCA) 1999 Regulation on commercial encryption products and its on-going revision and the Multi-Level Protection Scheme (MLPS) (ID 294)	10/11/2016	18	6
511	Chinese Taipei - Draft of the Organic Agriculture Act (ID 511)	10/11/2016	2	1
506	Colombia - Draft Resolution of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development "adopting the Technical Regulation establishing the maximum levels of phosphorus and the biodegradability of surfactants in detergents and soaps, and introducing other provisions" (ID 506)	10/11/2016	2	1
409	Ecuador - Proposed Motor Vehicle Safety Regulatory Requirements (RTE INEN 034) (ID 409)	10/11/2016	7	6

IMS ID	Title of STC	Date last raised	Freq. raised	Members raising
411	Ecuador - Resolution No. 116 of the Foreign Trade Committee of Ecuador of 19 November 2013 and Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute RTE INEN 022 on the labelling of processed and packaged food products (ID 411)	10/11/2016	9	11
505	Egypt - Manufacturer Registration System (Decree No. 43/2016 and Decree No. 992/2015) (ID 505)	10/11/2016	2	11
88	European Communities - Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals (REACH) (ID 88)	10/11/2016	37	34
512	EU - Quality Schemes for Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs (ID 512)	10/11/2016	2	2
480	EU - Restriction on Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) in Tyres as specified in Annex XVII of REACH (ID 480)	10/11/2016	4	1
448	EU - Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation (Common Criteria) certification in the EU (448)	10/11/2016	7	1
523	EU - Country of Origin Labelling (ID 523)	10/11/2016	1	2
513	EU - Directive 2014/40/EU on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products and repealing Directive 2001/37/EC (ID 513)	10/11/2016	2	2
345	EU - Draft Implementing Regulations amending Regulation (EC) No. 607/2009 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 479/2008 as regards protected designations of origin and geographical indications, traditional terms, labelling and presentation of certain wine sector products (ID 345)	10/11/2016	13	6
393	EU - Revised Proposal for the Categorization of Compounds as Endocrine Disruptors of 19 February 2013 by DG Environment (ID 393)	10/11/2016	11	13
494	India - Draft Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages Standards) Regulations, 2015 (ID 494)	10/11/2016	3	11
367	India - Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012 (ID 367)	10/11/2016	12	7
515	India - E-waste (Management) Rules, 2016 (ID 515)	10/11/2016	1	3
274	India - New Telecommunications related Rules (Department of Telecommunications, No. 842-725/2005-VAS/Vol.III (3 December 2009); No. 10-15/2009-AS-III/193 (18 March 2010); and Nos. 10-15/2009-AS.III/Vol.II/(Pt.)/(25-29) (28 July 2010); Department of Telecommunications, No. 10-15/2009-AS.III/Vol.II/(Pt.)/(30) (28 July 2010) and accompanying template, "Security and Business Continuity Agreement") (ID 274)	10/11/2016	19	4

IMS ID	Title of STC	Date last raised	Freq. raised	Members raising
486	India - The Stainless Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2015 (ID 486)	10/11/2016	4	1
133	India - Pneumatic tyres and tubes for automotive vehicles (ID 133)	10/11/2016	31	4
502	Indonesia - Halal Product Assurance Law No. 33 of 2014 (ID 502)	10/11/2016	3	5
472	Indonesia - MOI 69/2014 Article 3: LCR Requirements for LTE Devices - Requirement that Domestic Component Level (TKDN) of LTE TDD & FDD broadband services equipment (ID 472)	10/11/2016	5	7
328	Indonesia - Technical Guidelines for the Implementation of the Adoption and Supervision of Indonesian National Standards for Obligatory Toy Safety (ID 328)	10/11/2016	15	5
389	Indonesia - Ministry of Health Regulation 30/2013 on the inclusion of sugar, salt and fat content information, as well as health messages on the label of processed foods (ID 389)	10/11/2016	11	8
516	Ireland - Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015 (ID 516)	10/11/2016	1	2
514	Kazakhstan, Russian Federation - The amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union on Safety of Toys (ТЭ ИÑ 008/2011) (ID 514)	10/11/2016	1	3
510	Kenya - East African Community (EAC) alcoholic beverage standards (ID 510)	10/11/2016	2	4
442	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Decree of the Saudi Arabian Ministerial Council on the sale and marketing of energy drinks of 4 March 2014 (ID 442)	10/11/2016	7	3
491	Korea - Standards and Specifications for Wood Products (ID 491)	10/11/2016	4	2
518	Korea - Amendment of the Notifications on Warning Messages on Smoking and Drinking (ID 518)	10/11/2016	1	6
305	Korea - Regulation on Registration and Evaluation of Chemical Material (ID 305)	10/11/2016	15	6
522	Mexico - Official Standard PROY-NOM-199-SCFI-2015: Alcoholic beverages - Designations, physicochemical specifications, commercial information and test methods (ID 522)	10/11/2016	1	1
383	Peru - Act to Promote Healthy Eating Among Children and Adolescents (ID 383)	10/11/2016	11	10
392	Peru - Implementing Regulations of 14 November 2012 for Moratorium on Planting Genetically Engineered Crops (ID 392)	10/11/2016	7	2
497	Russian Federation - Rules of cement certification (ID 497)	10/11/2016	3	3
332	Russian Federation - Draft Technical Regulation on Alcohol Drinks Safety (published on 24 October 2011) (ID 332)	10/11/2016	15	9
520	Russian Federation - Medical devices (ID 520)	10/11/2016	1	2

