



Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

**TWENTY-FIFTH 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-fifth 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 26-27 February 2020. 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 2019.

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Mr. Sung-Hwa Jang (Korea) was elected by the TBT Committee as its Chairperson for 2019. Three regular meetings were held: on 5-7 March², 18-21 June³ and 12-15 November⁴;
- The Committee **began implementing the recommendations of the Eighth Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the TBT Agreement**⁵ and adopted two new procedures on specific trade concerns and transparency (Section 2);
- Overall, there is a **high level of implementation of the TBT Agreement transparency obligations** by WTO Members. Since 1995: 142 Members (87% of membership) have submitted at least one notification of a proposed technical regulation or conformity assessment procedure (Article 10.6; Section 3.1.1); 142 Members (87% of membership) have submitted at least one notification of a statement on implementation and administration of the Agreement (Article 15.2; Section 3.2.2); and, 118 Members (72% of membership) provided updated contact information for their TBT Enquiry Point during 2019 (Articles 10.1 and 10.2; Section 3.3). However, only 23 Members (14% of membership) have submitted at least one notification of a bilateral or regional agreement on issues related TBT measures (Article 10.7; Section 3.2.1);
- Members **continue to improve implementation of notification obligations: 3,337 notifications** of new or changed TBT measures were submitted by **93 Members** during 2019, both all-time highs, following a consistent upward trend. However, 71 Members did not notify any proposed TBT measures during 2019 (Section 3.1.1);
- A handful of **African and Latin American Members were especially strong in notifying**: Uganda submitted the most notifications of any Member in 2019, and Kenya and Tanzania were amongst the top ten notifying Members. Ecuador, Brazil and Argentina were also amongst the top notifiers. African Members submitted just over a third of all new notifications in 2019, far more than any other regional group. (Section 3.1.2 and 3.1.4);
- The steadily rising number of notifications from developing and least-developed Members since 2004 is driving overall growth in notifications. **The majority of new notifications (63%) in 2019 were submitted by developing Members (61)**, while **least-developed Members (12) were responsible for 21%**. Notifications submitted by developing Members rose by nearly 10% compared to 2018 (Section 3.1.4);
- A record number of addenda were submitted by Members (1,101) in 2019, mostly communicating information related to the **adoption, publication or entry into force** of the measure. Amongst these, just over half included a website address to the adopted final text (Section 3.1.3);
- Members continue to **provide less than the recommended 60-day comment period** (an average of 56.1 days in 2019). This follows a declining trend since 2015. Nevertheless, on a more positive note, Members are increasingly using addenda to extend comment periods (Section 3.1.6);
- Use of the **TBT Notification Submission System** (TBT NSS) is increasing. 88% of all TBT notifications were submitted using the TBT NSS, up from 35% in 2014 (Section 3.1.8.1);
- Use of **ePing** is also increasing. The number of subscribers grew to 8,821 at the end of 2019, up from 5,569 at the end of 2018, around half of which are from the private sector (Section 3.1.8.2);
- The number of new specific trade concerns raised is the highest in any one year since 2015. Members discussed **185 specific trade concerns** (STCs), including 35 new concerns. As

² [G/TBT/M/77](#).

³ [G/TBT/M/78](#).

⁴ [G/TBT/M/79](#).

⁵ [G/TBT/41](#).

has been the case in recent years, the vast majority of STCs discussed in 2019 were previously raised STCs (Section 4.1);

- The large majority of new STCs raised in 2019 were about proposed measures (Chart 21), illustrating the **pre-emptive role of the Committee's STC discussion** in addressing trade frictions (Section 4.1);
- Since 1995, 68 Members (41% of membership) have raised at least one STC in the TBT Committee. In 2019, **35 Members (21% of membership)** raised at least one STC, compared to 33 in 2018 (Sections 4.1 and 4.2);
- **Developing Members are increasingly active in raising STCs.** As a group, in 2019, they raised the most new STCs in any year since 2015 (Section 4.4);
- An important share of the STCs discussed in the Committee are no longer on the agenda. **81% of all STCs** (discussed in the TBT Committee since 1995) **have not been raised over the past two years.** This may indicate some form of progress towards resolutions (Section 4.7);
- There is **complementarity between the notification of proposed measures and their discussion** in the Committee. 68% of all STCs raised between 1995 and 2019 relate to notified measures (Section 4.8);
- Two standardizing bodies notified their acceptance of the **Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards**, and 57 notifications of work programmes were received from 31 standardizing bodies. Overall, 192 standardizing bodies from 144 Members or Observers have accepted the Code of Good Practice since 1995 (Section 3.2.3); and,
- A total of 37 TBT **technical assistance activities** were delivered by the Secretariat during 2019, including 13 national workshops (Section 6).

2 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EIGHTH TRIENNIAL REVIEW

2.1. The TBT Committee began implementing the recommendations of the Eighth Triennial Review during 2019 as follows:⁶

- a. **Specific trade concerns.** At the June 2019 meeting, the Committee adopted (on a permanent basis) new procedures for the inclusion of specific trade concerns in the annotated draft agenda of the TBT Committee.⁷
- b. **Notifications.** At the November 2019 meeting, the Committee agreed on a revised format for addenda.⁸
- c. **Thematic sessions.** The Committee held five thematic sessions, in line with the work plan of the Eighth Triennial Review⁹:
 - i. March 2019: Good Regulatory Practice – focusing on domestic committees, and other administrative mechanisms, to facilitate internal coordination on TBT.¹⁰
 - ii. March 2019: Conformity Assessment Procedures – focusing on: post-market controls (e.g. market surveillance) and other pre-market controls; and risk assessment.¹¹
 - iii. June 2019: Transparency – Ninth Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange.¹²
 - iv. November 2019: Standards – focusing on incorporating standards by reference in regulations.¹³
 - v. November 2019: Conformity Assessment Procedures – focusing on National Quality Infrastructure (NQI).¹⁴

⁶ [G/TBT/41](#).

⁷ [G/TBT/43](#)

⁸ [G/TBT/35/Rev.1](#)

⁹ [G/TBT/41](#), para. 8.2 iv.

¹⁰ The Moderator's report is contained in [G/TBT/GEN/256](#).

¹¹ The Moderator's report is contained in [G/TBT/GEN/257](#).

¹² The Moderator's report is contained in [G/TBT/GEN/265](#).

¹³ The Moderator's report is contained in [G/TBT/GEN/277](#).

¹⁴ The Moderator's report is contained in [G/TBT/GEN/278](#).

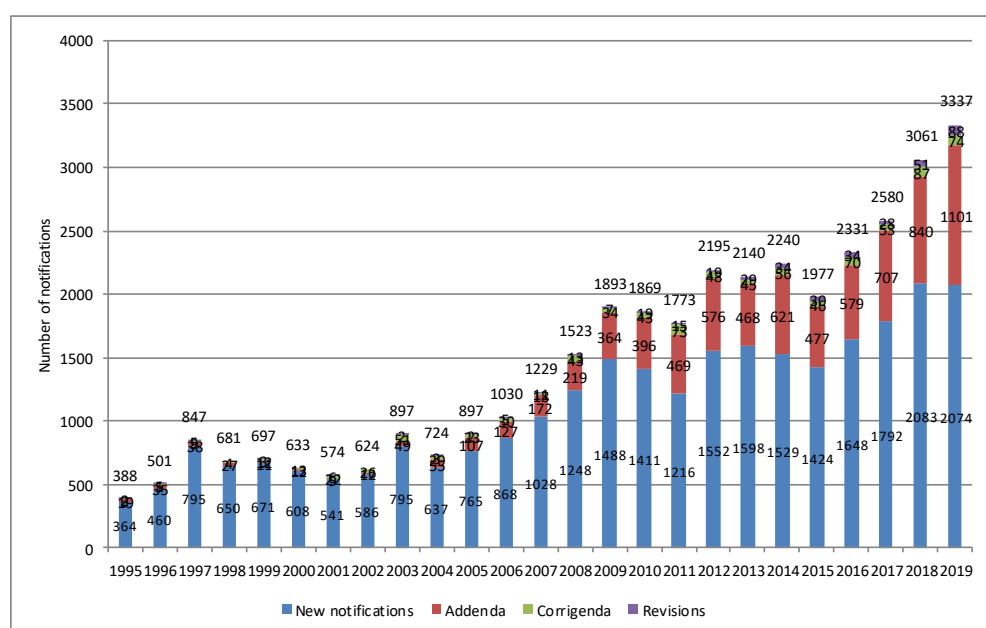
3 TRANSPARENCY AND NOTIFICATIONS¹⁵

3.1 Notifications of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures

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

3.1. Members submitted a record number of notifications to the TBT Committee in 2019. In total, Members submitted 3,337 notifications of new or changed measures, the most in any year since 1995. This includes an all-time high in the number of addenda to existing notifications of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures (1,101), as well as 2,074 new notifications, 74 corrigenda to existing notifications, and 88 revisions (Chart 1).¹⁶ Compared to 2018, the total number of notifications rose by 9%, maintaining the trend of a steady increase since 2004. Since the entry into force of the TBT Agreement and up to 31 December 2019, 142 Members (representing 87% of the full membership) have submitted at least one notification, totalling 36,641 notifications (see Annex A).

Chart 1: Total TBT notifications, 1995-2019¹⁷



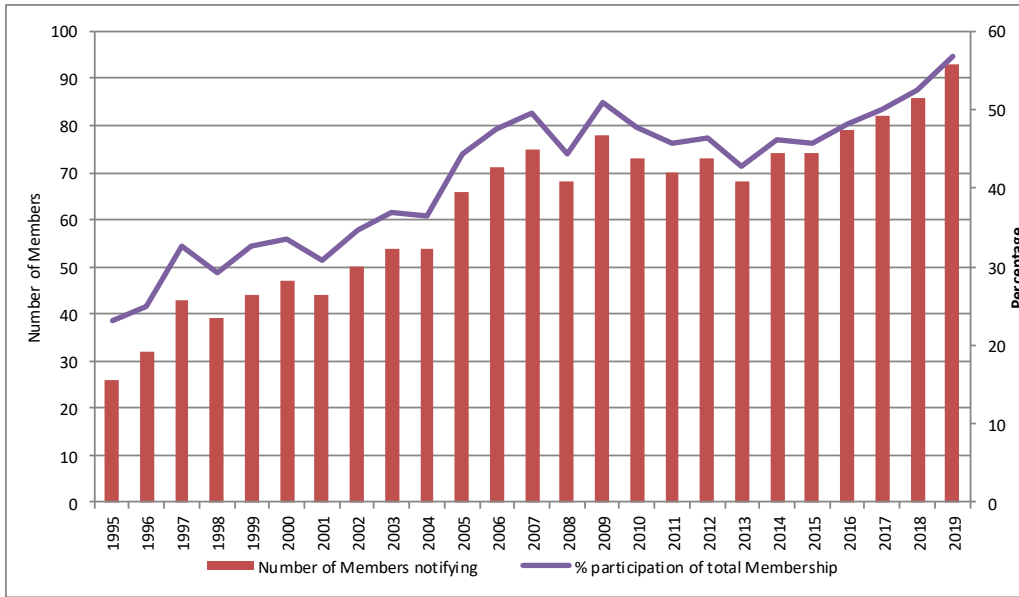
3.2. Participation in submission of notifications in 2019 was higher than previous years, with 93 Members (57% of current WTO membership) submitting at least one notification during the year (Chart 2). However, 71 Members did not notify any proposed TBT measures during 2019.

¹⁵ The data for the charts in this section are drawn from the TBT IMS <http://tbtims.wto.org/>, complemented by more detail in Annex A. Further information on TBT notifications is available through the TBT IMS.

¹⁶ This document uses the terminology adopted by the TBT Committee in the recommendation on "Coherent use of notification formats", [G/TBT/35/Rev.1](http://www.wto.org/gatt/secretariat/tbt/rev1.htm), 21 November 2019. See Annex B.

¹⁷ Notifications of unofficial translations of notified measures, *supplements*, are not considered part of total TBT notifications for the purposes of this report. See Chart 8 for more details.

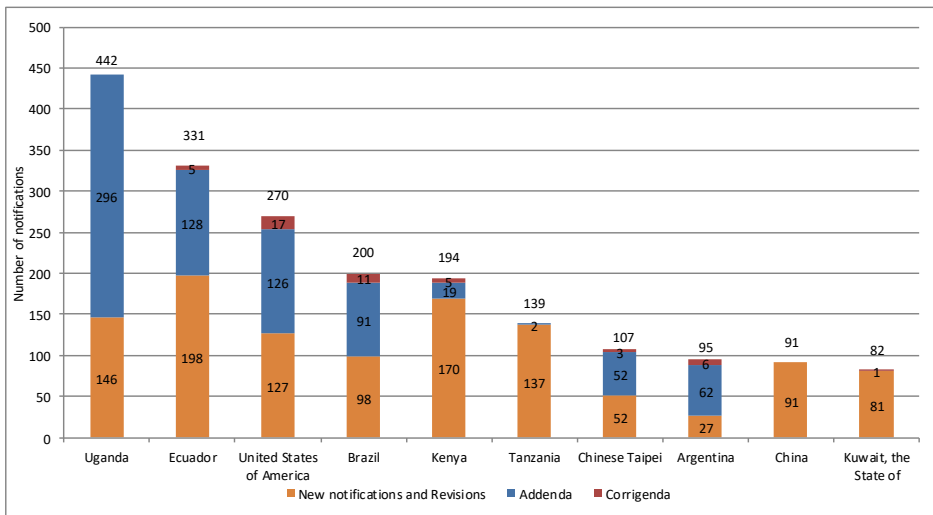
Chart 2: Members' participation in the notification process, 1995-2019



3.1.2 Notifications by Member

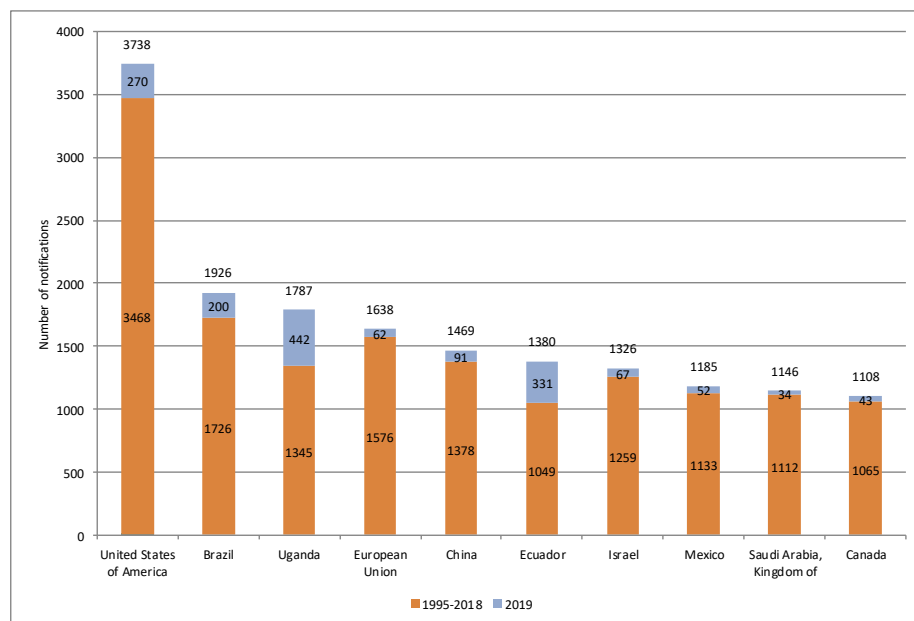
3.3. African Members were again amongst the most active in submitting TBT notifications in 2019, with three East African Community members in the top ten. Uganda submitted the most notifications of any Member for the third year in a row (Chart 3). Latin American Members (three) were also prolific notifiers, with Ecuador submitting the second highest number of notifications.

Chart 3: Ten Members that submitted most notifications (new notifications, addenda and corrigenda, and revisions) during 2019



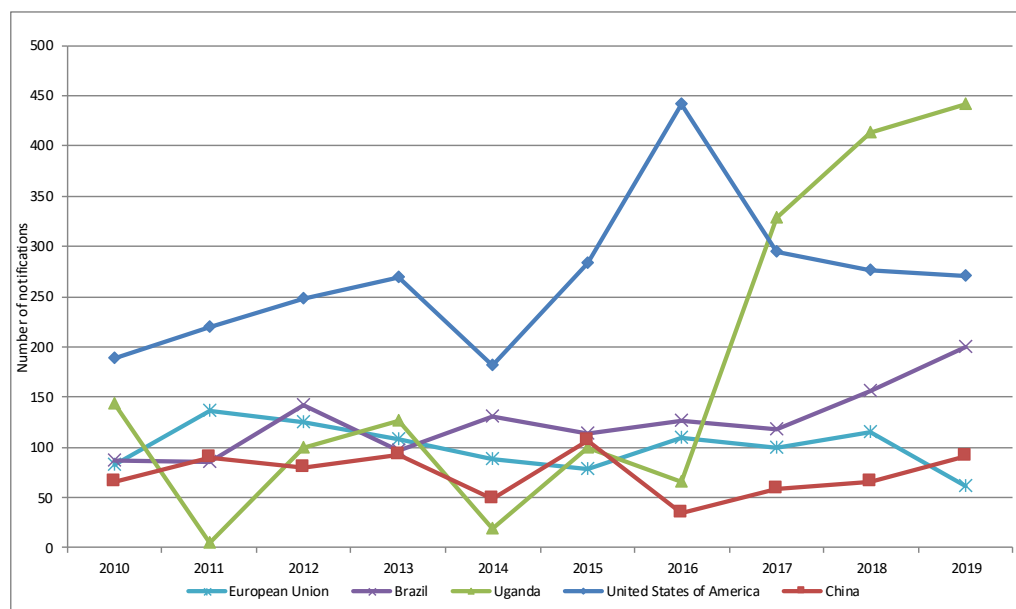
3.4. The ten Members that have notified most frequently since 1995 are listed in Chart 4.

Chart 4: Ten Members that submitted most notifications (new notifications, addenda and corrigenda, and revisions) during 1995-2019



3.5. Taking a closer look at the five top notifying Members (US, Brazil, Uganda, EU, and China; Chart 4), Chart 5 shows that the annual volume of notifications submitted by these Members over the past ten years is relatively stable. Exceptions to this are the number of notifications submitted by the US over the past several years, which peaked in 2016, and those submitted by Uganda which rose dramatically as of 2017.