IMS ID	Title of STC	Date last raised	Freq. raised	Members raising
521	Russian Federation - Pharmaceutical products - Resolution 1314 of the Government of the Russian Federation on determining compliance of medicinal products' manufacturers with the requirements of Good Manufacturing Practice (non-notified); draft decisions of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Union (ID 521)	10/11/2016	1	2
418	Russian Federation - Safety of products for children and adolescents (ID 418)	10/11/2016	9	3
503	Thailand - Milk Code - Draft Act on Controlling to the Marketing Promotion on Food for Infant and Young Children and Other Related Products BE (ID 503)	10/11/2016	3	4
427	Thailand - Draft Notification of the Alcoholic Beverages Control, Re: Rules, Procedure and condition for Labels of Alcoholic Beverages, issued under B.E. (ID 427)	10/11/2016	8	10
519	Uganda - Alcoholic beverages specifications (ID 519)	10/11/2016	1	2
496	United Arab Emirates - Control scheme to restrict the use of hazardous materials in electronic and electrical devices (ID 496)	10/11/2016	3	1
508	China - Chinese Standards of Exhaust Emissions (China 6, BEIJING VI) (ID 508)	15/06/2016	1	1
507	China - Draft Standardization Law (ID 507)	15/06/2016	1	1
467	Chinese Taipei - GMO Labelling (ID 467)	15/06/2016	4	5
479	Colombia - Testing Requirements to be met by Toys and their Components and Accessories (ID 479)	15/06/2016	3	2
433	Ecuador - Draft Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (PRTE INEN) No. 189: "Labelling of alcoholic beverages" (ID 433)	15/06/2016	7	5
298	India - Food Safety and Standards Regulation - Food labelling requirements (ID 298)	15/06/2016	12	8
413	India - Labelling Regulations for Canola Oil (ID 413)	15/06/2016	8	2
461	Indonesia - Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture No. 139/Permentan/PD.4, 10 December 2014, concerning Importation of Carcass, Meat and/or Processed Meat Products into the Territory of the Republic of Indonesia, and Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture No. 02/Permentan/PD.4, 10 January 2015, concerning the Amendment of the Regulation of the Minister for Agriculture No. 139/Permentan/PD.4, 10 December 2014 (ID 461)	15/06/2016	5	4
504	Russian Federation - Measure affecting imports of Ukrainian products (ID 504)	15/06/2016	1	1
473	Turkey - Toy Communiqué 01/2015 (ID 473)	15/06/2016	4	2
501	Bolivia - Food Labelling and Advertising Law (ID 501)	09/03/2016	1	4
490	China - Guidance for Notification and Registration for New Chemicals (ID 490)	09/03/2016	2	1

IMS ID	Title of STC	Date last raised	Freq. raised	Members raising
432	Colombia - Draft Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism Decree "Restructuring the National Quality Subsystem and amending Decree No. 2269 of 1993" (ID 432)	09/03/2016	3	4
455	Ecuador - (PRTE INEN) No. 111: Energy efficiency. Clothes dryers. Labelling (ID 455)	09/03/2016	5	2
458	Ecuador - Emergency Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 088: "Surface tension agents", of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (INEN) G/TBT/N/ECU/117 (ID 458)	09/03/2016	4	1
492	EU - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Cloning of Animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine species kept and reproduced for farming purposes (197) and Proposal for a Council Directive on the placing on the market of food from animal clones (198) G/TBT/N/EU/197 and G/TBT/N/EU/198 (ID 492)	09/03/2016	2	2
464	EU - Proposed modification of Regulation (EC) 1829/2003 referring to genetically modified organisms (ID 464)	09/03/2016	3	7
499	France - Amendment 367 on Biodiversity Law (ID 499)	09/03/2016	1	2
498	Hungary - Proposal for Government Decree on the amendment of Government Decree 39/2013 (of 14 February 2013) on the Manufacture, Placement on the Market and Control of Tobacco Products, Combined Warnings and the Detailed Rules for the Application of the Health-Protection Fine (ID 498)	09/03/2016	1	5
488	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Draft for update of the Technical Regulation No. SASO 2857:2014 "Vehicle Tires Rolling Resistance and Wet Grip Requirements" (ID 488)	09/03/2016	2	1
500	Russian Federation - Implementation plan related to excise tax on palm oil and soda products (ID 500)	09/03/2016	1	1
476	Russian Federation - Measure affecting the import of Ukrainian wallpaper (ID 476)	09/03/2016	2	1
495	South Africa - Amendment to Regulations relating to Health Messages on Container Labels of Alcoholic Beverages (ID 495)	09/03/2016	1	3
424	United Kingdom - Proposal to introduce plain packaging of tobacco products (ID 424)	09/03/2016	4	10

C. Overview of new STCs raised in 2016

The following table provides additional detail about the new specific trade concerns raised in 2016.

Members subject to STC	STC title	Stated objective	Product coverage	Members raising concern
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Bolivia - Food Labelling and Advertising Law (ID 501)	Protection of human health or safety	Food	Canada EU Guatemala US

Members subject to STC	STC title	Stated objective	Product coverage	Members raising concern
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Bolivia — Technical regulations on the labelling of foods and products destined for human consumption that consist of, contain or derive from genetically modified organisms (ID 517)	Consumer information, labelling, Protection of human health or safety	Processes in the food industry (ICS: 67.020); Food products in general (ICS: 67.040)	Guatemala Mexico
China	China - Formula Registration Regulation for Infant and Follow-up Formula (ID 493)	Protection of human health or safety	Food, infant and follow-up formula	EU Japan Korea New Zealand US
China	China - Draft Standardization Law (ID 507)	Not specified	Not specified	Korea
China	China - Chinese Standards of Exhaust Emissions (China 6, BEIJING VI) (ID 508)	Protection of the environment	Vehicles	Korea
China	China - National Standards on Limits of Volatile Organic Compounds for Furniture (ID 509)	Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer pro, Quality requirements Protection of human health or safety	Wood-based furniture; All indoor bed mattress products are covered except the water-filled mattress and the air-filled mattress by PVC, PVC artificial leather and so on; Sofas	EU
Colombia	Colombia - Draft Resolution of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development "adopting the Technical Regulation establishing the maximum levels of phosphorus and the biodegradability of surfactants in detergents and soaps, and introducing other provisions" (ID 506)	Protection of the environment	Detergents and soaps (HS codes: 3401, 3402 and 3405400000)	Mexico
Egypt	Egypt - Manufacturer Registration System (Decree No. 43/2016 and Decree No. 992/2015) (ID 505)	Quality requirements, Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer pro, Protection of human health or safety, Protection of the environment	The full range of products covered are listed in the notification G/TBT/N/EGY/114 circulated on 1 February 2016.	Australia Canada Chile China EU Norway South Africa Switzerland Turkey Ukraine US
European Union	EU - Quality Schemes for Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs (ID 512)	Quality requirements	Agricultural products and foodstuffs	Uruguay US