Chart 5: Notifications submitted by the EU, Brazil, Uganda, the US and China (new notifications, addenda and corrigenda, and revisions) during 2010-2019



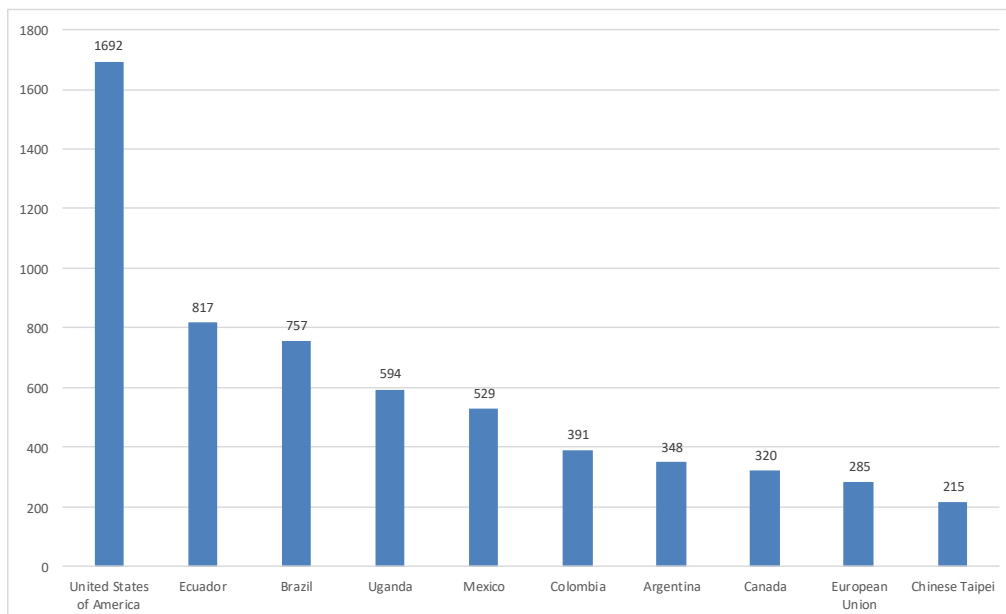
3.1.3 Use of notification formats

3.6. The TBT Committee has agreed on a recommendation for the coherent use of different notification formats ("new notifications", "revisions", "addenda", "corrigenda", as well as "supplements"), which increases transparency of notified measures throughout the regulatory lifecycle. A revised recommendation was adopted at the November 2019 meeting annexing a

template to be used to indicate the reason for an addendum.¹⁸ The recommendation applies in various situations, for example, when the comment period on a notification has been extended (addenda, see Section 3.1.6 and Chart 15), if a measure has been withdrawn or revoked (addenda), a measure is substantially redrafted prior to adoption or entry into force (revision), or the adopted final text becomes available (addenda).

3.7. The use of addenda has increased significantly over recent years. Since 2011 more than 450 addenda have been notified every year, and in 2019 alone, 1,101 were notified (see Chart 1). Several Members are quite active in notifying information through addenda (Chart 6). The type of information provided in addenda varies.

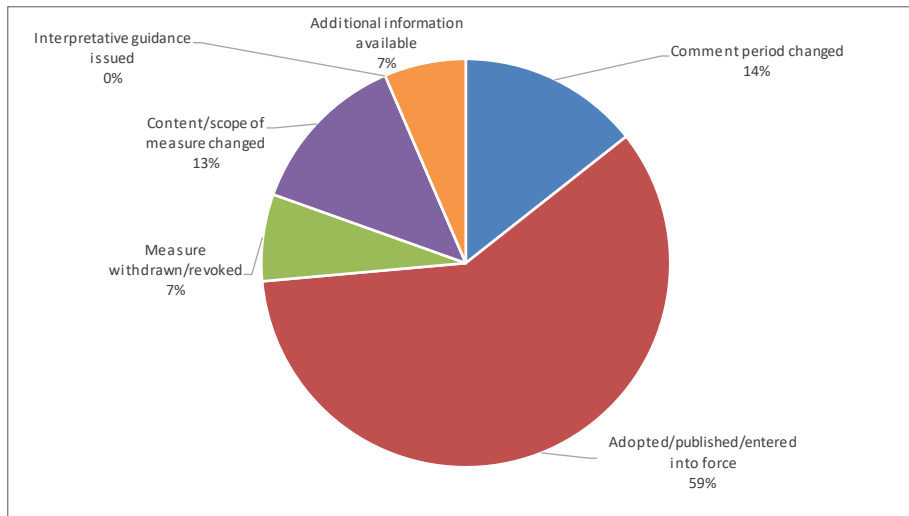
Chart 6: Ten Members that submitted most addenda during 1995-2019



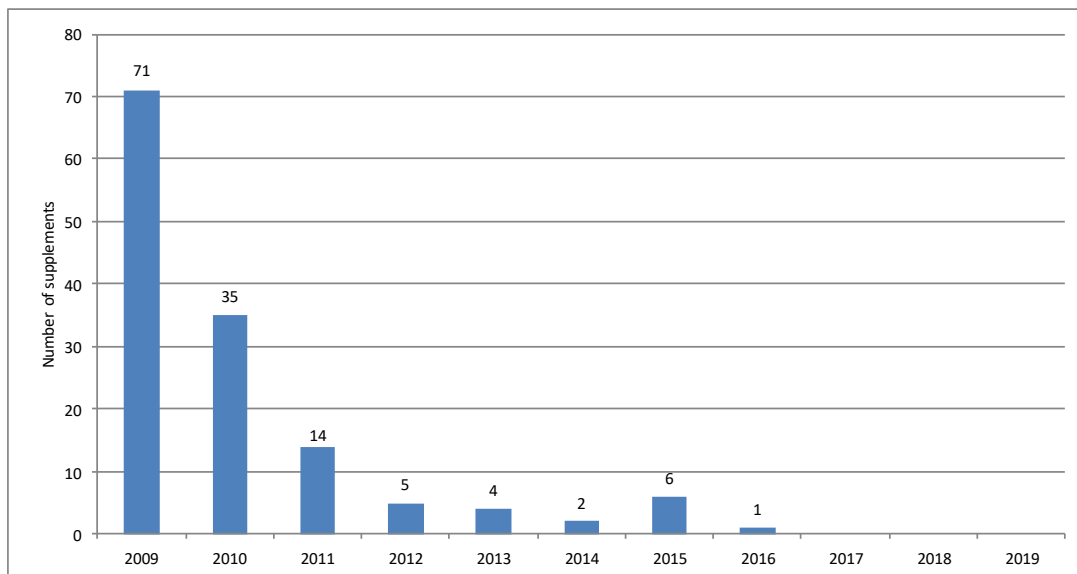
3.8. In 2019, the main type of information in addenda (59%) related to the adoption, publication or entry into force of the measure (Chart 7). Amongst these addenda relating to adoption, publication or entry into force of the measure, just over half included a website address to the adopted final text.¹⁹

¹⁸ [G/TBT/35/Rev.1](#), reproduced in Annex B.

¹⁹ [G/TBT/41](#), para. 6.19(e.i); [G/TBT/1/Rev.14](#), Section 6.3.1.11, page 33.

Chart 7: Reasons for addenda submitted during 2019²⁰

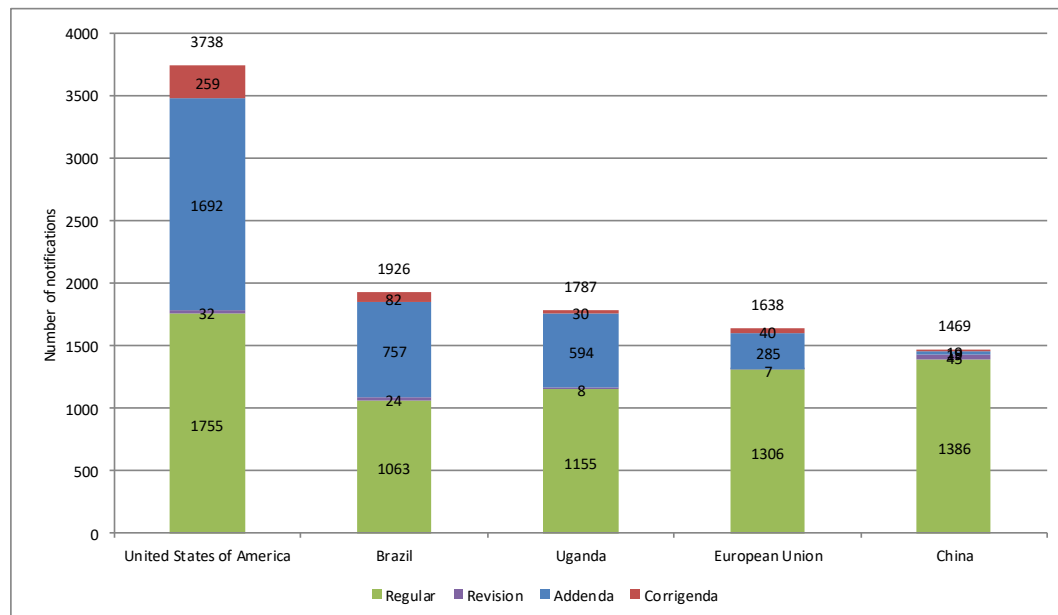
3.9. Contrary to addenda, the number of revisions submitted is low; between 2012 and 2018 the WTO received on average 32 revisions per year (Chart 1); this rose to 88 in 2019, 72% of which were submitted by Ecuador. The Members that have notified the most revisions since 1995 are Ecuador (72), China (45), the US (32), South Africa (25), Canada (25), Thailand (24) and Brazil (24). The EU is the only Member that has notified unofficial translations through supplements (Chart 8), although since 2017 this notification format has not been used. Of the 250 supplements notified by the EU, over 100 provide links to unofficial translations of measures notified by China.

Chart 8: Supplements notifying unofficial translations, 2009-2019

²⁰ Most addenda (78%) submitted in 2019 relate to measures originally notified in previous years.

3.10. The five top notifying Members use notification formats in different ways (Chart 9). The US continues to notify more addenda and corrigenda combined than new notifications, while China rarely uses these formats. As indicated above, revisions are rarely used.

Chart 9: Use of notification formats by the EU, Brazil, Uganda, the US and China during 1995-2019, total number of notifications

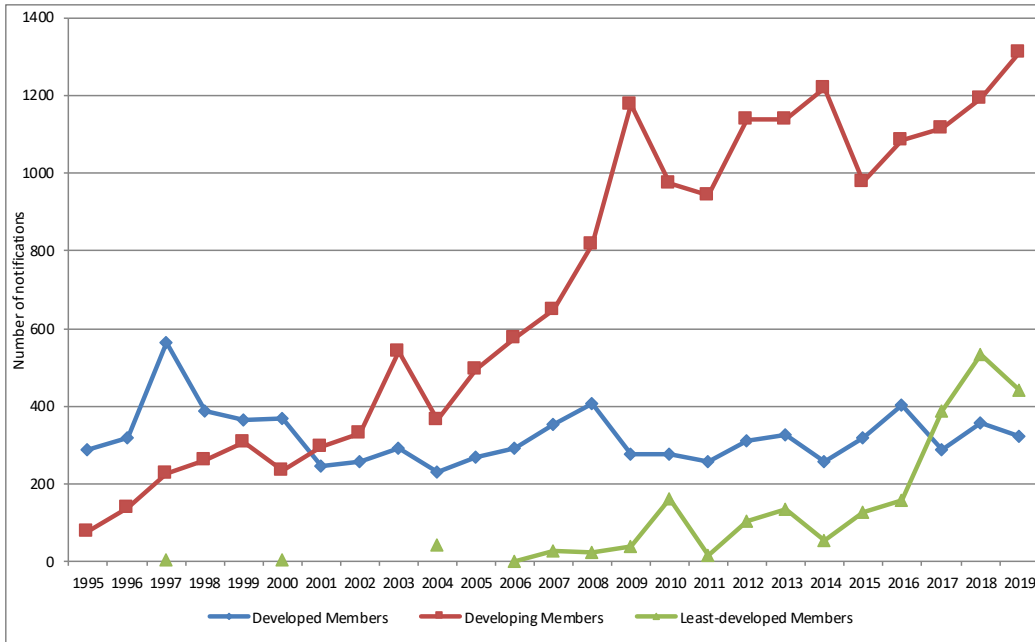


3.1.4 Notifications by development status and region

3.11. The rise in new notifications since 2004 (see Chart 1) is to a large extent explained by a marked increase in notifications submitted by developing Members (Chart 10). Again in 2019 the majority of notifications (63%) were submitted by 61 developing Members. Least-developed Members (12) were responsible for 21% of new notifications in 2019²¹ and developed Members (19) for only 16%. Only the level of notifications submitted by developing Members rose compared to 2018, an increase of nearly 10%; in contrast, notifications from developed Members decreased by nearly 10% and those from least-developed Members by 17%.

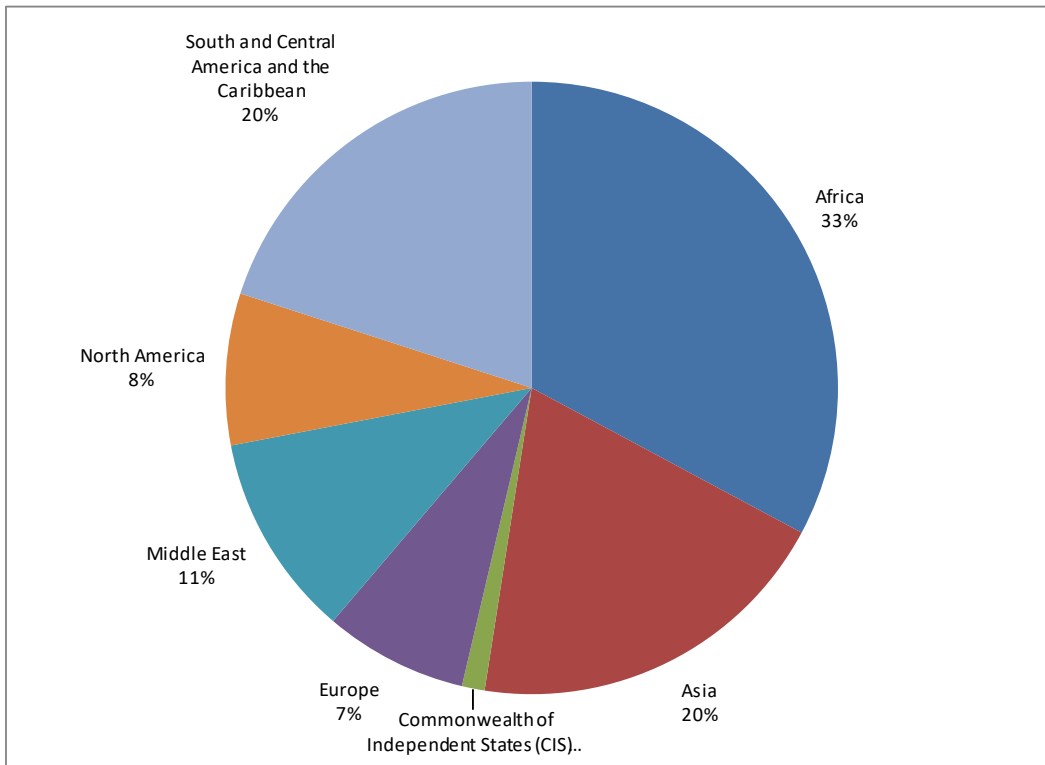
²¹ The top five notifying least-developed Members for the period 1995 to 2019 concerning new notifications are Uganda (1,155), Tanzania (366), Rwanda (284), Yemen (167) and Zambia (88).

Chart 10: New notifications by development status, 1995-2019



3.12. African Members once again submitted just over a third of all new notifications in 2019, far more than any other regional group, followed by Members in South and Central America and the Caribbean jointly with Asia, with shares of 20% each. Of the one third attributed to African Members, Kenya accounts for 25%, Uganda for 21%, Tanzania for 20%, Rwanda for 10% and Burundi for 7%. Compared to 2018, the main changes were an increase in notifications from South and Central America and the Caribbean, and a renewed decrease in notifications from the Middle East (Chart 11).

Chart 11: Distribution of new notifications by region, 2019



3.1.5 Regional approaches to notification

3.13. In recent years, groups of Members have coordinated notification of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures adopted in regional economic communities, so as to notify such measures jointly to the WTO.²² The GCC Gulf Standards Organization is one group of Members that has submitted a significant number of joint notifications (Chart 12). The Andean Community has also made use of this approach, albeit to a much lesser extent (Chart 13).²³

Chart 12: New notifications by GSO members, 1995-2019

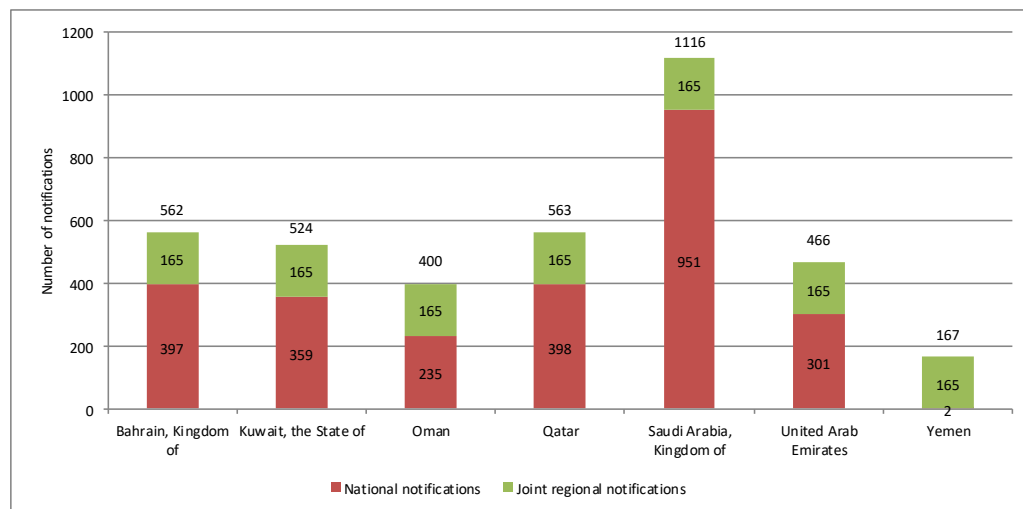
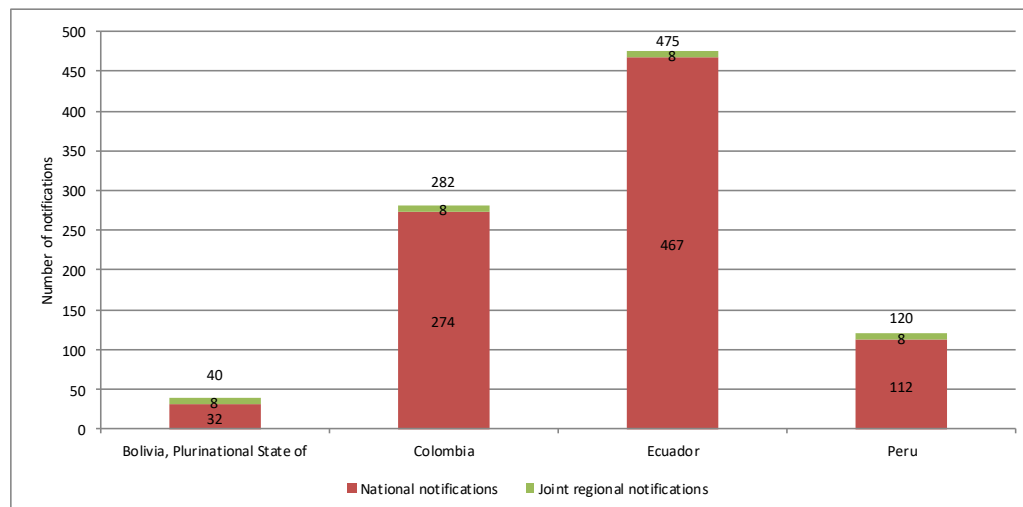