Members subject to STC	STC title	Stated objective	Product coverage	Members raising concern
European Union	EU – Directive 2014/40/EU on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products and repealing Directive 2001/37/EC (ID 513)	Protection of human health or safety	Tobacco products with a "characterizing flavour"	Guatemala Indonesia
European Union	European Union – Country of Origin Labelling (ID 523)	Consumer information, labelling	Milk; meat; certain processed food products containing dairy or meat ingredients	New Zealand US
France, European Union	France - Amendment 367 on Biodiversity Law (ID 499)	Protection of the environment	Palm oil used in food	Brazil Indonesia
Hungary, European Union	Hungary - Proposal for Government Decree on the amendment of Government Decree 39/2013 (of 14 February 2013) on the Manufacture, Placement on the Market and Control of Tobacco Products, Combined Warnings and the Detailed Rules for the Application of the Health-Protection Fine (ID 498)	Protection of human health or safety, Consumer information, labelling		Cuba Dominican Republic Guatemala Indonesia Nigeria
India	India - Draft Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages Standards) Regulations, 2015 (ID 494)	Consumer information, labelling, Protection of human health or safety	Alcoholic beverages	Australia Canada Chile EU Guatemala Japan Mexico New Zealand South Africa Switzerland US
India	India - E-waste (Management) Rules, 2016 (ID 515)	Protection of the environment	Waste electrical and electronic equipment	Japan, Korea US
Indonesia	Indonesia - Halal Product Assurance Law No. 33 of 2014 (ID 502)	Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection	Halal products	Australia Brazil EU New Zealand US
Ireland, European Union	Ireland – Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015 (ID 516)	Protection of human health or safety, Consumer information, labelling	Alcohol products (HS: 2203, HS: 2204, HS: 2205, HS: 2206, HS: 2208)	Guatemala Mexico

Members subject to STC	STC title	Stated objective	Product coverage	Members raising concern
Kazakhstan, Russian Federation	Kazakhstan, Russian Federation — The amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union on Safety of Toys (ТД № 008/2011) (ID 514)	Protection of human health or safety, Other	Toys (HS Code: 9503 9508)	EU Ukraine US
Kenya	Kenya - East African Community (EAC) alcoholic beverage standards (ID 510)	Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection, Protection of human health or safety, Quality requirements	Adulterated alcoholic beverages	Chile EU South Africa US
Korea, Republic of	Korea — Amendment of the Notifications on Warning Messages on Smoking and Drinking (ID 518)	Protection of human health or safety	Alcoholic beverage products (HS Code: 2203-2208). Beer made from malt (HS: 2203), Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines; grape must other than that of heading 20.09 (HS: 2204), Vermouth and other wine of fresh grapes flavoured with plants or aromatic substances (HS: 2205), Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead); mixtures of fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages and non- Alcoholic beverages, not elsewhere specified or included (HS: 2206), Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80% vol or higher; ethyl alcohol and other spirits, denatured, of any strength (HS 2207), Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80% vol; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages (HS: 2208)	Australia Canada Japan Mexico New Zealand US
Mexico	Mexico — Official Standard PROY-NOM-199-SCFI-2015: Alcoholic beverages - Designations, physicochemical specifications, commercial information and test methods (ID 522)	Protection of human health or safety	Alcoholic beverages (Heading 22; International Classification for Standards (ICS) code 67.160.10)	EU
Russian Federation	Russian Federation - Rules of cement certification (ID 497)	Protection of human health or safety, Protection of the environment		EU Mexico Ukraine

Members subject to STC	STC title	Stated objective	Product coverage	Members raising concern
Russian Federation	Russian Federation - Implementation plan related to excise tax on palm oil and soda products (ID 500)	Protection of human health or safety	Palm oil and soda products	Indonesia
Russian Federation	Russian Federation - Measure affecting imports of Ukrainian products (ID 504)	Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer pro, Protection of human health or safety, Other	Confectionary, dairy products, beer, juice, salt and wallpaper	Ukraine
Russian Federation	Russian Federation — Medical devices (ID 520)	Protection of human health or safety	Pharmaceutical products and medical devices.	EU US
Russian Federation	Russian Federation — Pharmaceutical products - Resolution 1314 of the Government of the Russian Federation on determining compliance of medicinal products' manufacturers with the requirements of Good Manufacturing Practice (non-notified); draft decisions of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Union (ID 521)	Protection of animal or plant life or health, Protection of human health or safety	Pharmaceutical products	EU US
South Africa	South Africa - Amendment to Regulations relating to Health Messages on Container Labels of Alcoholic Beverages (ID 495)	Consumer information, labelling, Protection of human health or safety		Canada EU Guatemala
Chinese Taipei	Chinese Taipei - Draft of the Organic Agriculture Act (ID 511)	Protection of the environment, Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer pro	Organic agricultural products	EU
Thailand	Thailand - Milk Code - Draft Act on Controlling to the Marketing Promotion on Food for Infant and Young Children and Other Related Products BE (ID 503)	Protection of human health or safety, Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer pro	Infant and young child food	Australia EU New Zealand US
Uganda	Uganda — Alcoholic beverages specifications (ID 519)	Not specified		EU US
United Arab Emirates	United Arab Emirates - Control scheme to restrict the use of hazardous materials in electronic and electrical devices (ID 496)	Protection of human health or safety, Protection of the environment	Electronic and electrical devices	EU

D. Overview of standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code of Good Practice

This table lists all standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code of Good Practice between 1995 and 2016 (and have not withdrawn from it).²

WTO Member or Observer	Acronym	Organization	email	Type
Afghanistan	ANSA	Afghan National Standards Authority	Zabiullahsaleml@gmail.com	Central government
Albania	DPS	Drejtoria e Përgjithshme e Standardizimit (General Directorate of Standardization)	info@dps.gov.al	Central government
Algeria	IANOR	Institut Algérien de Normalisation	dg@ianor.dz	Central government
Antigua And Barbuda	ABBS	Antigua and Barbuda Bureau of Standards	abbs@antigua.gov.ag	Central government
Argentina	IRAM	Instituto Argentino de Normalización y Certificación -	ltrama@iram.org.ar	Non-governmental
Armenia	SARM	National Institute of Standards	sarm@sarm.am	Central government
Australia	ACMA	Australian Communications and Media Authority	international.standards@acma.gov.au	Central government
Australia	NMSC	National Marine Safety Committee	secretariat@nmsc.gov.au	Central government/ Local government
Australia		Communications Alliance	info@commsalliance.com.au	Non-governmental
Australia	AFSL	Australian Forestry Standard Limited	afs@forestrystandard.org.au	Non-governmental
Australia	SSA	Seafood Services Australia Ltd	ssa@seafoodservices.com.au	Non-governmental
Australia	SA	Standards Australia	intsect@standards.org.au	Non-governmental
Austria	OVE	Österreichischer Verband für Elektrotechnik	ove@ove.at	Non-governmental
Austria	ASI	Austrian Standards Institute	ceo@austrian-standards.at	Non-governmental
Azerbaijan	AZSTAND	State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents of the Republic of Azerbaijan	enquiry@azstand.gov.az	Central government
Bahrain, Kingdom Of	BSMD	Bahrain Standards and Metrology Directorate	bsmd@moic.gov.bh	Central government
Bangladesh	BSTI	Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution	bsti@bangla.net, standard_bsti@ranksitt.net, wto_library_bsti@ranksitt.net	Central government
Barbados	BNSI	Barbados National Standards Institution	office@bnsi.com.bb	Non-governmental
Belarus	BELST	State Committee for Standardization of the Republic of Belarus	standart_belst@anitex.by	Central government
Belgium	NBN	Bureau de Normalisation	info@nbn.be	Central government
Benin	ABENOR	Agence Béninoise de Normalisation et de Gestion de la Qualité	cebenorbenin@yahoo.fr	Central government