Chart 13: New notifications by Andean Community members, 1995-2019



3.1.6 Comment period provided in notifications

3.14. The Committee has 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, such as 90 days, is encouraged to do so and should indicate this in the notification.²⁴ In 2019, Members provided on average only 56.1 days for comments on new

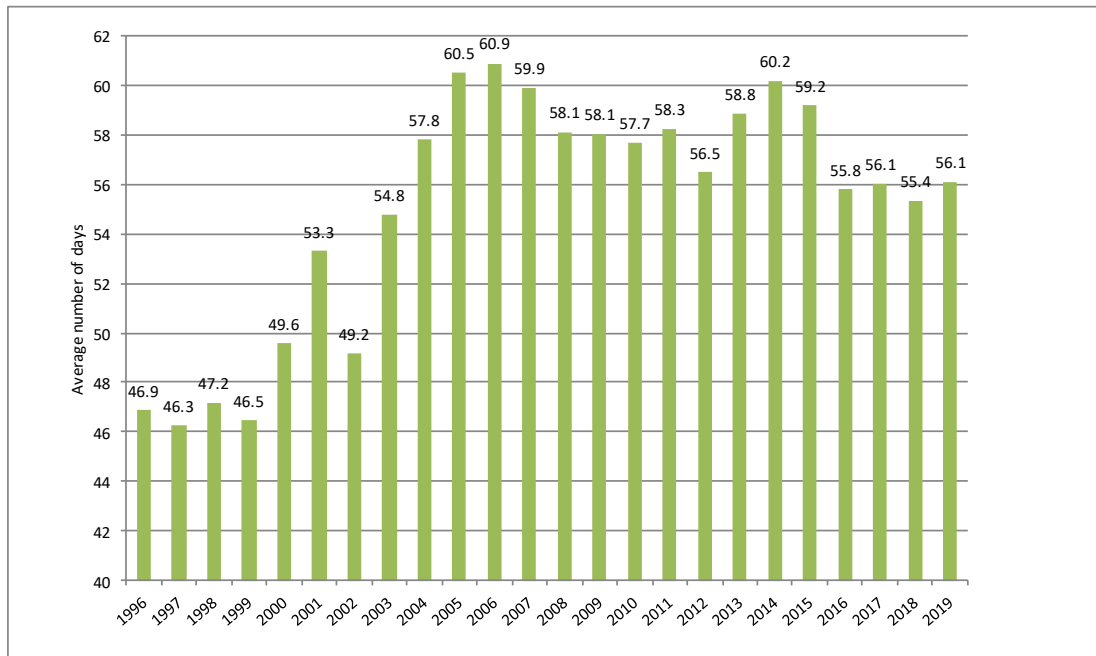
²² Regional bodies or economic communities cannot notify on behalf of Members. It is Members that are responsible for fulfilment of the obligations on notification of draft measures contained in the TBT Agreement. For statistical purposes, a joint notification submitted by a group of Members is counted as an individual notification by each Member of the group.

²³ For statistical purposes, each notification submitted jointly by GSO Members counts as seven notifications in total notification counts, while each notification submitted jointly by Andean Community Members counts as four notifications.

²⁴ [G/TBT/1/Rev.14](#), Section 6.3.1.8, page 30.

notifications and revisions (of those 1,992 notifications which specified a comment period – Chart 14).²⁵ The tendency of Members to provide shorter average comment periods since 2015 continued in 2019.

Chart 14: Average number of days provided for comments, new notifications and revisions, all Members, 1996-2019

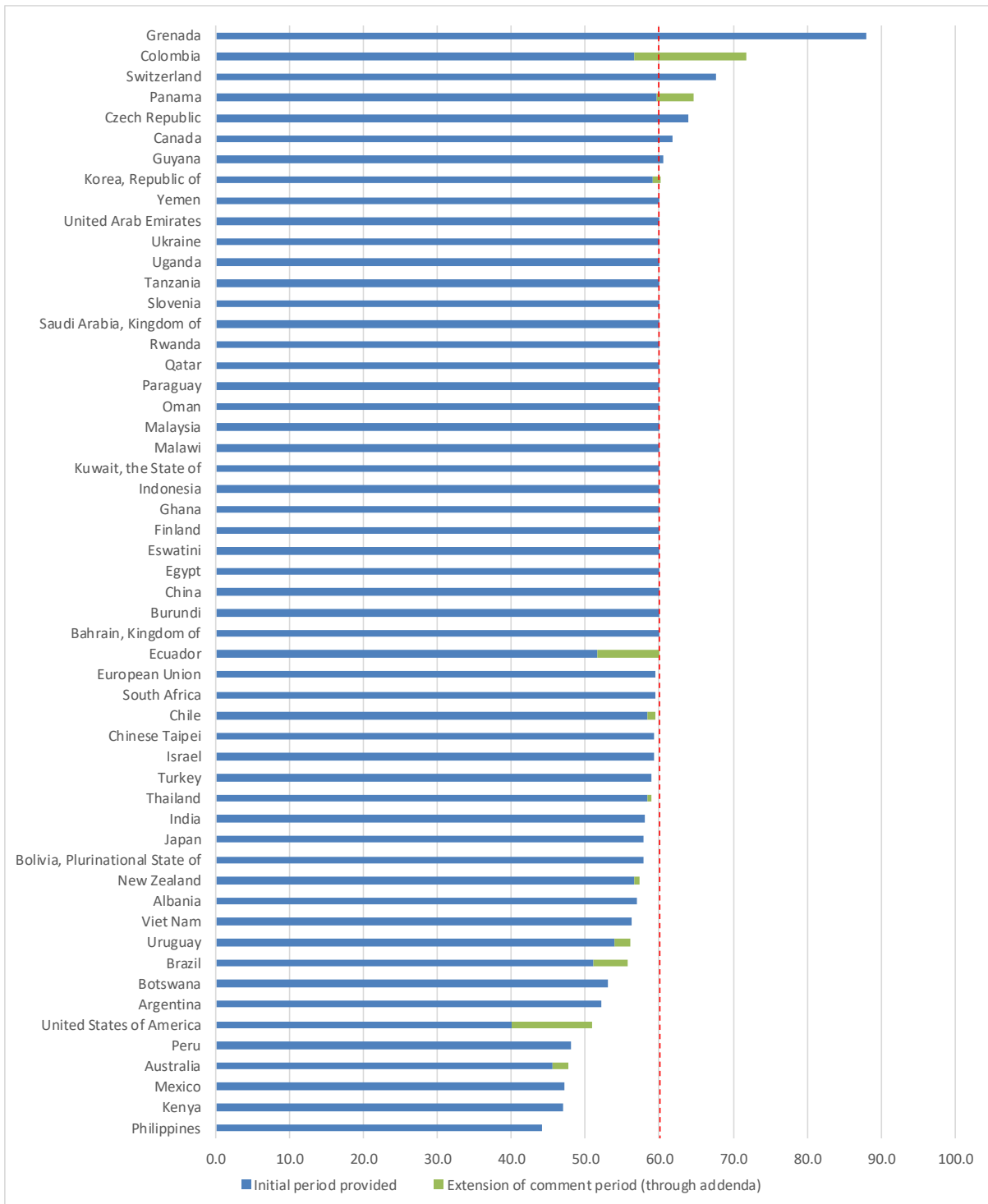


3.15. The average comment period provided by each Member in 2019 (who notified a total of five or more new notifications or revisions) is shown in Chart 15. In 170 new notifications and revisions submitted last year, there was no comment period included, the stated comment period had lapsed, or it was stated that a comment period was non-applicable. During the year, 13 Members²⁶ used the addendum format to notify extensions to comment periods on measures first notified in 2019; this information is also reflected in Chart 15. Annex C illustrates the percentage of notifications submitted in 2019 that provide a comment period, by Member (where five or more new notifications or revisions were notified).

²⁵ 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).

²⁶ Ecuador, United States, Brazil, Honduras, Chile, Colombia, Korea, Australia, Guatemala, New Zealand, Panama, Thailand and Uruguay (in descending order).

Chart 15: Average comment period, by Member, 2019²⁷



²⁷ This chart includes only those Members that have notified five or more new notifications or revisions in 2019.

3.1.7 Stated objectives of notifications

3.16. "Protection of human health or safety" was once again overwhelmingly the primary objective stated in new notifications submitted in 2019 (Chart 16).²⁸ The second most cited objective was "Quality requirements", followed by "Consumer information, labelling", "Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection", and "Protection of the environment". When comparing this with the most cited objectives for the period 1995 to 2019, the top five objectives remain unchanged, albeit in a different order (Chart 17).

Chart 16: Notification by objective, 2019²⁹

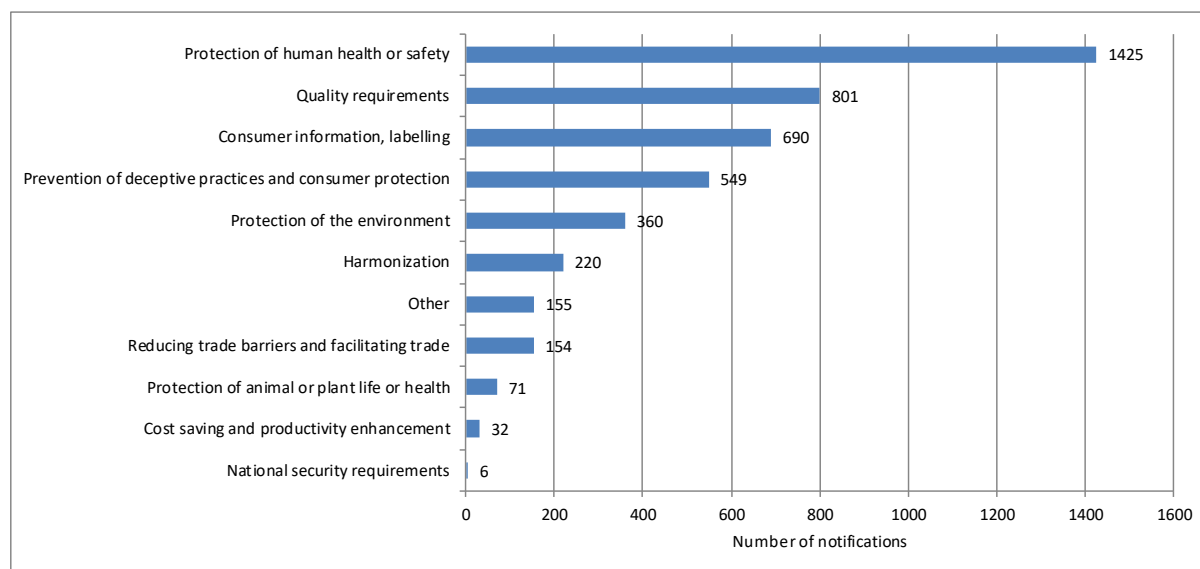
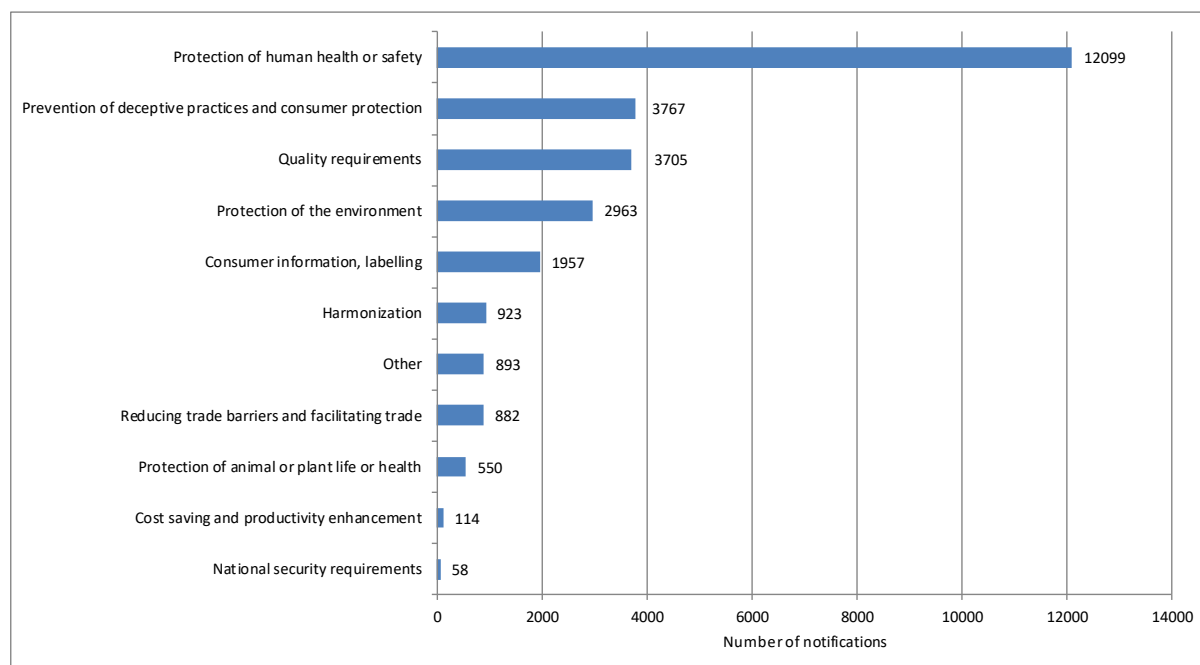


Chart 17: Notification by objective, 1995-2019³⁰



²⁸ The objectives are indicated by Members in Item 7 of the new notification template (see [G/TBT/1/Rev.14](#), pp. 66-69). Notifications may cite multiple objectives.

²⁹ 2 notifications over the stated period did not specify any objective.

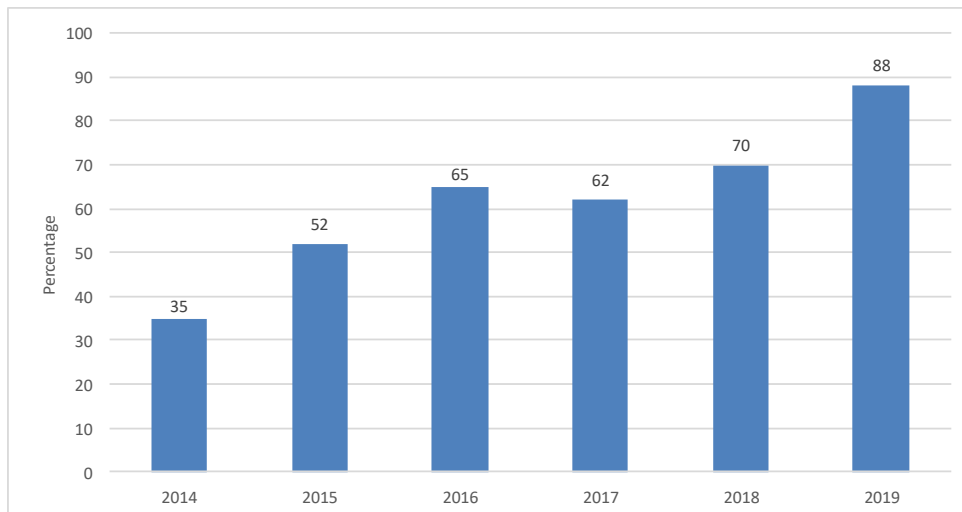
³⁰ 76 notifications over the stated period did not specify any objective.

3.1.8 Online tools for notifications

3.1.8.1 TBT Notification Submission System

3.17. In 2019, 88% of all TBT notifications were submitted using the TBT Notification Submission System (TBT NSS)³¹, continuing a robust upward trend in the number of notifications submitted online (Chart 18).

Chart 18: Percentage of notifications submitted via the TBT NSS, 2014-2019



3.18. 68 Members (listed below) used the TBT NSS in 2019, up from 50 in 2018 (Table 1).³²

Table 1: List of Members that used the TBT NSS in 2019

Member				
Argentina	Dominican Republic	Kenya	Oman	Thailand
Australia	Ecuador	Korea, Republic of	Peru	Trinidad and Tobago
Bahrain, Kingdom of	Egypt	Kuwait, the State of	Philippines	Tunisia
Belgium	Eswatini	Lithuania	Russian Federation	Turkey
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	European Union	Malawi	Rwanda	Uganda
Botswana	Germany	Malaysia	Saint Lucia	Ukraine
Brazil	Ghana	Mexico	Samoa	United Arab Emirates
Burundi	Guyana	Moldova, Republic of	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	United Kingdom
Canada	India	Mongolia	Slovenia	United States of America
Chile	Indonesia	Montenegro	South Africa	Uruguay
China	Israel	Morocco	Sweden	Viet Nam
Colombia	Jamaica	Namibia	Switzerland	Yemen
Côte d'Ivoire	Japan	Nepal	Chinese Taipei	
Czech Republic	Kazakhstan	New Zealand	Tanzania	

³¹ [G/TBT/1/Rev.14](#), Section 6.6.4.1, pages 42-43.

³² For access to the TBT NSS, please contact tbtNSS@wto.org.

3.1.8.2 ePing: SPS/TBT notification alert system

3.19. Given the high volume and diversity of SPS/TBT notifications circulated annually, reaching 5,100 notifications in 2019, it can be a challenge for stakeholders to track and react to evolving product requirements in a timely manner. One of the recommendations of the Seventh Triennial Review concluded in 2015 was for the WTO Secretariat to develop an alert system to facilitate access to these notifications.³³ In response, the WTO partnered with UNDESA and ITC and launched ePing in November 2016. By registering on the publicly available system, users can receive daily or weekly email alerts containing SPS/TBT notifications covering products/markets of interest to them. In addition, ePing's web-based national and international discussion fora can assist Enquiry Points in reaching out to domestic stakeholders and other Enquiry Points to discuss specific notifications and/or exchange complementary information (such as full texts, translations or comments). These features can in turn facilitate the formulation of timely and coordinated comments and/or swift adaptation to new product requirements.

3.20. The Eighth Triennial review report adopted in 2018 contained two further recommendations specifically related to ePing.³⁴ First, the Committee agreed to discuss how ePing can facilitate the work of Enquiry Points and promote access to notifications by the private sector. During the transparency thematic session³⁵ held in June 2019, a number of Members shared their experiences in this regard and ePing was identified as a useful tool for tracking notified regulations, for domestic stakeholder consultation and for international information exchange among Enquiry Points, with a view to reducing trade frictions.³⁶ The Secretariat Background Note circulated in the context of the transparency thematic session also provided further details on registered users' countries and profiles.³⁷

3.21. Second, the Committee agreed to discuss the dissemination of comments received on notified draft measures and substantive replies on a voluntary basis, possibly via existing tools such as ePing. Following preliminary discussions during the June transparency thematic session and the November regular meeting³⁸, Switzerland was the first Member to disseminate official comments on a TBT notification via ePing's international information exchange forum on 20 December 2019.³⁹ In addition, Enquiry Points of Ghana and Malaysia used the forum to share full texts and translations of previously notified measures.⁴⁰

3.22. The Secretariat provided regular updates to the TBT Committee on ePing during the March, June and November meetings.⁴¹ In addition, an ePing walk-in session was held on the margins of the November TBT Committee meeting to present recent enhancements and answer specific queries from Members. Furthermore, ePing was presented during the SPS Committee's workshop on transparency and coordination held in July 2019.⁴²

3.23. Since its launch, ePing has seen a steady rise in subscribers from both the public and private sectors. On 1 January 2019, ePing had 5,569 registered users; by 31 December the number had gone up to 8,821 from 179 countries and territories.⁴³ Around half of registered users are from governments and the rest from private companies, non-governmental organizations, academia and regional/international organizations. Since the beginning of 2018, the online registration form for

³³ Seventh Triennial Review Report, [G/TBT/37](#), para. 5.2.d.iii.

³⁴ Eighth Triennial Review Report, [G/TBT/41](#), paras. 6.19(a.i) and 6.19(f.ii).

³⁵ This Transparency Thematic session also constituted the Ninth Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange, mandated by the TBT Committee to be held on a regular basis ([G/TBT/1/Rev.14](#), para.6.8.1)

³⁶ TBT Thematic Session Moderator's Report [G/TBT/GEN/265](#).

³⁷ Background Information for the Thematic Session on Transparency, [G/TBT/320](#), paras. 2.12-2.23.

³⁸ [G/TBT/M/79](#), paras.2.318.2.319.

³⁹ On notification [G/TBT/N/MEX/178/Add.9](#): <https://www.epingalert.org/en#/Forum/77175/international>

⁴⁰ See for example <https://www.epingalert.org/en#/Forum/76102/international> and <https://www.epingalert.org/en#/Forum/76912/international>

⁴¹ [G/TBT/GEN/262](#); https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tbt_e/2_a_secretariat.pdf; [G/TBT/GEN/274](#).

⁴² https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/spis_e/workshop15072019_e/d1_s3_eping_e.pdf

⁴³ In terms of their registration filters for alerts, 67% of users are interested in receiving notifications affecting "all" products while 33% have selected more specific product categories. With respect to their filters regarding "notifying Members", 87% of registered users are interested in receiving notifications from all Members while others have identified specific trading partners. Regarding types of notifications, 86% are interested in tracking both SPS and TBT notifications while 8% prefer to track TBT notifications only and 6% SPS notifications only.

ePing includes a question as to whether the private sector subscriber is from a company with more or less than 250 employees. The responses indicate that around half of them are from companies with less than 250 employees.

3.24. Table 2 shows the 20 Members with the highest number of registered users. In addition, TBT officials from 81 Members have been granted admin rights upon their request, allowing them to manage ePing at the national level.

Table 2. Members with highest number of ePing registrations

	Member	Number of ePing registrations
1	United States of America	348
2	United Kingdom	342
3	Australia	334
4	Uganda	306
5	Turkey	290
6	Japan	277
7	China	257
8	Malaysia	244
9	Indonesia	242
10	Philippines	238
11	Brazil	213
12	New Zealand	207
13	Canada	198
14	Rwanda	195
15	Tanzania	186
16	Viet Nam	183
17	India	180
18	Peru	166
19	Germany	159
20	Egypt	158

3.25. The WTO, ITC and UNDESA have continued their collaboration in maintaining and introducing enhancements to the system considering experience gained as well as feedback from users. Some of the enhancements have included a more dynamic and user-friendly homepage, a simplified platform for users to share follow up information on notifications and inclusion of all SPS and TBT notifications since 1995. Resources permitting, further enhancements are planned for 2020.

3.2 Other TBT notifications

3.2.1 Notifications under Article 10.7

3.26. No agreements were notified under Article 10.7 in 2019. Since 1995, 149 agreements, four revisions, four corrigenda and one addendum have been notified under Article 10.7. Overall, 23 Members (14% of membership) have submitted at least one notification under Article 10.7.

3.2.2 Notifications under Article 15.2

3.27. In 2019, two notifications were submitted 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, both of which were revisions to previous notifications by Canada and Kenya.⁴⁴ In total, 142 Members have submitted at least one notification under Article 15.2 (see Annex F).

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

3.28. Since the launch of the [WTO ISO Standards Information Gateway](#) in November 2016, there has been a significant increase in engagement by Members and standardizing bodies in notifying both the acceptance of the Code of Good Practice and sharing work programmes. This trilingual platform provides information on standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code of Good Practice and, if available, their work programmes. In 2019, two standardizing bodies notified the acceptance of the Code and 57 notifications of work programmes (existence or updates) were received from 31 different standardizing bodies.⁴⁵ Websites are now the most common way of making work programmes available. At the end of 2019, 119 Standardizing bodies had provided hyperlinks to where their work programmes can be found (others provide the work programmes as pdf files, which are made available on the gateway).

3.29. Between 1995 and 2019, 192 standardizing bodies from 144 Members or Observers accepted the Code of Good Practice. In addition, one regional standardizing body has accepted the Code: the African Organisation for Standardisation. The full list of Standardizing bodies that have accepted the code can be downloaded on the [TBT IMS](#). The [Standards Information Gateway](#) contains links to work programmes, the forms for the acceptance of and withdrawal from the Code of Good Practice, as well as the form to notify work programmes.

3.3 TBT Enquiry Points

3.30. In 2019, the Secretariat reached out to Members with respect to the functioning of Enquiry Points as included in the Eighth Triennial Review recommendation:

"To encourage Members to validate the contact information of their Enquiry Points as contained in the TBT IMS to improve the accuracy and availability of this information. Members are encouraged to either inform the Secretariat that the current information is correct, or to provide the Secretariat with updated information, by the March 2019 meeting"⁴⁶

3.31. With a view to facilitating the validation process, the Secretariat contacted Enquiry Points requesting them to verify and update as necessary their contact information as shown on the [TBT IMS](#). By 31 December 2019, the Enquiry Points of 118 Members had responded to this request. Of these, 36 confirmed that their contact details were correct, while 83 provided updated information on aspects such as contact persons, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers. All changes signalled by Members have been updated in the TBT IMS. Annex G provides a list of the 118 Members who validated their Enquiry Point information in 2019. Those Members which have not yet done so are invited to provide this information to the Secretariat by email (tbt@wto.org).

3.4 Adopted final texts: website information

3.32. In the Eighth Triennial Review, the Committee recommended that Members provide the Secretariat with up-to-date website information for where adopted final texts of technical regulations, as well as applicable conformity assessment procedures, can normally be accessed.⁴⁷ To date, 22 Members have provided this information to the Secretariat. A list of the websites is contained in Annex H.

⁴⁴ The latest list of statements submitted under Article 15.2 is available in the TBT IMS under "reports" (<http://tbtims.wto.org>). This information was previously circulated in the [G/TBT/GEN/1/-](#) series). The list is also included in Annex F.

⁴⁵ The standardizing bodies who accepted the Code in 2019 are: The Calendaring and Scheduling Consortium ("CalConnect") and ASD-STAN. The full list of the standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code can be accessed from the WTO ISO Standards Information Gateway (<https://tbtcode.iso.org/sites/wto-tbt/list-of-standardizing-bodies.html>).

⁴⁶ [G/TBT/41](#), para. 6.19.a.i.

⁴⁷ [G/TBT/41](#), para. 6.19.e.iii-iv.

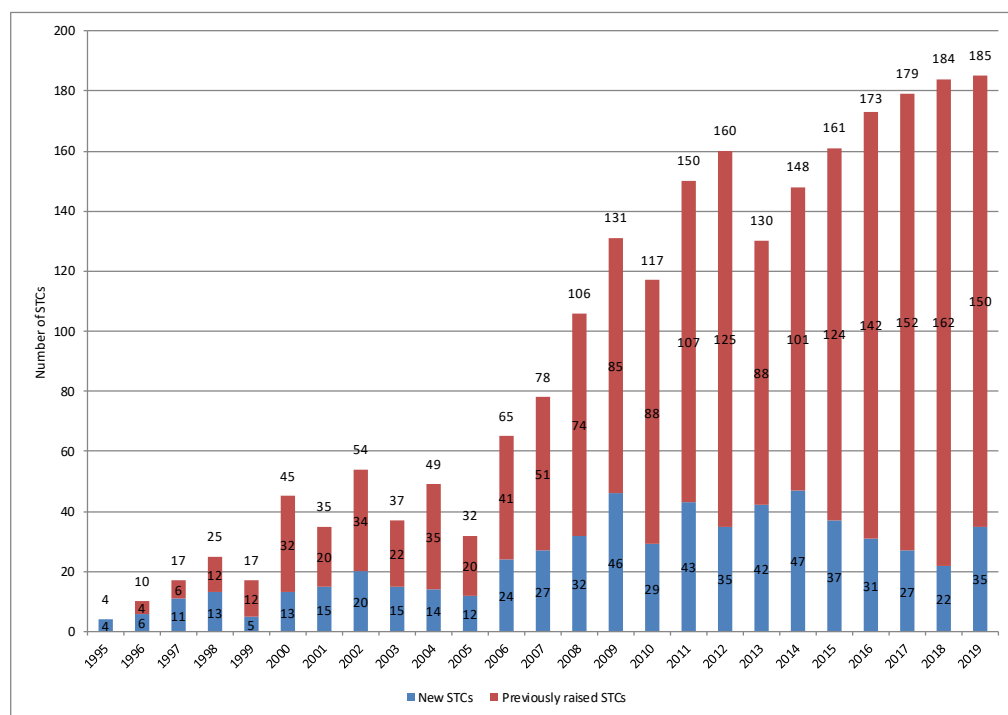
4 SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS⁴⁸

4.1. 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 or final measures. Members thus have the opportunity to review STCs in a multilateral setting, and to seek further information and clarification, working towards resolution of concerns.

4.1 Trends in STCs

4.2. In 2019, Members reviewed a total of 185 STCs, including 35 new concerns. The number of new concerns raised is the highest in any one year since 2015, 13 more than in 2018 (Chart 19). As has been the case in recent years, the vast majority of STCs discussed in 2019 were previously raised STCs. In 2019, Members discussed 150 previously raised concerns in TBT Committee meetings⁴⁹, down from 162 in 2018.⁵⁰ The calculation method applied for the first time in the 2016 Annual Review for the "previously raised STCs" category has again been used.⁵¹ Since 1995, 68 Members (41% of the full membership) have raised at least one STC in the TBT Committee.

Chart 19: STCs raised, 1995-2019



⁴⁸ The data for the charts in this section are drawn from the TBT IMS <http://tbtims.wto.org/>. Further information on STCs is available through the TBT IMS.

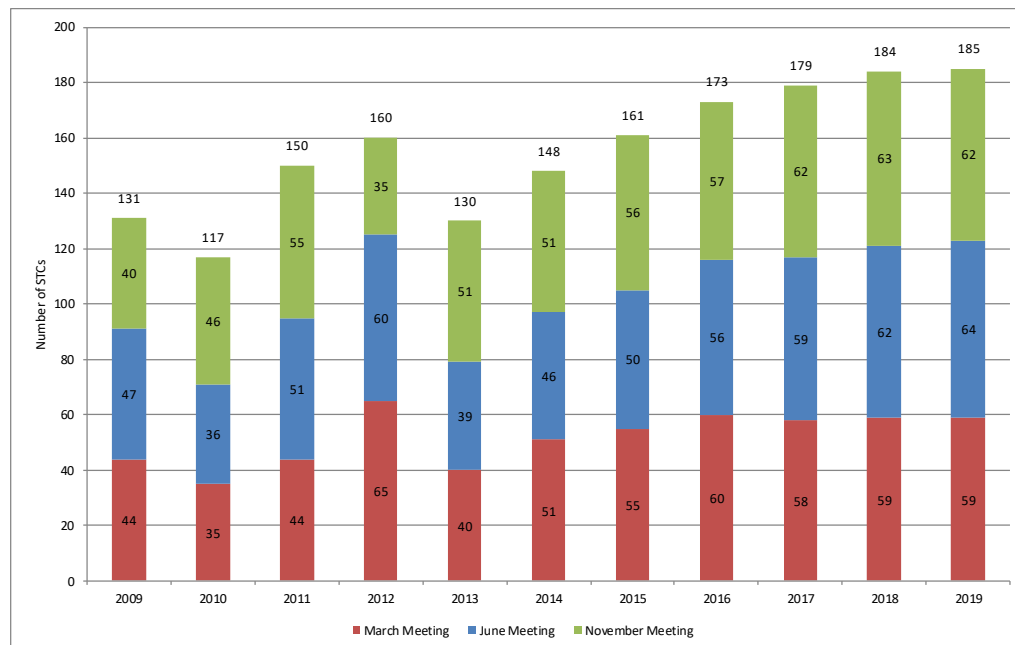
⁴⁹ Each time an STC is raised in the Committee, it is counted, regardless of whether the STC has been raised before in the same calendar year either as a new or previously raised STC.

⁵⁰ A summary of the STCs raised in the Committee in 2019 can be found in Annex D. Annex E provides a more detailed overview of new STCs raised in 2019.

⁵¹ See [G/TBT/39/Rev.1](#), para. 3.19. In Annual Review reports issued prior to 2016, 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 for that year. This method underreported the number of previously raised STCs. Beginning in 2016, and again 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. In other words, Members can be subject to the same STC more than once in the same year and each time the STC is raised in the Committee, it is counted. This gives a more accurate reflection of the number of concerns actually discussed in the Committee in any given year (see Annex D).

4.3. Chart 20 shows the number of STCs discussed per TBT Committee meeting. In 2019, 59 STCs were discussed at the March meeting, 64 STCs at the June meeting, and in November, 62 STCs (Chart 20). This illustrates the steadily increasing workload for the Committee arising from STCs. While in 2009, around 43 STCs were discussed on average per meeting, this number rose to nearly 62 by 2019.

Chart 20: STCs raised per Committee meeting, 2009-2019



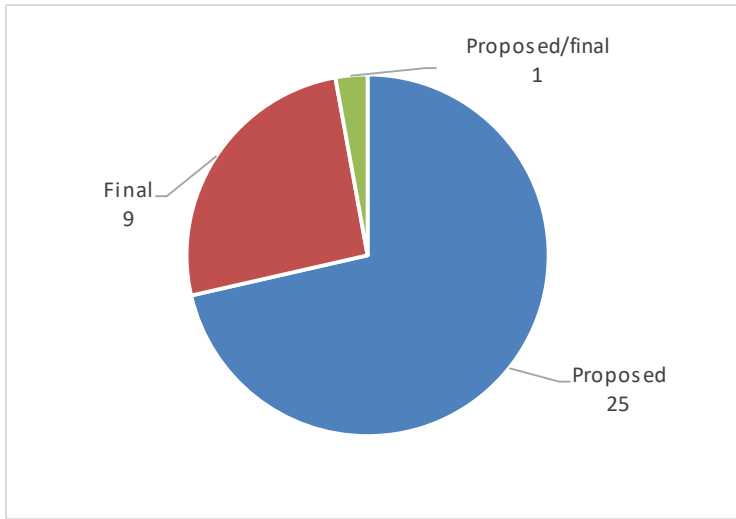
4.4. Members often withdraw a few STCs at the outset of Committee meetings, presumably because of progress made in bilateral discussions, and these are not reflected in Charts 1 and 2. In 2019, Members withdrew 5 STCs at the outset of Committee meetings, as compared to 4 in 2018 and 7 in 2017.⁵²

4.5. As a result of the Eighth Triennial Review, the TBT Committee agreed to new procedures for the inclusion of specific trade concerns in the annotated draft agenda of the TBT Committee.⁵³ These procedures were applied since March 2019. They include an earlier deadline for submitting STCs and circulation of the annotated draft agenda ahead of meetings, and also require that Members provide information about whether STCs are in respect of proposed or final measures. The large majority of new STCs raised in 2019 were in respect of proposed measures (Chart 21), illustrating the pre-emptive role of the Committee's STC discussion in addressing trade frictions.

⁵² [G/TBT/M/71](#) - [G/TBT/M/79](#).

⁵³ [G/TBT/43](#). In the Eighth Triennial Review, Members agreed to apply the procedures on a trial basis for the March and June 2019 meetings ([G/TBT/41](#), para. 8.2 (b.i), and footnote 305). At the June 2019 meeting of the TBT Committee, Members agreed to apply these procedures on a permanent basis ([G/TBT/M/78](#), para. 3.331).