² This table contains information extracted from the WTO ISO Standards Information Gateway (<https://tbtcode.iso.org>)

WTO Member or Observer	Acronym	Organization	email	Type
Bolivia, Plurinational State Of	IBNORCA	Instituto Boliviano de Normalización y Calidad	info@ibnorca.org	Non-governmental
Bosnia And Herzegovina	BAS	Institute for Standardisation of Bosnia and Herzegovina	stand@bas.gov.ba	Central government
Botswana	BOBS	Botswana Bureau of Standards	infoc@hq.bobstandards.bw	Non-governmental
Brazil	ABNT	Associação Brasileira de Normas Técnicas	abnt@abnt.org.br	Non-governmental
Brunei Darussalam	ABCI	Authority for Building Control and Construction Industry (previously known as CPRU)	modcpru@brunet.bn	Central government
Bulgaria	BDS	Bulgarian Institute for Standardization	standards@bds-bg.org	Non-governmental
Burkina Faso	ABNORM	Agence Burkinabé de Normalisation, de Métrologie et de la Qualité	secretariat.onac@gmail.com	Central government
Burundi	BBN	Bureau burundais de Normalisation et Contrôle de la Qualité	bbnorme11@yahoo.fr	Central government
Cambodia	ISC	Institute of Standards of Cambodia	discinfo@camnet.com.kh	Central government
Cameroon	ANOR	Agence des Normes et de la Qualité	bootoangon@yahoo.fr	Central government
Canada	SCC	Standards Council of Canada	info@scc.ca	Central government
Chile	INN	Instituto Nacional de Normalización	normas@inn.cl	Central government
China	SAC	Standardization Administration of China	sac@sac.gov.cn	Central government
Colombia	ICONTEC	Instituto Colombiano de Normas Técnicas y Certificación	cliente@icontec.org	Non-governmental
Costa Rica	INTECO	Instituto de Normas Técnicas de Costa Rica	mcespedes@inteco.or.cr	Non-governmental
Côte d'Ivoire	CODINORM	Côte d'Ivoire Normalisation	ahoti@codinorm.org	Non-governmental
Croatia	HZN	Croatian Standards Institute	hzn@hzn.hr	Non-governmental
Cuba	NC	Oficina Nacional de Normalización	nc@ncnorma.cu	Central government
Cyprus	CYS	Cyprus Organization for Standardization	cystandards@cys.org.cy	Non-governmental
Czech Republic	UNMZ	Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing	extrel@unmz.cz	Central government
Denmark	DS	Dansk Standard (Danish Standards Foundation)	dansk.standard@ds.dk	Non-governmental
Dominica	DBOS	Dominica Bureau of Standards	info@dominicastandards.org	Central government
Dominican Republic	INDOCAL	Instituto Dominicano para la Calidad	indocal@indocal.gob.do	Central government
Ecuador	INEN	Instituto Ecuatoriano de Normalización	baguilera@inen.gov.ec	Central government
Egypt	EOS	Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality	moi@idsc.net.eg	Central government
El Salvador	CONACYT	Consejo nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología	evangas@conacyt.gob.sv	Central government

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Estonia	EVS	Eesti Standardikeskus (Estonian Centre for Standardisation)	info@evs.ee	Non-governmental
European Union	ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute	info@etsi.org	Non-governmental
European Union	CENELEC	European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization	info@cencenelec.eu	Non-governmental
European Union	CEN	European Committee for Standardization	info@cencenelec.eu	Non-governmental
Finland	SFS	Finnish Standards Association	sfs@sfs.fi	Non-governmental
France	AFNOR	Association française de normalisation	uari@afnor.org	Non-governmental
Georgia	GEOSTM	Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology	geostm@geostm.ge	Central government
Germany	DIN	Deutsches Institut für Normung	directorate.international@din.de	Non-governmental
Ghana		Ghana Standards Authority	gsadir@gsa.gov.gh	Central government
Greece	ELOT	Hellenic Organization for Standardization	info@elot.gr	Non-governmental
Grenada	GDBS	Grenada Bureau of Standards	gdbs@spiceisle.com	Central government
Guatemala	COGUANOR	Comisión Guatemalteca de Normas	hherrera@mineco.gob.gt; nmendoza@mineco.gob.gt	Central government
Guyana	GNBS	Guyana National Bureau of Standards	info@gnbsgy.org	Central government
Haiti	BHN	Bureau Haïtien de Normalisation	bhn@mci.gouv.ht	Central government
Honduras		Secretaría de Industria y Comercio, Dirección General de Producción y Consumo, Departamento de Normalización y Metrología	normalizacion@sic.gob.hn	Central government
Hong Kong, China		Electrical and Mechanical Services Department of the Government of the HKSAR	mbec@emsd.gov.hk	Central government
Hong Kong, China		Highways Department of the Government of the HKSAR	ts.tau@hyd.gov.hk	Central government
Hong Kong, China	OFCA	Office of the Communications Authority	standards@ofca.gov.hk	Central government
Hong Kong, China		Transport Department of the Government of the HKSAR	kelvinsiu@td.gov.hk	Central government
Hong Kong, China		Works Branch, Development Bureau of the Government of the HKSAR	wbenq@devb.gov.hk	Central government
Hungary	MSZT	Magyar Szabványügyi Testület	isoline@mszt.hu	Non-governmental
Iceland	IST	Icelandic Standards	stadlar@stadlar.is	Non-governmental
India	BIS	Bureau of Indian Standards	ird@bis.org.in	Central government