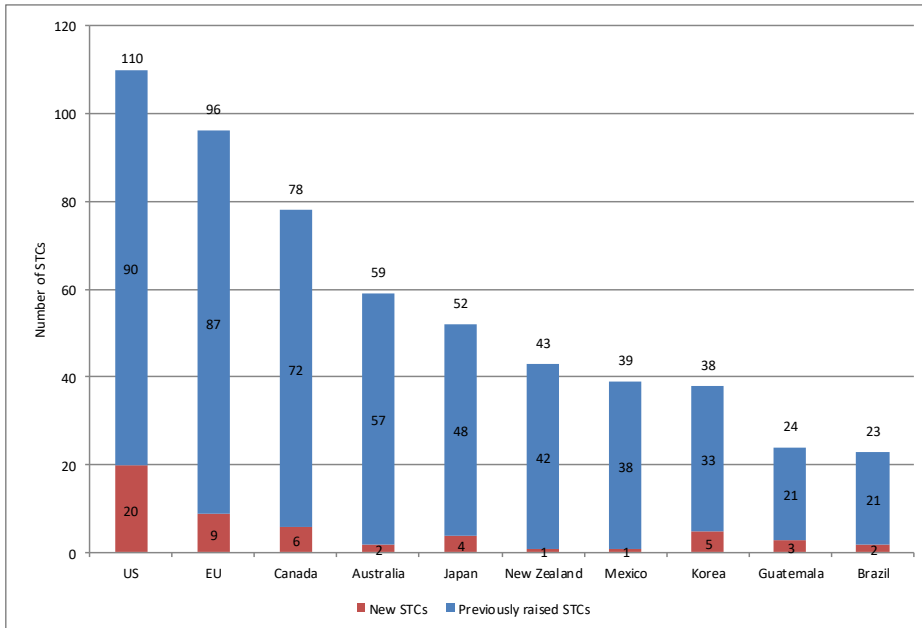
Chart 21: Proposed and final measures, new STCs raised in 2019



4.2 STCs by Member

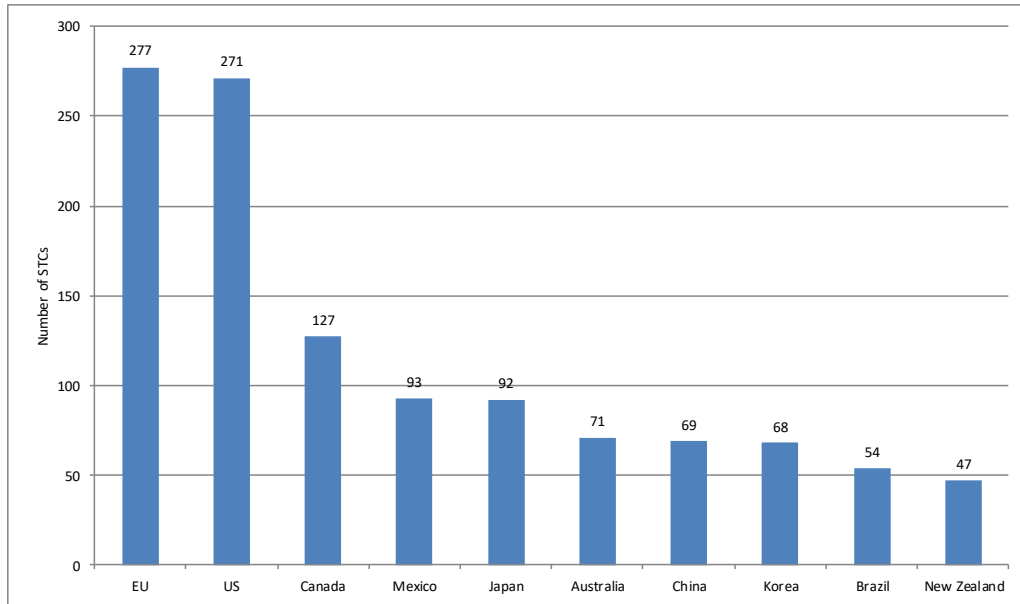
4.6. The US, EU and Canada were the Members that raised most STCs in 2019 (Chart 22). The large majority of these STCs were not new but raised previously.⁵⁴ In 2019, 35 Members raised at least one STC (new or previously raised), compared to 33 in 2018.

Chart 22: Ten Members that raised most (new and previously-raised) STCs during 2019



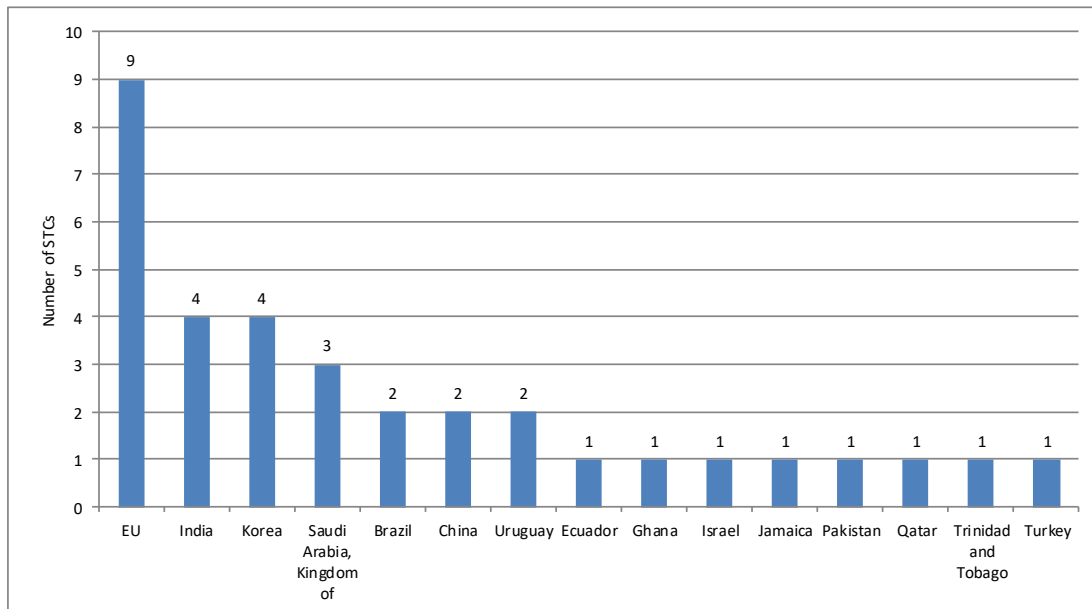
4.7. Chart 23 displays a similar trend: the EU and the US raised most new STCs during the period 1995 to 2019, more than 270 each.

⁵⁴ 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.

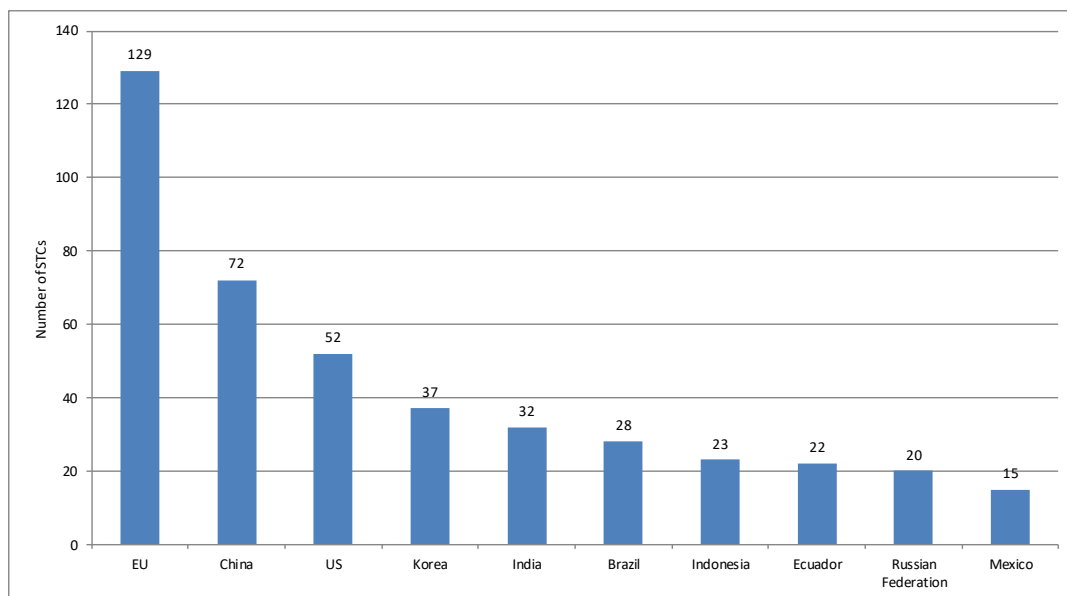
Chart 23: Ten Members that raised most new STCs during 1995-2019

4.3 Members subject to new STCs

4.8. Measures of the EU, as well as of India, Korea, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, were subject to most new STCs raised in the Committee in 2019 (Chart 24).

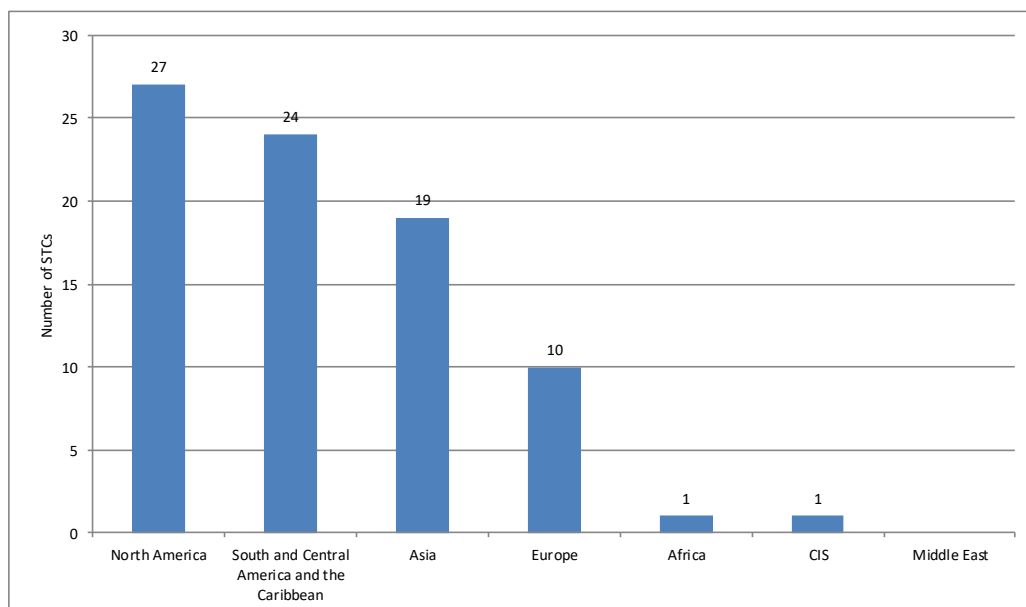
Chart 24: Members subject to new STCs during 2019

4.9. Overall, the EU was the Member subject to most STCs in the Committee between 1995 and 2019, followed by China and the US (Chart 25).

Chart 25: Members subject to most new STCs during 1995-2019

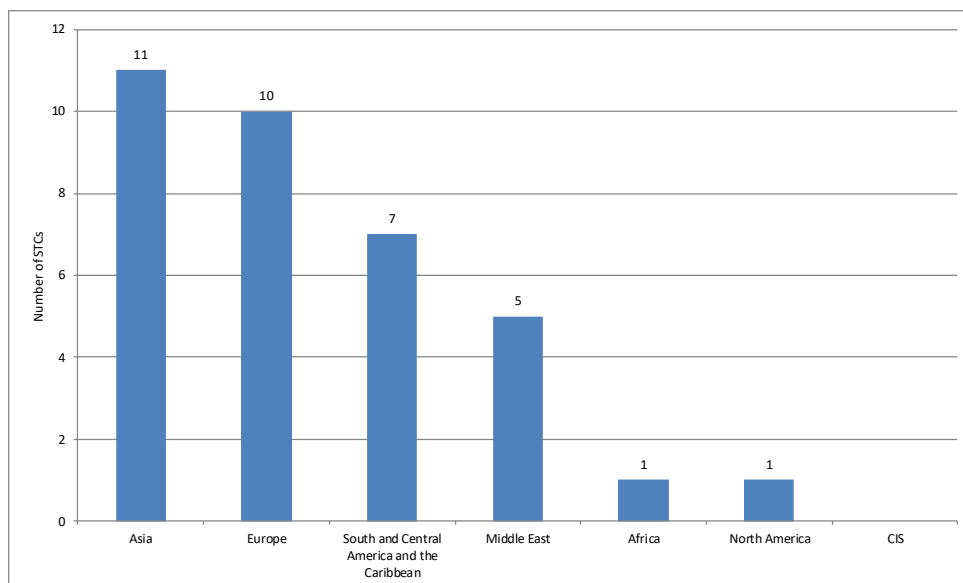
4.4 STCs by region and development status

4.10. Charts 26 and 27 provide information on the regional breakdown of participation in STC discussions. In 2019, Members from North America raised 27 new STCs, from South and Central America and the Caribbean, 24 new STCs, and from Asia, 19 new STCs. No new STCs were raised by Members from the Middle East (Chart 26).

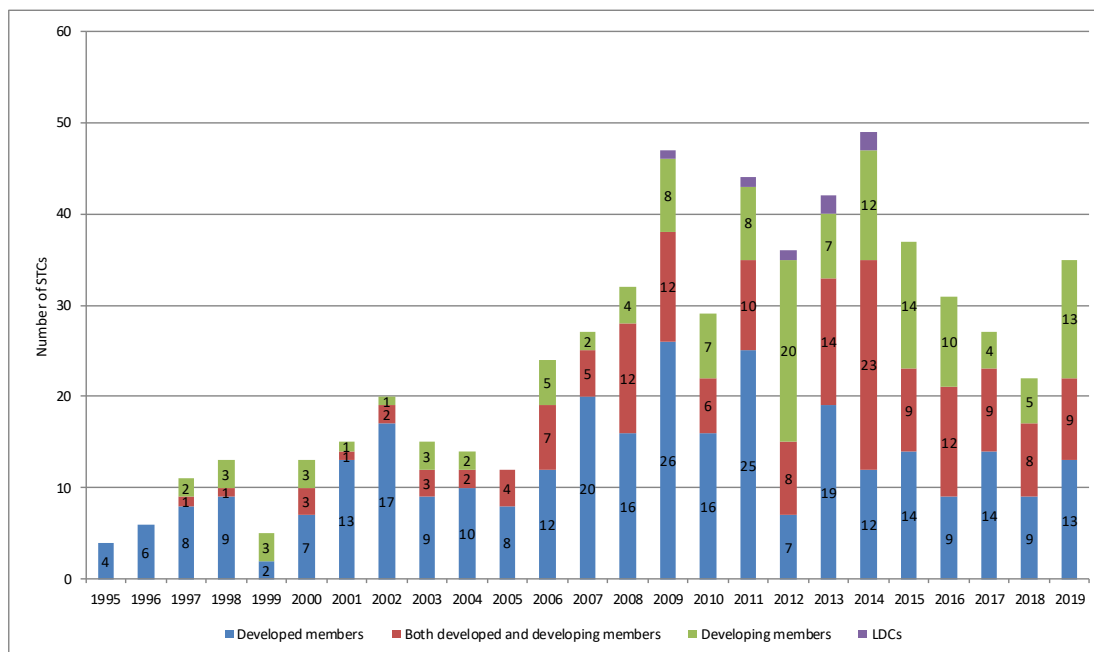
Chart 26: New STCs raised by region, 2019⁵⁵

4.11. On the other hand, Members from Asia were subject to most new STCs, followed by Members from Europe and the South and Central America and the Caribbean (Chart 27).

⁵⁵ "New STCs raised 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.

Chart 27: Subject to new STCs by region, 2019

4.12. In 2019, 13 of the 35 new STCs were raised by developed Members, 13 by developing Members, and 9 by both developing and developed Members. No least-developed Member raised a new STC during the year. These shares have fluctuated over the years, but in general developing Members have become more active in raising new STCs (Chart 28). Compared to previous years, developing Members were more active in raising STCs during 2019; developing Members raised the most new STCs in any year since 2015.

Chart 28: New STCs raised by development status, 1995-2019⁵⁶

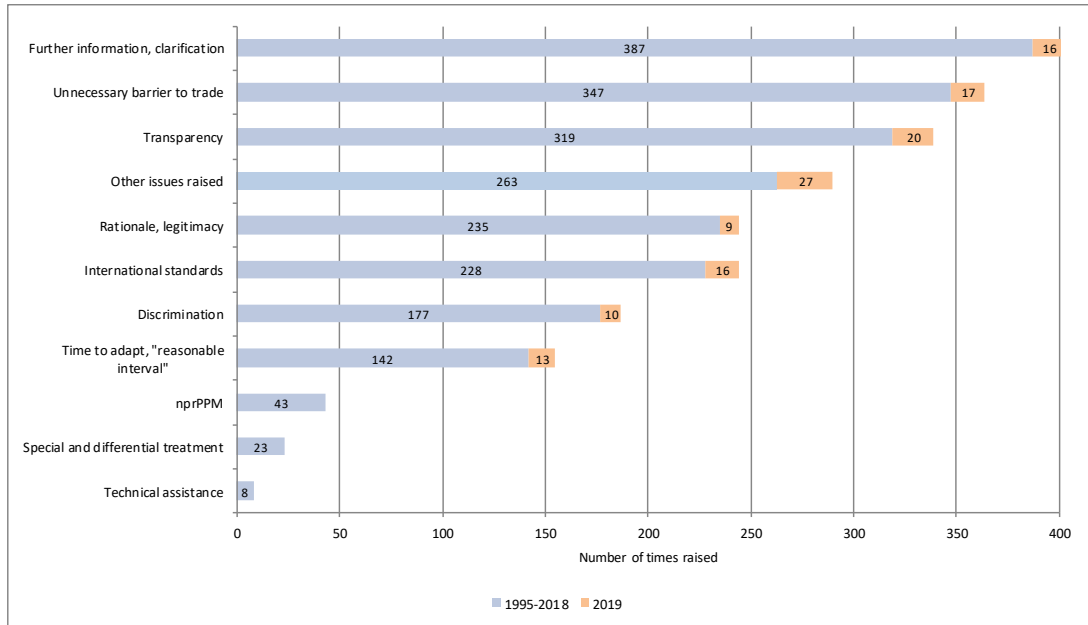
4.5 Types of concerns raised in STCs

4.13. Of the issues highlighted by concerned Members in new STCs raised in 2019, 20 dealt with concerns about lack of notification or opportunity to comment (transparency), 17 with concerns about unnecessary barriers to trade, 16 with the concerned Members' need for more information on

⁵⁶ This chart indicates the development status of Members that raised a new STC. An STC can be raised by several Members, each with a different development status.

state of play of a measure, or clarification on certain elements thereof, 16 with inconsistency with or non-use of international standards, 13 with the time given for manufacturers to adapt to new requirements (6-month reasonable interval), 10 with concerns about discrimination, and 9 with concerns about the legitimacy of the measure (Chart 29). In addition, a number of other issues were raised in 27 instances.⁵⁷

Chart 29: Types of concerns raised, 1995-2019⁵⁸

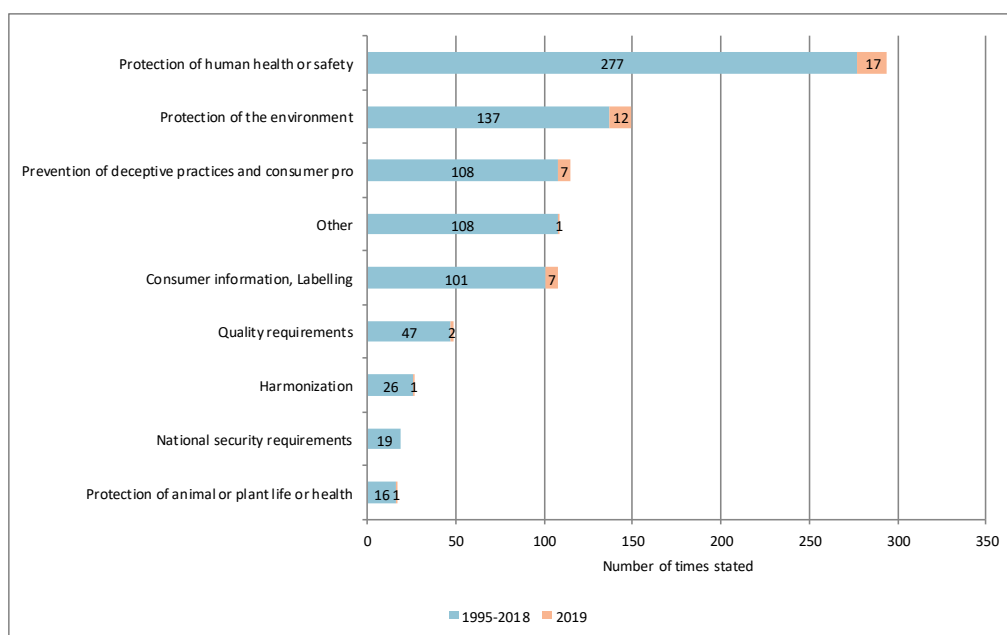


4.6 Stated objectives of measures subject to STCs

4.14. By far the most common stated objective of measures subject to STCs between 1995-2019 was "Protection of human health and safety", matching the main objective cited in TBT notifications (Chart 30, Chart 17). Information about the stated objective of measures subject to STCs is derived from the notification itself, or through the discussion of the particular measure in the Committee.