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Indonesia	BSN	Badan Standardisasi Nasional (National Standardization Agency)	bsn@bsn.or.id	Central government
Ireland	NSAI	National Standards Authority of Ireland	nsai@nsai.ie	Central government
Israel	SII	Standards Institution of Israel	iso/iec@sii.org.il	Non-governmental
Italy	CEI	Comitato Elettrotecnico Italiano	cei@ceinorme.it	Non-governmental
Italy	UNI	Ente Nazionale Italiano di Unificazione	uni@uni.com	Non-governmental
Jamaica	BSJ	Bureau of Standards Jamaica	info@bsj.org.jm	Central government
Japan	CPSA	Consumer Product Safety Association	operation@sg-mark.org	Non-governmental
Japan	JISC	Japanese Industrial Standards Committee	isojisc@meti.go.jp	Central government
Japan	MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	white56@maff.go.jp	Central government
Japan	METI	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry		Central government
Japan	JCMA	Japan Construction Mechanization Association	jcmastd@jcmnet.or.jp	Non-governmental
Japan	JEA	Japan Environment Association	ecomark@japan.email.ne.jp	Non-governmental
Japan		Society of Automotive Engineers of Japan, Inc.	kikaku@jsae.or.jp	Non-governmental
Japan	JBIA	The Japan Bearing Industry Association	jbsc@jbia.or.jp	Non-governmental
Japan	JISF	The Japan Iron and Steel Federation	std1@jisf.or.jp	Non-governmental
Japan	JSME	The Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers	jigyo@jsme.or.jp	Non-governmental
Japan	JWIMA	Japan Writing Instrument Manufacturers Association	haruta@wima.org	Non-governmental
Jordan	JSMO	Jordan Standards and Metrology Organization	jsmo@jsmo.gov.jo	Central government
Kazakhstan	KAZMEMST	Committee for Technical Regulation and Metrology	mailkazmemst@rambler.ru	Central government
Kenya	KEBS	Kenya Bureau of Standards	info@kebs.org	Central government
Korea, Republic Of	KATS	Korean Agency for Technology and Standards	standard@kats.go.kr	Central government
Korea, Republic Of	KEA	Korea Electric Association	drs2013@kepic.or.kr	Non-governmental
Kuwait, The State Of	KOWSMD	Public Authority for Industry	Kowsmd@pai.gov.kw	Central government
Kyrgyz Republic	KYRGYZST	Center for Standardization and Metrology under the Ministry of economy of the Kyrgyz Republic	kyrgyzstandard@rambler.ru	Central government
Lao People's Democratic Republic	MoST	Ministry of Science and Technology		Central government
Latvia	LVS	Latvian Standard	lvs@lvs.lv	Central government
Lebanese Republic	LIBNOR	Lebanese Standards Institution	libnor@libnor.org	Central government

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Libya	LNCSM	Libyan National Centre for Standardization and Metrology	info@lncsm.org.ly	Central government
Lithuania	LST	Lithuanian Standards Board	lstboard@lsd.lt	Central government
Luxembourg	ILNAS	Institut Luxembourgeois de la Normalisation de L'accréditation de la sécurité et qualité des produits et services	normalisation@ilnas.etat.lu	Central government
Malawi	MBS	Malawi Bureau of Standards	mbs@mbsmw.org	Non-governmental
Malaysia	DSM	Department of Standards Malaysia	central@standardsmalaysia.gov.my	Central government
Malta	MCCAA	Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority	info.msa@msa.org.mt	Non-governmental
Mauritius	MSB	Mauritius Standards Bureau	msb@intnet.mu	Non-governmental
Mexico	ANCE	Asociación Nacional de Normalización y Certificación, A.C.	ance@ance.org.mx	Non-governmental
Mexico	INNTEX	Instituto Nacional de Normalización Textil, A.C.	inntex@inntex.org.mx	Non-governmental
Mexico	NYCE	Normalización y Certificación Electrónica, A.C.	nyce@nyce.org.mx	Non-governmental
Mexico	DGN	Dirección General de Normas	iso-mex@economia.gob.mx	Central government
Mexico	CANACERO	Cámara Nacional de la Industria del Hierro y del Acero (National Chamber of the Iron and Steel Industry)	orangel@canacero.org.mx; onn@canacero.org.mx	Non-governmental
Mexico	CNCP	Centro de Normalización y Certificación de Productos, A.C.	agmarban@cncp.org.mx	Non-governmental
Mexico	COFOCALEC	Consejo para el Fomento de la Calidad de la Leche y sus Derivados, A.C.	direcciongral@cofocalec.org.mx	Non-governmental
Mexico	IMNC	Instituto Mexicano de Normalización y Certificación, A.C.	normalizacion@imnc.org.mx mirueste@imnc.org.mx mlhuerta@imnc.org.mx	Non-governmental
Mexico	ONNCCE	Organismo Nacional de Normalización y Certificación de la Construcción y Edificación, S.C.	onnccce@mail.onncce.org.mx	Non-governmental
Mexico	NORMEX	Sociedad Mexicana de Normalización y Certificación	normas1@normex.com.mx	Non-governmental
Moldova, Republic of	ISM	Institute for Standardization of Moldova	office@standard.md	Central government
Mongolia	MASM	Mongolian Agency for Standardization and Metrology	info@masm.gov.mn	Central government
Montenegro	ISME	Institute for Standardization of Montenegro	isme@t-com.me	Non-governmental
Morocco	IMANOR	Institut Marocain de Normalisation	imanor@mcinet.gov.ma	Central government

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Mozambique	INNOQ	Instituto Nacional de Normalização e Qualidade	alfredo.siteo@innoq.gov.mz	Central government
Myanmar		Department of Research and Innovation (DRI), Ministry of Science and Technology	head-nsb@myanmarstandards.org.mm tbtenquiry@myanmarstandards.org.mm standards.mstrd@gmail.com www.moejan4@gmail.com	Central government
Namibia	NSI	Namibian Standards Institution	query@nsi.com.na	Central government
Netherlands	NEN	Nederlands Normalisatie-instituut	info@nen.nl	Non-governmental
New Zealand	SNZ	Standards New Zealand	enquiries@standards.govt.nz	Central government
New Zealand		Environmental Choice New Zealand	info@enviro-choice.org.nz	Central government
Nicaragua		Dirección de Normalización y Metrología	nsolano@mific.gob.ni; dtm@mific.gob.ni	Central government
Nicaragua	INEN	Instituto Nicaragüense de Energía	dcd@ine.gob.ni	Central government
Nicaragua	INAA	Instituto Nicaragüense de Acueductos y Alcantarillados	pres.ejinaa@inaa.gob.ni	Non-governmental
Niger	DNPQM	Direction de la Normalisation, de la Promotion de la Qualité et de la Metrologie	dnqm2002@yahoo.fr	Central government
Nigeria	SON	Standards Organisation of Nigeria	info@sononline.org	Central government
Norway	SN	Standards Norway	info@standard.no	Non-governmental
Norway	NEK	Norsk Elektroteknisk Komite (The Norwegian Electrotechnical Committee)	nek@nek.no	Non-governmental
Oman	DGSM	Directorate General for Standards and Metrology	nepic@business.gov.om	Central government
Pakistan	PSQCA	Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority	psqcadg@super.net.pk	Central government
Panama	MICI	Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias	dgnti@mici.gob.pa	Central government
Papua New Guinea	NISIT	National Institute of Standards and Industrial Technology	pngnisit@nisit.gov.pg	Central government
Paraguay	INTN	Instituto Nacional de Tecnología, Normalización y Metrología	intn@intn.gov.py	Central government
Peru	INDECOPI	Instituto Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia y de la Protección de la Propiedad Intelectual	standards@indecopi.gob.pe	Central government
Philippines	BPS	Bureau of Philippine Standards	bps@dti.gov.ph	Central government
Poland	PKN	Polski Komitet Normalizacyjny (Polish Committee for Standardization)	wto.tbt@pkn.pl	Non-governmental
Portugal	IPQ	Instituto Português da Qualidade	ipq@ipq.pt	Central government

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Qatar	QS	Qatar General Organization for Standardization, Ministry of Municipality and Environment	standard@qatar.net.qa	Central government
Romania	ASRO	Asociația de Standardizare din România (Romanian Standards Association)	international@asro.ro	Non-governmental
Rwanda	RBS	Rwanda Standards Board	info@rsb.gov.rw	Central government
Saint Lucia	SLBS	Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards	slbs@candw.lc	Central government
Saint Vincent And The Grenadines	SVGBS	St. Vincent and the Grenadines Bureau of Standards	svgbs@vincysurf.com; info.svgbs@gov.vc	Central government
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom Of	SASO	Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization	enquiry@point@saso.gov.sa	Central government
Senegal	ASN	Association Sénégalaise de Normalisation	isn@orange.sn	Central government
Serbia	ISS	Institute for Standardization of Serbia	iss-international@iss.rs, ljubica.petrovic@iss.rs	Non-governmental
Singapore	SPRING SG	Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board	standards@spring.gov.sg	Central government
Slovak Republic	SUTN	Slovak Standards Institute	int@sutn.gov.sk	Central government
Slovenia	SIST	Slovenian Institute for Standardization	sist@sist.si	Non-governmental
South Africa	SABS	South African Bureau of Standards	wto@sabs.co.za	Non-governmental
Spain	AENOR	Asociación Española de Normalización y Certificación	aenor@aenor.es	Non-governmental
Sri Lanka	SLSI	Sri Lanka Standards Institution	chairman@slsi.slt.lk	Central government
Swaziland	SWASA	Swaziland Standards Authority	info@swasa.co.sz	Non-governmental
Sweden		ITS – Svenska Informations - Och Telekommunikationsstandardiseringsen	info@its.se	Non-governmental
Sweden		SEK Svensk Elstandard	snc@elstandard.se	Non-governmental
Sweden	SIS	Swedish Standards Institute	info@sis.se	Non-governmental
Switzerland	SNV	Swiss Association for Standardization (Schweizerische Normen-Vereinigung)	info@snv.ch	Non-governmental
Switzerland	CES	Electrosuisse	ces@electrosuisse.ch	Non-governmental
Chinese Taipei	BSMI	The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection	tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw	Central government
Tanzania	TBS	Tanzania Bureau of Standards	info@tbs.go.tz	Central government
Thailand	TISI	Thai Industrial Standards Institute	intrelat@tisi.go.th	Central government
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	ISRM	Standardization Institute of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	isrm@isrm.gov.mk info@isrm.gov.mk	Non-governmental

WTO Member or Observer	Acronym	Organization	email	Type
Trinidad And Tobago	TTBS	Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards	ttbs@ttbs.org.tt	Central government
Tunisia	INNORPI	Institut National de la Normalisation et de la Propriété Industrielle	innorpi@planet.tn	Central government
Turkey	TSE	Türk Standardlari Enstitüsü (Turkish Standards Institution)	usm@tse.org.tr	Non-governmental
Uganda	UNBS	Uganda National Bureau of Standards	info@unbs.go.ug	Central government
Ukraine	DSTU	Ukrainian scientific research and training centre for standardization, certification and quality	assistant@ukrndnc.org.ua; secretar.ukrndnc@gmail.com	Non-governmental
United Arab Emirates	ESMA	Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology	esma@esma.gov.ae	Central government
United Kingdom	BSI	British Standards Institution	standards.international@bsigroup.com	Non-governmental
United States	ANSI	American National Standards Institute	info@ansi.org	Non-governmental
Uruguay	UNIT	Instituto Uruguayo de Normas Técnicas	unit-iso@unit.org.uy	Non-governmental
Uzbekistan	UZSTANDARD	Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Certification of Uzbekistan	uzst@standart.uz	Central government
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic Of	FONDONORMA	Fondo para la Normalización y Certificación de la Calidad	info@fondonorma.org.ve	Non-governmental
Viet Nam	STAMEQ	Directorate for Standards, Metrology and Quality	htqt@tcvn.gov.vn	Central government
Zambia	ZABS	Zambia Bureau of Standards	ceo@zabs.org.zm, info@zabs.org.zm	Central government
Zimbabwe	SAZ	Standards Association of Zimbabwe	rmarunda@saz.org.zw; info@saz.org.zw	Non-governmental
Other	ARSO	African Organisation for Standardisation	Email: arso@arso-oran.org	Other

E. Statements on Implementation and Administration of the Agreement under Article 15.2

Article 15.2 of the TBT Agreement provides that:

"Each Member shall, promptly after the date on which the WTO Agreement enters into force for it, inform the Committee of measures in existence or taken to ensure the implementation and administration of this Agreement. Any changes of such measures thereafter shall also be notified to the Committee."

The following table contains a list of Members having submitted a Statement on implementation and administration of the Agreement under Article 15.2 since 1995. To date, a total of 138 Members have submitted at least one such Statement.