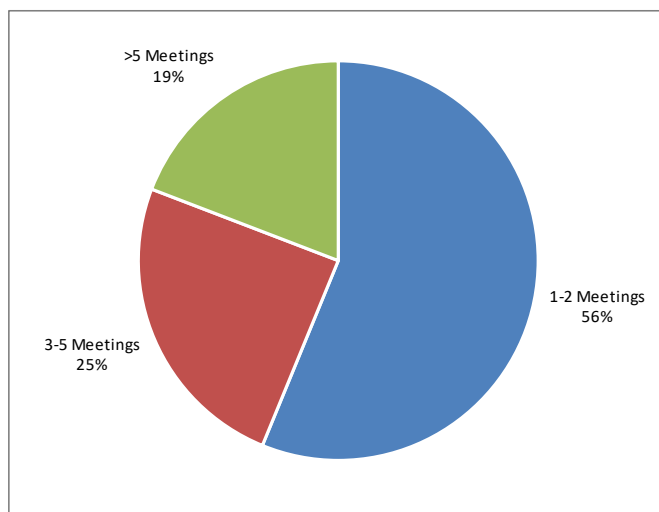
⁵⁷ 'Other issues' cover a range of otherwise unclassified concerns, e.g. the burdensome nature of requirements, the absence of scientific evidence, or unpredictability and lack of clarity of the measure.

⁵⁸ Concerned Members may raise more than one type of concern per STC.

Chart 30: Stated objectives for the measures raised as STCs, 1995-2019⁵⁹

4.7 Number of times STCs are raised

4.15. The number of times that an STC is raised may be related to the importance Members attach to the concern or whether progress was made in addressing concerns. STCs which are raised at only one or two meetings may represent concerns for which some progress was found. On the other hand, longstanding STCs raised at five or more meetings may represent concerns for which less progress has been made. The majority of STCs (56%) have been raised at one or two Committee meetings, 25% were raised 3 to 5 times, and only 19% were raised more than 5 times (Chart 31).

Chart 31: Number of times an STC is raised, 1995-2019

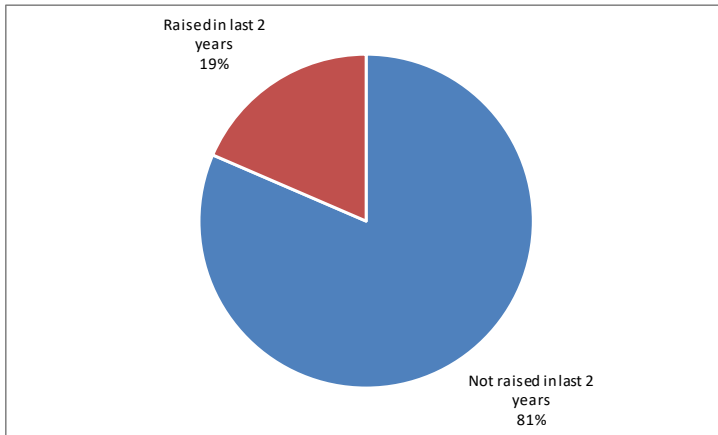
4.16. Moreover, 81% of all STCs (discussed in the TBT Committee since 1995) were not raised over the last two years (i.e. during the last six meetings of the Committee) (Chart 32). The remaining 19% were raised over the last two years.⁶⁰ These figures indicate that an important share of the

⁵⁹ Measures subject to STCs may have more than one objective. Each objective identified is counted.

⁶⁰ Around half of the STCs included in this group were brought to the Committee for the first time ("new STCs") over the past two years. The other half are STCs that were first brought to the Committee prior to 2018.

STCs discussed in the TBT Committee are no longer on the agenda, and presumably some form of progress was achieved, or Members pursued the issue through other means.

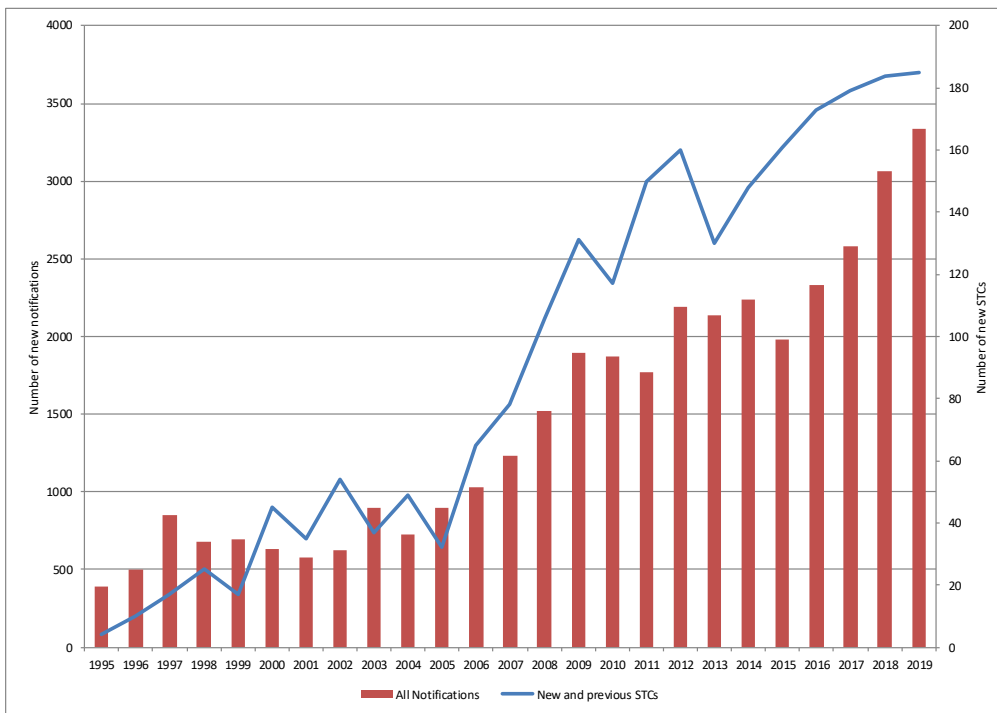
Chart 32: Share of STCs discussed in last 2 years, raised during 1995-2019



4.8 Relationship between notifications and STCs

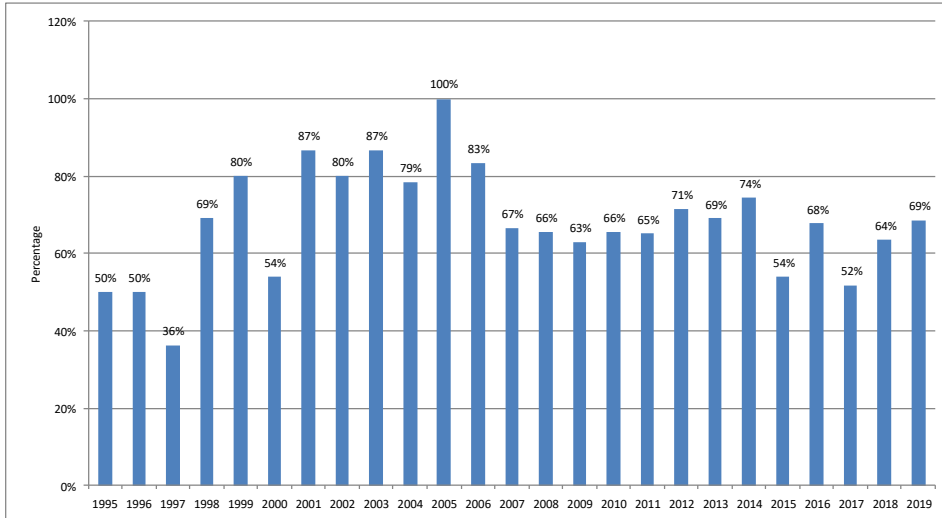
4.17. The number of notifications submitted and STCs raised have generally followed a similar trend from 1995 to 2019 (Chart 33, Chart 1, Chart 19).

Chart 33: Notifications and new and previous STCs, 1995-2019



4.18. Overall, 68% of STCs raised since 1995 concern a measure notified to the TBT Committee. In 2019, 69% of new STCs raised were related to notified measures (Chart 34).

Chart 34: New STCs discussed related to notified measures, 1995-2019



5 DISPUTES INVOLVING PROVISIONS OF THE TBT AGREEMENT

5.1. Since 1995, 55 WTO disputes have cited the TBT Agreement in their respective requests for consultations, the first formal step to initiate a WTO case. During 2019 Indonesia submitted a consultation request concerning certain measures by the European Union on palm oil and oil palm crop-based biofuels (DS593).

5.2. In addition, during 2019 the appeal proceedings of these two TBT disputes were still ongoing:

- a. Ukraine's appeal, followed by the Russian Federation's cross-appeal, of the 2018 Panel Report deciding a dispute brought by Ukraine against certain Russian measures affecting the importation of railway equipment (DS499)⁶¹; and
- b. Honduras' and the Dominican Republic's appeals of the 2018 Panel Report deciding disputes they brought against certain Australian measures mandating tobacco plain packaging (DS435 and DS441, respectively).⁶²

6 SECRETARIAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

6.1. Similar to previous years, in 2019 the Secretariat continued to receive requests for, and deliver, a significant number of 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. In 2019, 37 such activities were organized by the WTO Secretariat. These activities covered TBT matters either exclusively or in part. Some were organized in cooperation with other WTO Secretariat Divisions (e.g. Agriculture and Commodities Division's SPS team) or international organizations. The activities included, for example, two Geneva-based advanced TBT courses, six regional TBT workshops, and 13 national TBT workshops. Like in the previous year, 2019 was also marked by a particularly strong demand for, and delivery of, *national* TBT TA activities. This may indicate a new trend as the numbers of national TBT TA activities delivered in 2018 (15) and 2019 (13) were markedly higher than those delivered in 2017 (10) and 2016 (7). For the first time, the WTO Secretariat organized a Advanced Short Course on TBT in November 2019.⁶³ These activities were designed to help participants expand their understanding of the TBT Agreement, discuss challenges in implementing the Agreement and to learn more about the work of the TBT Committee. Like in the previous year, in 2019 there was also a marked demand for training activities on TBT transparency in general, and ePing in particular. Looking ahead, and as indicated in previous Annual Reviews, TBT transparency continues to be an issue of increasing interest to Members, and there is growing demand for TA in this area, particularly on ePing.

6.2. The Secretariat received an increasing number of capacity building requests related to ePing and has continued to include ePing in its capacity building activities, sometimes through brief presentations and sometimes through detailed hands-on training sessions, depending on the context, beneficiaries and their requests. In addition, upon request, tailored training materials have been provided to Enquiry Points for them to run training sessions for their domestic stakeholders. A user guide as well as a short introductory film on ePing can also be accessed through the ePing website. In addition, a 2-page flyer on ePing is available in seven languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Japanese, Russian and Spanish) and can be downloaded from the ePing website under 'reference materials'.

6.3. Additionally, during the course of 2019, a total of 14 TBT modules were delivered within the programmes of various broader WTO TA activities, including Geneva-based and Regional Trade Policy Courses ("RTPCs"). Finally, in 2019, three distance learning courses specifically on the TBT Agreement were held.

⁶¹ Ukraine's appeal and Russia's cross-appeal were submitted on 27 August 2018 and 3 September 2018, respectively. These proceedings continued over 2019 and were still ongoing in 2020 (as of the date of circulation of this Note).

⁶² The appeals were submitted by Honduras and the Dominican Republic on 19 July 2018 and 23 August 2018, respectively. These proceedings continued over 2019 and were still ongoing in 2020 (as of the date of circulation of this Note). The Panel Reports of the disputes brought by Cuba and Indonesia against the same Australian measures (DS458 and DS467, respectively) were not appealed. These Panel Reports were thus adopted by the Dispute Settlement Body on 27 August 2018.

⁶³ https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/tra_15nov19_e.htm

ANNEX

A. Notifications by Member, 1995-2019¹

Members	Regular notifications 2019	Addenda and Corrigenda 2019	Revisions 2019	Total Notifications 2019	Total number of notifications made since 1995
Afghanistan	0	0	0	0	2
Albania	5	0	0	5	93
Angola	0	0	0	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda	0	0	0	0	0
Argentina	27	68	0	95	817
Armenia	0	0	0	0	92
Australia	6	3	0	9	231
Austria	0	0	0	0	4
Bahrain, Kingdom of	11	1	0	12	575
Bangladesh	2	0	0	2	2
Barbados	0	0	0	0	10
Belgium	2	0	0	2	211
Belize	0	0	0	0	12
Benin	0	0	0	0	2
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	6	9	0	15	58
Botswana	8	0	0	8	111
Brazil	98	102	0	200	1,926
Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	0	2
Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	0
Burundi	48	0	0	48	61
Cabo Verde	0	0	0	0	0
Cambodia	0	0	0	0	22
Cameroon	0	0	0	0	8
Canada	28	14	1	43	1,108
Central African Republic	0	0	0	0	10
Chad	0	0	0	0	0
Chile	46	34	0	80	786
China	91	0	0	91	1,469
Colombia	5	19	0	24	679
Congo	0	0	0	0	3
Costa Rica	3	10	0	13	267
Côte d'Ivoire	17	0	0	17	17
Croatia	0	0	0	0	39
Cuba	1	0	0	1	21

¹ Supplement notifications are not included in this table.

Members	Regular notifications 2019	Addenda and Corrigenda 2019	Revisions 2019	Total Notifications 2019	Total number of notifications made since 1995
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	1
Czech Republic	18	28	0	46	466
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark	0	0	0	0	252
Djibouti	0	0	0	0	0
Dominica	0	0	0	0	15
Dominican Republic	4	0	0	4	280
Ecuador	135	133	63	331	1,380
Egypt	36	35	0	71	373
El Salvador	1	7	0	8	305
Estonia	0	0	0	0	15
Eswatini	8	0	0	8	9
European Union	58	4	0	62	1,638
Fiji	0	0	0	0	1
Finland	22	0	0	22	99
France	3	0	0	3	258
Gabon	0	0	0	0	2
Georgia	0	0	0	0	106
Germany	2	0	0	2	27
Ghana	5	0	0	5	17
Greece	0	0	0	0	0
Grenada	8	0	0	8	28
Guatemala	2	7	0	9	133
Guinea	0	0	0	0	1
Guinea-Bissau	0	0	0	0	0
Guyana	33	2	0	35	56
Haiti	0	0	0	0	1
Honduras	3	10	0	13	126
Hong Kong, China	1	0	0	1	95
Hungary	1	0	0	1	36
Iceland	0	0	0	0	2
India	31	0	1	32	185
Indonesia	5	5	2	12	251
Ireland	0	0	0	0	5
Israel	66	1	0	67	1,326
Italy	2	0	0	2	36
Jamaica	3	0	0	3	113
Japan	29	7	1	37	935
Jordan	0	0	0	0	48

Members	Regular notifications 2019	Addenda and Corrigenda 2019	Revisions 2019	Total Notifications 2019	Total number of notifications made since 1995
Kazakhstan	3	0	0	3	26
Kenya	170	24	0	194	981
Korea, Republic of	65	4	0	69	1,035
Kuwait, the State of	81	1	0	82	542
Kyrgyz Republic	0	0	0	0	49
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0	0	0	0	1
Latvia	0	0	0	0	31
Lesotho	0	0	0	0	0
Liberia	0	0	0	0	3
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	1	0	0	1	40
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	0
Macao, China	12	2	0	14	20
Madagascar	0	0	0	0	0
Malawi	21	0	0	21	39
Malaysia	16	1	0	17	272
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	2	0	0	2	11
Mexico	17	35	0	52	1,185
Moldova, Republic of	3	0	0	3	54
Mongolia	4	0	0	4	11
Montenegro	15	0	0	15	15
Morocco	2	0	0	2	28
Mozambique	1	0	0	1	15
Myanmar	0	0	0	0	2
Namibia	0	1	0	1	3
Nepal	3	0	0	3	9
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	630
New Zealand	11	3	0	14	164
Nicaragua	1	7	0	8	200
Niger	0	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	8
North Macedonia	0	0	0	0	8
Norway	0	0	0	0	89
Oman	11	1	0	12	412
Pakistan	0	0	0	0	119

Members	Regular notifications 2019	Addenda and Corrigenda 2019	Revisions 2019	Total Notifications 2019	Total number of notifications made since 1995
Panama	7	14	0	21	125
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0	1
Paraguay	8	1	0	9	139
Peru	10	22	0	32	165
Philippines	21	1	1	23	304
Poland	0	0	0	0	7
Portugal	0	0	0	0	1
Qatar	9	1	0	10	605
Romania	0	0	0	0	94
Russian Federation	4	2	0	6	95
Rwanda	69	0	0	69	289
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Lucia	1	0	0	1	57
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0	0	0	0	13
Samoa	1	0	0	1	1
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	21	9	4	34	1,146
Senegal	0	0	0	0	14
Seychelles	0	0	0	0	4
Sierra Leone	0	0	0	0	0
Singapore	3	2	0	5	77
Slovak Republic	0	0	0	0	54
Slovenia	7	0	0	7	122
Solomon Islands	0	0	0	0	0
South Africa	7	5	4	16	385
Spain	1	1	0	2	78
Sri Lanka	1	0	0	1	54
Suriname	0	0	0	0	1
Sweden	2	0	0	2	233
Switzerland	8	1	0	9	330
Chinese Taipei	51	55	1	107	637
Tajikistan	0	0	0	0	6
Tanzania	137	2	0	139	375
Thailand	33	13	1	47	811
The Gambia	3	0	0	3	5
Togo	0	0	0	0	2
Tonga	0	0	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	3	0	1	4	137
Tunisia	1	0	0	1	29
Turkey	9	5	1	15	176

Members	Regular notifications 2019	Addenda and Corrigenda 2019	Revisions 2019	Total Notifications 2019	Total number of notifications made since 1995
Uganda	146	296	0	442	1,787
Ukraine	15	15	0	30	241
United Arab Emirates	14	2	0	16	474
United Kingdom	1	0	0	1	55
United States of America	121	143	6	270	3,738
Uruguay	10	4	1	15	42
Vanuatu	1	0	0	1	1
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	0	0	0	0	35
Viet Nam	20	2	0	22	173
Yemen	10	1	0	11	171
Zambia	0	0	0	0	88
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	1
Grand Total	2,074	1,175	88	3,337	36,641

B. Revised Recommendation of the Committee on Coherent Use of Notification Formats²

The Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade makes the following revised recommendation to enhance the coherent use of the notification formats:

Type	Description
New Notification	Members should use a new notification ³ to notify the draft text of a proposed technical regulation or conformity assessment procedure (hereafter referred to as the "notified measure"). If the notified measure is associated with a previously notified measure (e.g. amending or supplementing an adopted measure, or replacing a withdrawn or revoked measure), the symbol(s) of the associated notified measure(s) should be indicated in Box 8 of the new notification.
Addenda	<p>Members should use an addendum (see the annexed template) to notify additional information related to a notification or the text of a notified measure, including if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The comment period has been changed (e.g. extended or re-opened); • The notified measure is adopted, published, or enters into force, especially in cases where relevant dates have not been provided in the original notification or have been changed. Members are encouraged to indicate how the final text of the measure can be obtained, including website address; • The notified measure is withdrawn or revoked. If replaced with a new measure, where possible, the symbol of the corresponding new notification should be indicated; • The content or scope of a notified measure is partially changed or amended. In this case, Members should consider opening a new comment period; • Interpretive guidance is issued; and • Any other useful and relevant additional information directly related to a notification or notified measure has been made available that does not qualify as a corrigenda, revision or supplement.
Corrigenda	<p>Members should use a corrigendum to correct minor administrative or clerical errors (which do not entail any changes to the meaning of the content) in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a notification or subsequent related addendum or revision; and • the text of the notified measure.
Revision	Members should use a revision to indicate that the notified measure has been substantially re-drafted prior to adoption or entry into force. A revision replaces the original notification. A revision should normally open a new comment period.
Supplement	Members should use a supplement to notify the availability of unofficial translations of notified measures. ⁴

² [G/TBT/35/Rev.1](#), 21 November 2019.