MEMBERS	DOCUMENT	DATE
Albania	G/TBT/2/Add.99	15 May 2008
Antigua and Barbuda	G/TBT/2/Add.66	7 March 2002
Argentina	G/TBT/2/Add.21	4 September 1996

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	G/TBT/2/Add.21/Suppl.1	11 February 1999
	G/TBT/2/Add.21/Suppl.2	20 April 1999
	G/TBT/2/Add.21/Suppl.3	29 August 2003
Armenia	G/TBT/2/Add.75	6 August 2003
	G/TBT/2/Add.75/Rev.1	10 August 2004
Australia	G/TBT/2/Add.8	31 May 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.8/Rev.1	29 May 2001
	G/TBT/2/Add.8/Rev.1/Suppl.1	21 June 2001
Bahrain, Kingdom of	G/TBT/2/Add.19	2 August 1996
Bangladesh	G/TBT/2/Add.88	19 May 2006
Barbados	G/TBT/2/Add.48	24 September 1998
Belize	G/TBT/2/Add.104	20 August 2010
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	G/TBT/2/Add.43	20 January 1998
	G/TBT/2/Add.43/Suppl.1	18 September 1998
Botswana	G/TBT/2/Add.97	30 October 2007
Brazil	G/TBT/2/Add.26	29 October 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.26/Rev.1	28 October 2002
	G/TBT/2/Add.26/Rev.1/Suppl.1	18 December 2002
	G/TBT/2/Add.26/Rev.2	26 June 2003
	G/TBT/2/Add.26/Rev.2/Suppl.1	7 July 2003
	G/TBT/2/Add.26/Rev.2/Suppl.2	6 November 2006
Brunei Darussalam	G/TBT/2/Add.119	24 October 2016
Bulgaria	G/TBT/2/Add.32	23 May 1997
	G/TBT/2/Add.32/Rev.1	12 October 2000
	G/TBT/2/Add.32/Rev.2	16 July 2003
	G/TBT/2/Add.32/Rev.3	15 December 2006
Burundi	G/TBT/2/Add.118	25 July 2016
Cambodia	G/TBT/2/Add.103	12 July 2010
Canada	G/TBT/2/Add.6	4 June 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.6/Rev.1	9 September 2002
	G/TBT/2/Add.6/Rev.2	4 July 2007
	G/TBT/2/Add.6/Rev.3	17 June 2014
Chile	G/TBT/2/Add.16	22 July 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.16/Suppl.1	19 April 1999
	G/TBT/2/Add.16/Suppl.2	24 November 2003
	G/TBT/2/Add.16/Rev.1	16 March 2006
China	G/TBT/2/Add.65	29 January 2002
Colombia	G/TBT/2/Add.18	29 August 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.18/Rev.1	5 July 2005
	G/TBT/2/Add.18/Rev.2	10 May 2007
	G/TBT/2/Add.18/Rev.2/Suppl.1	13 March 2008
	G/TBT/2/Add.18/Rev.2/Suppl.2	18 September 2008
	G/TBT/2/Add.18/Rev.3	30 October 2009
	G/TBT/2/Add.18/Rev.1/Suppl.1	9 January 2012
	G/TBT/2/Add.18/Rev.1/Suppl.2	12 October 2015
Costa Rica	G/TBT/2/Add.51	12 April 1999
	G/TBT/2/Add.51/Suppl.1	10 March 2003

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Croatia	G/TBT/2/Add.73	24 January 2003
	G/TBT/2/Add.73/Rev.1	10 May 2011
Cuba	G/TBT/2/Add.13/Rev.1	14 March 2011
Cyprus	G/TBT/2/Add.46	27 February 1998
Czech Republic	G/TBT/2	8 November 1995
	G/TBT/2/Suppl.1	21 June 2001
Democratic Republic of the Congo	G/TBT/2/Add.79	15 July 2004
Dominica	G/TBT/2/Add.62	28 February 2001
Dominican Republic	G/TBT/2/Add.74	30 June 2003
Ecuador	G/TBT/2/Add.101	22 June 2009
Egypt	G/TBT/2/Add.34/Rev.1	8 October 2009
El Salvador	G/TBT/2/Add.78	22 March 2004
	G/TBT/2/Add.78/Suppl.1	8 December 2008
Estonia	G/TBT/2/Add.58	16 March 2000
	G/TBT/2/Add.58/Rev.1	1 March 2001
	G/TBT/2/Add.58/Rev.2	10 December 2001
European Union	G/TBT/2/Add.12	27 June 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.12/Suppl.1	4 March 1997
	G/TBT/2/Add.12/Rev.1	1 July 1998
	G/TBT/2/Add.12/Rev.2	5 November 1999
	G/TBT/2/Add.12/Rev.3	18 October 2005
	G/TBT/2/Add.12/Rev.3/Suppl.1	22 November 2006
Fiji	G/TBT/2/Add.90	12 September 2006
Georgia	G/TBT/2/Add.81	15 October 2004
	G/TBT/2/Add.81/Rev.1	28 September 2011
	G/TBT/2/Add.81/Rev.2	8 October 2012
Ghana	G/TBT/2/Add.76	29 October 2003
	G/TBT/2/Add.76/Rev.1	2 June 2008
Grenada	G/TBT/2/Add.67	12 March 2002
Guatemala	G/TBT/2/Add.102	24 February 2010
Guinea-Bissau	G/TBT/2/Add.92	24 November 2006
Honduras	G/TBT/2/Add.50	22 October 1998
Hong Kong, China	G/TBT/2/Add.1	29 January 1996
Hungary	G/TBT/2/Add.41	21 October 1997
Iceland	G/TBT/2/Add.55	1 June 1999
	G/TBT/2/Add.55/Suppl.1	11 July 2000
India	G/TBT/2/Add.56	22 October 1999
Indonesia	G/TBT/2/Add.3	22 March 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.3/Rev.1	18 May 2004
	G/TBT/2/Add.3/Rev.2	15 May 2008
	G/TBT/2/Add.3/Rev.3	12 November 2009
	G/TBT/2/Add.3/Rev.4	20 August 2010
Israel	G/TBT/2/Add.72	23 January 2003
	G/TBT/2/Add.72/Suppl.1	18 January 2008
	G/TBT/2/Add.72/Suppl.2	3 December 2010
Jamaica	G/TBT/2/Add.57	22 July 1999
Japan	G/TBT/2/Add.10	11 June 1996