³ A "notification" refers to the official WTO document which is part of document series "G/TBT/N/[three digit country code]/#".

⁴ In 2007 the TBT Committee agreed ([G/TBT/M/43](#), Section II.C.3, 21 January 2008) that Members should use the formats for unofficial translations contained in [G/TBT/1/Rev.11](#), Annex 5 – Unofficial Translations. Further information is contained in [G/TBT/GEN/66](#).



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Addendum

The following communication, dated [Date], is being circulated at the request of the delegation of [Member].

Title: [Notified measure]

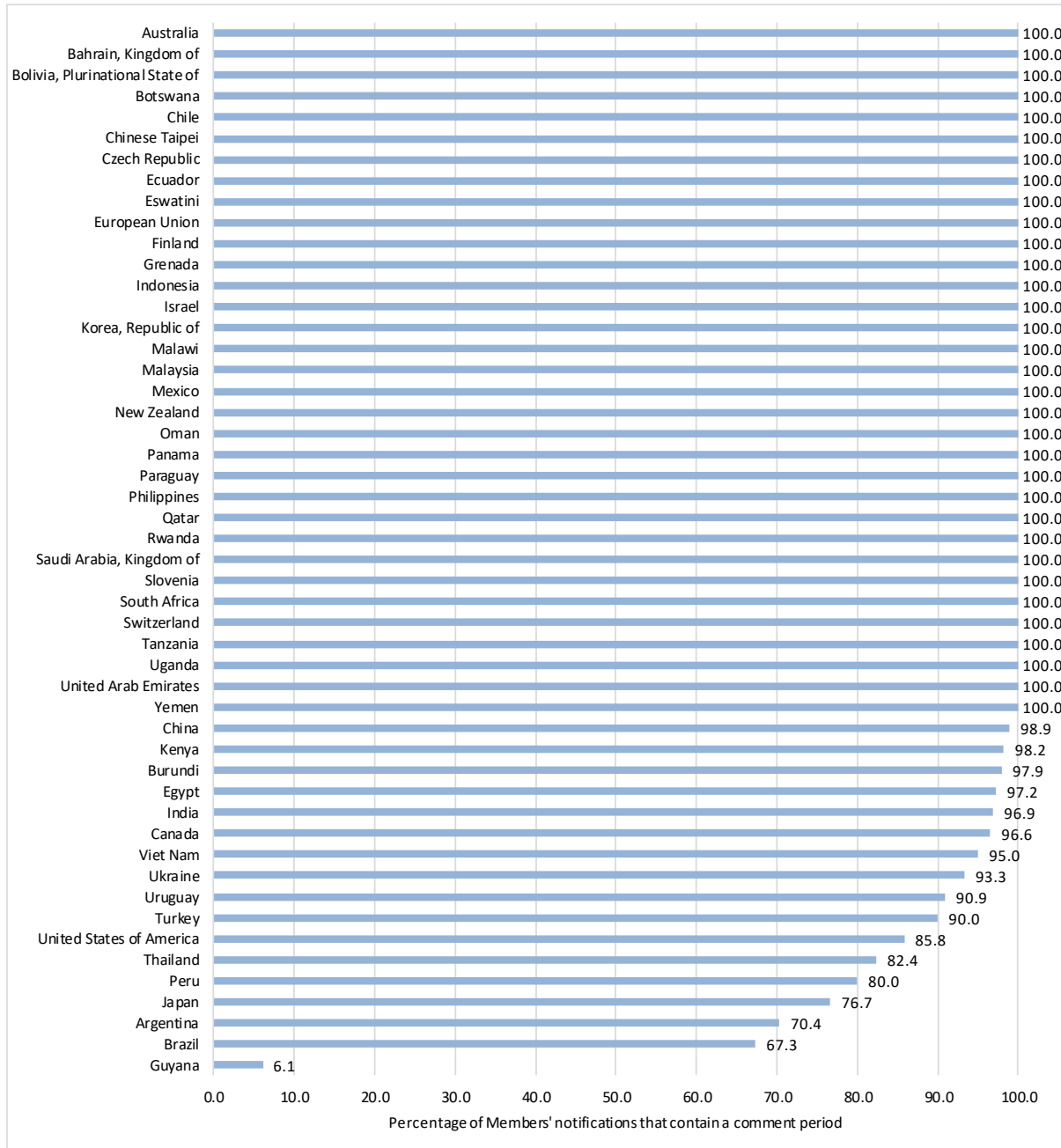
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Description: [Free text – brief summary]

⁵ This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final measure can be obtained.

⁶ See [G/TBT/GEN/65](#), 14 December 2007.

C. Percentage of notifications that contain a comment period, by Member, 2019⁷



⁷ This chart includes only those Members that have notified five or more new notifications or revisions in 2019.

D. Summary of STCs raised in 2019

The following table lists the 185 specific trade concerns raised in the TBT Committee during 2019 (comprising 85 individual STCs). The second column contains the name of the specific trade concern.

Symbol	Title	Date last raised	Members raising	Frequency raised (1995-2019)	Number of times raised (2019)
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)	13 November 2019	4	28	3
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)	13 November 2019	7	27	3
332	Russian Federation - Draft Technical Regulation on Alcohol Drinks Safety (published on 24 October 2011) (ID 332)	13 November 2019	9	24	3
328	Indonesia - Technical Guidelines for the Implementation of the Adoption and Supervision of Indonesian National Standards for Obligatory Toy Safety (ID 328)	13 November 2019	5	24	3
345	European Union - 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)	13 November 2019	7	22	3
367	India - Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012 (ID 367)	13 November 2019	8	21	3
393	European Union - Hazard-based approach to plant protection products and setting of import tolerances (ID 393)	13 November 2019	20	20	3

Symbol	Title	Date last raised	Members raising	Frequency raised (1995-2019)	Number of times raised (2019)
428	China - Regulations for the Supervision and Administration of Medical Devices (Order No. 650 of the State Council) (ID 428)	13 November 2019	5	17	3
466	China - Registration Fees for Drugs and Medical Device Products (ID 466)	13 November 2019	4	14	3
489	China - Insurance Regulatory Commission (CIRC) Information and Communication Technology Regulation (ID 489)	13 November 2019	6	13	3
477	China - Interim Measures for Quality Management of Commercial Coal (ID 477)	13 November 2019	2	13	3
494	India - Draft Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages Standards) Regulations, 2015 (ID 494)	13 November 2019	12	12	3
502	Indonesia - Halal Product Assurance Law No. 33 of 2014 (ID 502)	13 November 2019	6	12	3
497	Russian Federation - Rules of cement certification (ID 497)	13 November 2019	3	12	3
505	Egypt - Manufacturer Registration System (Decree No. 43/2016 and Decree No. 992/2015) (ID 505)	13 November 2019	14	11	3
509	China - National Standards on Limits of Volatile Organic Compounds for Furniture (ID 509)	13 November 2019	1	11	3
511	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu - Draft of the Organic Agriculture Act (ID 511)	13 November 2019	1	11	3
516	Ireland - Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015 (ID 516)	13 November 2019	7	10	3
526	China - Cybersecurity Law (ID 526)	13 November 2019	8	9	3
524	European Union - Organic production and labelling - Maté (erva-mate) (ID 524)	13 November 2019	1	9	3
539	European Union - Titanium dioxide: Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP Regulation), Annex VI, Part 2 (ID 539)	13 November 2019	8	8	3
533	China - Cyberspace Administration of China - Draft implementing measures for the Cybersecurity Review of Network Products and Services (ID 533)	13 November 2019	6	8	3
535	European Union - Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 - non-renewal of approval of the active substance picoxystrobin (ID 535)	13 November 2019	6	8	3

Symbol	Title	Date last raised	Members raising	Frequency raised (1995-2019)	Number of times raised (2019)
534	China - Draft revised Encryption Law of the People's Republic of China by the Office of State Commercial Cryptography Administration (OSCCA) (ID 534)	13 November 2019	5	8	3
547	China - Certification requirements for processed foods (ID 547)	13 November 2019	9	7	3
549	Viet Nam - Decree on the regulation on conditions for automobiles manufacturing, assembling importing and automotive warranty & maintenance services (ID 549)	13 November 2019	7	7	3
544	Viet Nam - Cybersecurity Measures (ID 544)	13 November 2019	6	7	3
545	China - Catalogue of Solid Wastes Forbidden to Import into China (ID 545)	13 November 2019	6	7	3
546	India - Amended regulation on toy imports (ID 546)	13 November 2019	6	7	3
553	European Union - Amendments to the Directive 2009/28/EC, Renewable Energy Directive (ID 553)	13 November 2019	10	6	3
555	European Union - Application of Regulation No. 1169/2011 and Regulation (EC) No. 1924/2006 as regards the labelling of food products, in not prohibiting or examining the use of "palm oil free" labels (ID 555)	13 November 2019	8	6	3
556	Thailand - New certification requirements under the Thai Ministry of Finance's Ministerial Notification on Importation of Spirits into the Kingdom of Thailand (B.E 2560) (ID 556)	13 November 2019	8	6	3
557	Brazil - Draft Technical Resolution n° 51, 7 April 2017 on labelling of beverages, wine, and grape derivatives (ID 557)	13 November 2019	1	5	3
559	United States - TSA Certification on security screening equipment) (ID 559)	13 November 2019	1	5	3
567	Russian Federation - Federal law No 487-FZ, providing a framework for comprehensive use of special labelling and traceability of goods and Decision No. 792-r specifying the goods to which labelling will apply and the dates of introduction of the mandatory labelling (ID 567)	13 November 2019	2	4	3

Symbol	Title	Date last raised	Members raising	Frequency raised (1995-2019)	Number of times raised (2019)
568	Brazil - Technical Regulation 14, 8 February 2018, to set the additional official identity, quality standards for wine and derivatives of grape and wine products as well as the requirements to be acquainted and Technical Regulation No. 48, 31 August 2018 published in the Official Gazette on 10 September 2018 (ID 568)	13 November 2019	2	4	3
579	European Union - Chlorothalonil (pesticide active substance) (ID 579)	13 November 2019	10	3	3
580	European Union - Transitional periods for MRLs and international consultations (ID 580)	13 November 2019	10	3	3
577	Republic of Korea - Warning statement and graphic health warnings on alcoholic beverages (ID 577)	13 November 2019	6	3	3
578	Uruguay - Labelling of Packaged Food (ID 578)	13 November 2019	5	3	3
576	China - Cosmetics Supervision and Administration Regulation (Draft) (ID 576)	13 November 2019	4	3	3
575	European Union - Draft Commission Regulation laying down eco-design requirements for electronic displays pursuant to Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1275/2008 and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) 642/2009 (and its accompanying annexes)" (ID 575)	13 November 2019	3	3	3
566	Chile - Public Consultation for draft legislation setting out rules on the preparation, description and labelling of milk products deriving from milk (ID 566)	13 November 2019	3	3	2
583	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Technical Regulation for plastic products OXO - biodegradable (ID 583)	13 November 2019	2	3	3
590	Uruguay - Analysis of Imported Products - Resolution of the Board of the National Grape-Growing and Wine Production Institute (INAVI) of 14 February 2019. Resolution of the Board of INAVI postponing implementation until 1 May 2019) - exogenous water in wine (ID 590)	13 November 2019	5	2	2
589	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Added Sugar Upper Limit in Some Food Products (ID 589)	13 November 2019	4	2	2

Symbol	Title	Date last raised	Members raising	Frequency raised (1995-2019)	Number of times raised (2019)
594	European Union - Medical Device Regulation (MDR) and In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulation (IVDR) (ID 594)	13 November 2019	2	2	2
588	Republic of Korea - Package Recycle Classification Regulation (ID 588)	13 November 2019	2	2	2
585	European Union - Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/945 on Unmanned Aircraft Systems and on Third-country Operators of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ID 585)	13 November 2019	1	2	2
592	European Union - Concerns on regulations with regard to eco-design requirements for various products in EU (ID 592)	13 November 2019	1	2	2
596	European Union - Revised Draft EU Regulation on Ecological Design Requirements for External Power Supply (IMS ID 596)	13 November 2019	1	1	1
597	Brazil - Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA Ordinance 79, of 13 May 2019 establishing a public consultation to amend the Technical Regulation 67, 05 November 2018 regarding the procedures and requirements for export and import certification of beverages, fermented acetic, wines and wine and grapes derived products (IMS ID 597)	13 November 2019	1	1	1
600	Ghana - Administrative Process for Homologation of Model of Motor Vehicle and its Variants (IMS ID 600)	13 November 2019	1	1	1
607	Pakistan - Amendment to Pakistan's Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1950: Statutory Regulatory Order (SRO) 237 on labeling, shelf-life, and halal certification (IMS ID 607)	13 November 2019	1	1	1
602	Qatar - Ministry of Public Health Circular regarding shelf life for cheese (IMS ID 602)	13 November 2019	1	1	1
603	Turkey - Draft Amendment of the Regulation on Cosmetics (IMS ID 603)	13 November 2019	1	1	1
598	India - Air Conditioner and its related Parts (Quality Control) Order, 2018 (IMS ID 598)	13 November 2019	1	1	1
605	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Electrical Clothes Dryers Energy Performance Requirements and Labelling (IMS ID 605)	13 November 2019	1	1	1

Symbol	Title	Date last raised	Members raising	Frequency raised (1995-2019)	Number of times raised (2019)
599	Ecuador - Energy Efficiency Requirements for Clothes Dryers for Domestic Use (IMS ID 599)	13 November 2019	1	1	1
601	United States - Modernization of the Labeling and Advertising Regulations for Wine, Distilled Spirits, and Malt Beverages (IMS ID 601)	13 November 2019	1	1	1
606	Republic of Korea - Ballast Water Management Act (IMS ID 606)	13 November 2019	1	1	1
604	Brazil - Ordinance 259, on 27 May 2019, which makes corrections and updates to the Conformity Assessment Requirements for Medical Devices Subject to the Health Surveillance System in Ordinance 54, from 1 February 2016 (IMS ID 604)	13 November 2019	1	1	1
486	India - The Stainless Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2015 (ID 486)	20 June 2019	1	12	2
493	China - Formula Registration Regulation for Infant and Follow-up Formula (ID 493)	20 June 2019	6	11	2
512	European Union - Quality Schemes for Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs (ID 512)	20 June 2019	6	10	2
552	Israel - Addendum to the Pharmacist Regulations (Cosmetics 5778-2018) (ID 552)	20 June 2019	4	5	2
558	India - Testing and Certification of telegraph (The Indian telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 2017) (ID 558)	20 June 2019	2	4	2
565	European Union - Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules and procedures for compliance with and enforcement of Union harmonization legislation on products and amending relevant regulations (ID 565)	20 June 2019	3	3	2
571	Egypt - Halal requirements for Poultry Parts and Offal (ID 571)	20 June 2019	1	3	2
569	Dominican Republic - Regulation on Cosmetic and Hygiene Products (ID 569)	20 June 2019	3	2	1
570	Chile - Regulations on the classification, labelling and notification of chemical substances and mixtures (ID 570)	20 June 2019	1	2	1
587	India - Toys (Quality Control) Order, 2019 (ID 587)	20 June 2019	3	1	1
584	China - Regulation on Cosmetic Inspection in Registration and Filing (ID 584)	20 June 2019	3	1	1

Symbol	Title	Date last raised	Members raising	Frequency raised (1995-2019)	Number of times raised (2019)
586	India - Notification of 2018 draft cosmetic rules, amending provisions of the India Drug and Cosmetics Act of 1940 (ID 586)	20 June 2019	2	1	1
593	European Union - Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling of spirit drinks, the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs, the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks, the use of ethyl alcohol and distillates of agricultural origin in alcoholic beverages, which repeals Regulation (EC) No. 110/2008 (ID 593)	20 June 2019	1	1	1
591	European Union - Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules (PEFCR) (ID 591)	20 June 2019	1	1	1
595	India - Moisture content for Cassia Vera (Cinnamomum Burmani) (ID 595)	20 June 2019	1	1	1
418	Russian Federation - Safety of products for children and adolescents (ID 418)	6 March 2019	3	16	1
521	Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic - 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)	6 March 2019	3	8	1
551	China - Chinese Environmental protection control standards for imported solid waste as raw materials (ID 551)	6 March 2019	5	4	1
572	Kingdom of Bahrain, State of Kuwait, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Yemen - GCC Technical Regulations for the Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment (ID 572)	6 March 2019	2	2	1
573	Israel - Bill on the Restriction on Advertising and Marketing of Tobacco Products (Amendment No.7, 5778-2018) (ID 573)	6 March 2019	1	1	1

Symbol	Title	Date last raised	Members raising	Frequency raised (1995-2019)	Number of times raised (2019)
574	Trinidad and Tobago - Regulation related to the prohibition, of commercialization and importation of plastic products of polystyrene (ID 574)	6 March 2019	1	1	1
581	Jamaica - Regulations Banning Single-Use Plastic Products (ID 581)	6 March 2019	1	1	1
582	Republic of Korea - Regulation on Energy Efficiency Management Equipment (ID 582)	6 March 2019	1	1	1
Total					185

E. Overview of new STCs raised in 2019

The following table provides additional detail about the new specific trade concerns raised in 2019.