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	G/TBT/2/Add.10/Rev.1	31 October 2016
Jordan	G/TBT/2/Add.61	18 October 2000
Kazakhstan	G/TBT/2/Add.116	4 March 2016
Kenya	G/TBT/2/Add.86	28 April 2005
	G/TBT/2/Add.86/Suppl.1	2 June 2005
	G/TBT/2/Add.86/Rev.1	16 February 2015
Korea, Republic of	G/TBT/2/Add.28	12 November 1996
Kuwait, the State of	G/TBT/2/Add.105	6 April 2011
Kyrgyz Republic	G/TBT/2/Add.59	16 March 2000
Lao People's Democratic Republic	G/TBT/2/Add.111	20 November 2013
Latvia	G/TBT/2/Add.52	13 April 1999
Liechtenstein	G/TBT/2/Add.36	6 August 1997
Lithuania	G/TBT/2/Add.64	4 October 2001
Macao, China	G/TBT/2/Add.30	23 December 1996
Madagascar	G/TBT/2/Add.80	3 August 2004
Malawi	G/TBT/2/Add.93	2 August 2007
Malaysia	G/TBT/2/Add.9	12 June 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.9/Rev.1	29 October 2004
	G/TBT/2/Add.9/Rev.2	8 July 2010
	G/TBT/2/Add.9/Rev.3	5 June 2012
Mali	G/TBT/2/Add.113	15 April 2014
Mauritius	G/TBT/2/Add.40	17 September 1997
Mexico	G/TBT/2/Add.14	19 July 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.14/Suppl.1	28 October 2008
Moldova, Republic of	G/TBT/2/Add.68/Suppl.1	10 October 2006
Mongolia	G/TBT/2/Add.44	29 January 1998
	G/TBT/2/Add.44/Rev.1	21 December 2007
Montenegro	G/TBT/2/Add.110	18 March 2013
Morocco	G/TBT/2/Add.39	6 August 1997
Mozambique	G/TBT/2/Add.107	22 July 2011
Namibia	G/TBT/2/Add.42	9 December 1997
	G/TBT/2/Add.108	16 March 2012
New Zealand	G/TBT/2/Add.24	11 October 1996
Nicaragua	G/TBT/2/Add.82	25 October 2004
Niger	G/TBT/2/Add.95	10 September 2007
Nigeria	G/TBT/2/Add.20	2 August 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.25	29 October 1996
Norway	G/TBT/2/Add.15	15 July 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.15/Rev.1	26 June 1997
Oman	G/TBT/2/Add.63	12 April 2001
Pakistan	G/TBT/2/Add.45	12 February 1998
Panama	G/TBT/2/Add.53	7 May 1999
	G/TBT/2/Add.53/Corr.1	14 October 1999
Papua New Guinea	G/TBT/2/Add.77	5 March 2004
	G/TBT/2/Add.77/Rev.1	27 October 2006
Paraguay	G/TBT/2/Add.91	29 September 2006
	G/TBT/2/Add.91/Rev.1	1 July 2008

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	G/TBT/2/Add.91/Rev.2	1 April 2010
Peru	G/TBT/2/Add.29	23 December 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.29/Suppl.1	14 September 2007
	G/TBT/2/Add.29/Rev.1	1 October 2007
	G/TBT/2/Add.29/Rev.2	3 December 2008
Philippines	G/TBT/2/Add.11	11 June 1996
Poland	G/TBT/2/Add.31	18 February 1997
	G/TBT/2/Add.31/Rev.1	24 March 1997
Qatar	G/TBT/2/Add.87	27 February 2006
Romania	G/TBT/2/Add.17	2 August 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.17/Corr.1	11 September 1996
Russian Federation	G/TBT/2/Add.109	11 October 2012
Rwanda	G/TBT/2/Add.85	24 February 2005
	G/TBT/2/Add.85/Rev.1	7 January 2015
Saint Lucia	G/TBT/2/Add.37	6 August 1997
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	G/TBT/2/Add.71	10 December 2002
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	G/TBT/2/Add.89	19 May 2006
Senegal	G/TBT/2/Add.115	9 October 2015
Seychelles	G/TBT/2/Add.114	25 September 2015
Sierra Leone	G/TBT/2/Add.83	16 December 2004
Singapore	G/TBT/2/Add.25/Rev.1	27 August 2007
Slovak Republic	G/TBT/2/Add.4	26 March 1996
Slovenia	G/TBT/2/Add.5	28 March 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.5/Suppl.1	18 August 1999
	G/TBT/2/Add.5/Suppl.2	1 November 2001
South Africa	G/TBT/2/Add.60	14 July 2000
	G/TBT/2/Add.60/Rev.1	14 March 2012
	G/TBT/2/Add.60/Rev.2	14 April 2016
Sri Lanka	G/TBT/2/Add.27	8 November 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.27/Rev.1	1 April 2015
Swaziland	G/TBT/2/Add.35	22 July 1997
Switzerland	G/TBT/2/Add.7	14 June 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.7/Rev.1	14 February 2008
	G/TBT/2/Add.7/Rev.2	16 May 2014
Chinese Taipei	G/TBT/2/Add.69	11 July 2002
Tajikistan	G/TBT/2/Add.112	17 March 2014
Tanzania	G/TBT/2/Add.94	31 August 2007
	G/TBT/2/Add.94/Rev.1	28 October 2010
Thailand	G/TBT/2/Add.38	6 August 1997
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	G/TBT/2/Add.84	22 February 2005
	G/TBT/2/Add.84/Rev.1	9 November 2012
Trinidad and Tobago	G/TBT/2/Add.47	13 July 1998
	G/TBT/2/Add.47/Rev.1	19 October 2015
Tunisia	G/TBT/2/Add.22	26 November 1996
Turkey	G/TBT/2/Add.33	18 June 1997
	G/TBT/2/Add.33/Rev.1	9 November 2011

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Uganda	G/TBT/2/Add.23	8 October 1996
	G/TBT/2/Add.23/Suppl.1	12 April 2006
Ukraine	G/TBT/2/Add.100	30 May 2008
	G/TBT/2/Add.100/Rev.1	10 May 2011
	G/TBT/2/Add.100/Rev.2	20 April 2012
	G/TBT/2/Add.100/Rev.3	8 April 2013
	G/TBT/2/Add.100/Rev.4	3 April 2014
	G/TBT/2/Add.100/Rev.5	10 April 2015
	G/TBT/2/Add.100/Rev.6	8 April 2016
United Arab Emirates	G/TBT/2/Add.96	11 September 2007
United States	G/TBT/2/Add.2	19 February 1996
Uruguay	G/TBT/2/Add.54	26 May 1999
Vanuatu	G/TBT/2/Add.117	22 July 2016
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	G/TBT/2/Add.70	10 September 2002
Viet Nam	G/TBT/2/Add.98	6 November 2007
	G/TBT/2/Add.98/Rev.1	20 February 2009
	G/TBT/2/Add.98/Rev.2	12 September 2012
Yemen	G/TBT/2/Add.120	25 November 2016
Zambia	G/TBT/2/Add.106	28 June 2011
Zimbabwe	G/TBT/2/Add.49	28 September 1998