Members subject to STC	STC title	Stated objective	Product coverage	Members raising concern
Brazil	Brazil - Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply – MAPA Ordinance 79, of 13 May 2019 establishing a public consultation to amend the Technical Regulation 67, 05 November 2018 regarding the procedures and requirements for export and import certification of beverages, fermented acetic, wines and wine and grapes derived products (IMS ID 597)	Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection, Protection of Human health or safety, Quality requirements	Beverages, fermented acetic, wines and wine and grapes derived products (HS 20.09; 22.04; 22.05; 22.06; 22.07; 22.08; 22.09)	US
Brazil	Brazil - Ordinance 259, on 27 May 2019, which makes corrections and updates to the Conformity Assessment Requirements for Medical Devices Subject to the Health Surveillance System in Ordinance 54, from 1 February 2016 (IMS ID 604)	Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection, Protection of Human health or safety	Medical devices	US
China	China - Cosmetics Supervision and Administration Regulation (Draft) (ID 576)	Consumer information, Labelling, Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection, Protection of Human health or safety, Quality requirements	Cosmetics (HS: 33)	EU Japan Korea US
China	China - Regulation on Cosmetic Inspection in Registration and Filing (ID 584)	Protection of Human health or safety	Cosmetics	Japan Korea US
Ecuador	Ecuador - Energy Efficiency Requirements for Clothes Dryers for Domestic Use (IMS ID 599)	Consumer information, Labelling, Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection, Protection of the environment	Clothes dryers (HS 84512)	Korea

Members subject to STC	STC title	Stated objective	Product coverage	Members raising concern
European Union	European Union - Chlorothalonil (pesticide active substance) (ID 579)	Protection of Human health or safety, Protection of animal or plant life or health, Protection of the environment	Chlorothalonil	Brazil Canada Colombia Costa Rica Ecuador Guatemala Honduras Panama Paraguay US
European Union	European Union - Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/945 on Unmanned Aircraft Systems and on Third-country Operators of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ID 585)	Protection of Human health or safety	Unmanned aircraft	China
European Union	European Union - Concerns on regulations with regard to eco-design requirements for various products in EU (ID 592)	Protection of the environment	Lighting products; light sources; household dishwashers; washing machines and household washer-dryers	China
European Union	European Union - Draft Commission Regulation laying down eco-design requirements for electronic displays pursuant to Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1275/2008 and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) 642/2009 (and its accompanying annexes) (ID 575)	Protection of the environment	Electronic displays	China Japan US
European Union	European Union - Medical Device Regulation (MDR) and In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulation (IVDR) (ID 594)	Protection of Human health or safety	In vitro diagnostic medical devices	Canada US
European Union	European Union - Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules (PEFCR) (ID 591)	Protection of the environment	Intermediate paper products	Indonesia

Members subject to STC	STC title	Stated objective	Product coverage	Members raising concern
European Union	European Union - Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling of spirit drinks, the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs, the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks, the use of ethyl alcohol and distillates of agricultural origin in alcoholic beverages, which repeals Regulation (EC) No. 110/2008 (ID 593)	Not specified	Spirit drinks	Guyana
European Union	European Union - Revised Draft EU Regulation on Ecological Design Requirements for External Power Supply (IMS ID 596)	Protection of the environment	External Power Supplies	China
European Union	European Union - Transitional periods for MRLs and international consultations (ID 580)	Protection of Human health or safety	Pesticides (buprofezin)	Brazil Canada Colombia Costa Rica Ecuador El Salvador Guatemala Panama Paraguay US
Ghana	Ghana - Administrative Process for Homologation of Model of Motor Vehicle and its Variants (IMS ID 600)	Protection of Human health or safety, Protection of the environment	Motor vehicles	US
India	India - Air Conditioner and its related Parts (Quality Control) Order, 2018 (IMS ID 598)	Other, Protection of the environment, Protection of Human health or safety	Room Air Conditioners: Part 2 Split air Conditioners/Room Air Conditioners – Part 1: Unitary Air Conditioners/Packaged Air Conditioners/Hermetic Compressor/Thermostats for use in Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, Water Coolers and Beverage Coolers/Finned Type Heat Exchanger for Room Air Conditioner	Korea
India	India - Moisture content for Cassia Vera (Cinnamomum Burmani) (ID 595)	Protection of Human health or safety	Cassia vera (cinnamomum burmani)	Indonesia

Members subject to STC	STC title	Stated objective	Product coverage	Members raising concern
India	India - Notification of 2018 draft cosmetic rules, amending provisions of the India Drug and Cosmetics Act of 1940 (ID 586)	Protection of Human health or safety	Cosmetics	EU US
India	India - Toys (Quality Control) Order, 2019 (ID 587)	Protection of Human health or safety	Toys	Canada EU US
Israel	Israel - Bill on the Restriction on Advertising and Marketing of Tobacco Products (Amendment No.7, 5778-2018) (ID 573)	Protection of Human health or safety, Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection	Tobacco products	Dominican Republic
Jamaica	Jamaica - Regulations Banning Single-Use Plastic Products (ID 581)	Not specified	Plastic packaging materials	Dominican Republic
Korea, Republic of	Republic of Korea - Ballast Water Management Act (IMS ID 606)	Not specified	Ballast water	EU
Korea, Republic of	Republic of Korea - Package Recycle Classification Regulation (ID 588)	Protection of the environment	Packaging	Canada US
Korea, Republic of	Republic of Korea - Regulation on Energy Efficiency Management Equipment (ID 582)	Consumer information, Labelling, Protection of the environment	Clothes washing machines	China
Korea, Republic of	Republic of Korea - Warning statement and graphic health warnings on alcoholic beverages (ID 577)	Protection of Human health or safety	Alcoholic beverages	Australia Canada EU Japan Mexico US
Pakistan	Pakistan - Amendment to Pakistan's Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1950: Statutory Regulatory Order (SRO) 237 on labelling, shelf-life, and halal certification (IMS ID 607)	Not specified	Food products in general	US
Qatar	Qatar - Ministry of Public Health Circular regarding shelf life for cheese (IMS ID 602)	Protection of Human health or safety	Cheese	US
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Added Sugar Upper Limit in Some Food Products (ID 589)	Consumer information, Labelling	Food products in general	EU Russian Federation Switzerland US

Members subject to STC	STC title	Stated objective	Product coverage	Members raising concern
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Electrical Clothes Dryers Energy Performance Requirements and Labelling (IMS ID 605)	Consumer information, Labelling, Protection of the environment	Electrical Clothes Dryers (ICS: 97.060)	Korea
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Technical Regulation for plastic products OXO - biodegradable (ID 583)	Protection of the environment	Oxo-degradable plastic products	EU US
Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago - Regulation related to the prohibition, of commercialization and importation of plastic products of polystyrene (ID 574)	Not specified	Polystyrene products	Dominican Republic
Turkey	Turkey - Draft Amendment of the Regulation on Cosmetics (IMS ID 603)	Harmonization, Consumer information, Labelling	Cosmetics	US
United States of America	United States - Modernization of the Labeling and Advertising Regulations for Wine, Distilled Spirits, and Malt Beverages (IMS ID 601)	Consumer information, Labelling, Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection	Wine, Distilled Spirits, and Malt Beverages (HS 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208; ICS 67.160)	EU
Uruguay	Uruguay - Analysis of Imported Products - Resolution of the Board of the National Grape-Growing and Wine Production Institute (INAVI) of 14 February 2019. Resolution of the Board of INAVI postponing implementation until 1 May 2019) - exogenous water in wine (ID 590)	Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection	All wine products	Australia Chile New Zealand South Africa US
Uruguay	Uruguay - Labelling of Packaged Food (ID 578)	Protection of Human health or safety	Ready-to-eat foods, packaged in the absence of the customer, available in the national territory	Colombia Costa Rica EU Guatemala US

F. 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 142 Members have submitted at least one such Statement.

Member	Document	Date
Afghanistan	G/TBT/2/Add.126	11 June 2018
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
	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.18	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
	G/TBT/2/Add.6/Rev.4	18 February 2019
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

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	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
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
	G/TBT/2/34/Rev.2	22 October 2018
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
Gabon	G/TBT/2/Add.121	5 April 2017
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

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	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
	G/TBT/2/Add.3/Rev.5	1 March 2017
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
	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
	G/TBT/2/Add.86/Rev.2	1 October 2019
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
Liberia	G/TBT/2/Add.125	6 September 2017
	G/TBT/2/Add.125/Rev.1	25 September 2017
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	15 March 2002
	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
Nepal	G/TBT/2/Add.122	1 June 2017
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

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North Macedonia, Republic of	G/TBT/2/Add.84	22 February 2005
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
	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
	G/TBT/2/Add.11/Rev.1	6 November 2017
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 Kitts and Nevis	G/TBT/2/Add.123	30 June 2017
Saint Lucia	G/TBT/2/Add.37	6 August 1997
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	G/TBT/2/Add.71	10 December 2002
Samoa	G/TBT/2/Add.124	14 July 2017
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
	G/TBT/2/Add.69/Rev.1	20 June 2018
Tajikistan	G/TBT/2/Add.112	17 March 2014
Tanzania	G/TBT/2/Add.94	31 August 2007

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	G/TBT/2/Add.94/Rev.1	28 October 2010
Thailand	G/TBT/2/Add.38	6 August 1997
	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
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
	G/TBT/2/Add.100/Rev.7	17 February 2017
	G/TBT/2/Add.100/Rev.8	1 March 2018
United Arab Emirates	G/TBT/2/Add.96	11 September 2007
United States of America	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

G. Members who validated their Enquiry Point information in 2019

Member			
Albania	Fiji	Mali	Senegal
Angola	Finland	Malta	Seychelles
Antigua and Barbuda	Georgia	Mauritius	Singapore
Argentina	Germany	Mexico	Slovak Republic
Australia	Ghana	Moldova, Republic of	Slovenia
Bahrain, Kingdom of	Greece	Mongolia	South Africa
Barbados	Grenada	Montenegro	Spain
Belgium	Guatemala	Morocco	Sri Lanka
Belize	Guinea	Mozambique	Suriname
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Guyana	Myanmar	Sweden
Botswana	Hong Kong, China	Namibia	Switzerland
Brazil	Hungary	New Zealand	Chinese Taipei
Bulgaria	India	Nicaragua	Tanzania
Burundi	Indonesia	Nigeria	Thailand
Cambodia	Ireland	Oman	The Gambia
Canada	Israel	Pakistan	Togo
Chile	Italy	Panama	Trinidad and Tobago
China	Jamaica	Paraguay	Turkey
Colombia	Japan	Peru	Uganda
Costa Rica	Kazakhstan	Philippines	Ukraine
Côte d'Ivoire	Kenya	Poland	United Kingdom
Cuba	Korea, Republic of	Qatar	United States
Czech Republic	Kuwait, the State of	Romania	Uruguay
Denmark	Latvia	Russian Federation	Vanuatu
Dominican Republic	Lesotho	Rwanda	Viet Nam
Ecuador	Liberia	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Yemen
Egypt	Lithuania	Saint Lucia	Zambia
Estonia	Macao, China	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Zimbabwe
Eswatini	Malaysia	Samoa	
European Union	Maldives	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	

H. Adopted final texts: website information⁸

Member	Web address	Scope of information therein	Agency/Ministry responsible	Notes
Canada	http://www.gazette.gc.ca/accueil-home-eng.html	Federal adopted regulations	Government of Canada (Including: Health Canada, Canada Food Inspection Agency, Transport Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada)	Published biweekly on Wednesdays in the Canada Gazette Part II.
	http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/h_sf06129.html	Radiocommunications Regulations	Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)	
China	http://www.customs.gov.cn/	Laws and regulations in the field of import and export commodity inspection	General Administration of Customs, P.R.CHINA	
	http://www.samr.gov.cn/zw/	Laws and regulations in the field of market regulation	State Administration for Market Regulation	
	http://www.qb688.cn/bzqk/qb/index	Mandatory national standard	State Administration for Market Regulation (Standardization Administration of the P.R.C.)	
	http://www.nmpa.gov.cn/	Medical products and cosmetics regulations	National Medical Products Administration	
	http://www.miit.gov.cn/n1146295/index.html	Laws and regulations in the field of industry and information	Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China	
	http://www.mee.gov.cn/	Laws and regulations in the field of ecology and environment	Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the People's Republic of China	

⁸ In original language only.

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Colombia	http://www.mincit.gov.co/temas-interes/reglamentos-tecnicos	Contiene el inventario de reglamentos técnicos vigentes, tramitados de manera regular, conforme a las disposiciones del Acuerdo OTC de la OMC, la Decisión 562 de la CAN y el marco jurídico del Subsistema Nacional de la Calidad de Colombia establecido en el capítulo 7 del título 1 de la parte 2 del libro 2 del Decreto Único Reglamentario del Sector Comercio, Industria y Turismo, Decreto 1074 de 2015, modificado por el Decreto 1595 de 2015.	Dirección de Regulación del Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo.	
Czech Republic	https://www.cmi.cz/node/212	Drafts General Measure; Final texts of General Measures - only in Czech language	Czech Metrology Institute (The website of the Czech Metrology Institute contains up-to-date information concerning Drafts General Measure and Final texts of General Measures)	
	http://www.unmz.cz/urad/notifikace-cr-do-wto-tbt	Draft General Measure notified according to the TBT Agreement; Drafts of other technical regulations notified according to the TBT Agreement; Final texts - in Czech language and current final texts in English as well	Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing	
	https://aplikace.mvcr.cz/sbirka-zakonu/	Final texts of all regulations - only in Czech language; It is necessary to search for certain TBT final text because there are final texts of all regulations. ⁹	Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic	

⁹ The website of Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing (see link above) concerning TBT drafts and TBT final texts is updated regularly but we would like to emphasize that the update is carried out in certain days so it can happen it is necessary to wait for the update.

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Ecuador	http://www.normalizacion.gob.ec/estado-de-reglamentos/	Reglamentos Técnicos Vigentes. Proyectos de Mejora Regulatoria	Servicio Ecuatoriano de Normalización - INEN / Subsecretaría de Calidad - Ministerio de Producción, Comercio Exterior, Inversiones y Pesca	
European Union	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en	Comprehensive information on all EU legislation, including the final texts of all EU measures published in the Official Journal of the European Union.	Not applicable	
Hong Kong, China	Technical regulations https://www.itc.gov.hk/en/quality/psis/regulations.htm	The webpage includes the major technical regulations in Hong Kong, China and other places. ¹⁰	Product Standards Information Bureau (PSIB) subsumed within the Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) under the Innovation and Technology Bureau (ITB) of Hong Kong, China. PSIB is also the TBT Enquiry and Notification Point of HKC	
	Conformity Assessment https://www.itc.gov.hk/en/quality/hkas/about.htm#	The webpage introduces the accreditation services for laboratories, certification bodies, inspection bodies through three accreditation schemes.	Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) subsumed within the Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) under the Innovation and Technology Bureau (ITB) of Hong Kong, China.	

¹⁰ The list of links in the webpage is prepared on best effort basis which implies that it is non-exhaustive. Hong Kong, China's policy is to use international standards as far as possible and align domestic standards with international standards where appropriate. There is no central standards body developing and issuing domestic standards in Hong Kong, China. As a small and externally oriented economy, it is essential that our goods meet the standards of our major overseas markets. Where standards have to be applied in Hong Kong, China for public health, safety or environmental reasons, our regulatory agencies in general adopt international standards or prevailing overseas standards and avoid the position where setting of standards dictates market development or becomes a means of protecting certain sectors of the industry.

Member	Web address	Scope of information therein	Agency/Ministry responsible	Notes
Israel	For final text of Laws: https://www.justice.gov.il/Units/Reshomot/publications/Pages/BookOfLaws.aspx (Hebrew only)	Laws passed by the Knesset (Israeli Parliament) on the third reading	"Reshumot" (Official Government Gazette), Ministry of Justice	
	For final text of Regulations: https://www.justice.gov.il/Units/Reshomot/publications/Pages/Regulations.aspx (Hebrew only)	Subsidiary legislation including regulations, orders etc.	"Reshumot" (Official Government Gazette), Ministry of Justice	
	For final text of Mandatory Standards: https://portal.sii.org.il/eng/standardization/tekensearchex/.aspx	All Israeli standards. Mandatory standards can be sorted by the legal status: Official / Part official.	Standards Institution of Israel	
	List of Mandatory Standards: http://www.economy.gov.il/English/Industry/Standardization/Pages/OfficialStandardsApp.aspx	List of all mandatory standards.	Standardization Administration, Ministry of Economy and Industry	
Lithuania	http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/search	Allows EU enterprises to find out at an early stage about the conditions of access to markets of third countries. Moreover, the notification of new measures at draft stage gives manufacturers the possibility to make their voice heard on proposed legislation on products before being adopted.	EC	
	www.lsd.lt	The list includes published TBT notifications issued by WTO member countries and draft legislation containing technical regulations which may become technical barriers to trade. Notifications remain on the LST website for 60 days.	Lithuanian Standards Board	
Mauritius	http://pmo.govmu.org	Legislations on National Flag	Prime Minister's Office	
	http://gra.govmu.org	Legislations on gambling and gaming activities	Prime Minister's Office Department: Gambling Regulatory Authority	

Member	Web address	Scope of information therein	Agency/Ministry responsible	Notes
Mauritius (cont'd)	http://commerce.govmu.org	Consumer Protection legislations	Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection (Commerce Division)	
	http://msb.intnet.mu and http://mauritianstandards.com/ (Standards catalogue under construction)	Conformity Assessment Services/Conformity Assessment Procedures (including testing and calibration)/Standards referred in Regulations	Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection Department: Mauritius Standards Bureau	
	http://commerce.govmu.org/English/Departments/Pages/LEGAL-METROLOGY-SERVICES.aspx	Legislations covering the "Assizing" of instruments, weights and measures and the protection of the consumer and the public at large in all transactions by weight and measure	Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection (Commerce Division) Department: Legal Metrology Services	
	http://environment.govmu.org	Legislations for the protection and management of the environmental assets of Mauritius	Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development (Environment and Sustainable Development Division)	
	http://labour.govmu.org	Legislations which provide for the protection of safety and health of any employees against any risk at his workplace	Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training	
	https://www.icta.mu/laws.html	Information and Communication Technologies legislations	Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation Department: Information and Communication Technologies Authority	
	http://health.govmu.org	Legislations covering Food, Pharmaceutical, Dangerous Chemical etc	Ministry of Health and Quality of Life	

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Mauritius (cont'd)	http://fisheries.govmu.org	Legislations on fish and fish products etc.	Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Island	
	http://eemo.govmu.org	Legislations on efficient use of energy as a means to reduce carbon emissions and protect the environment.	Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities Department: Energy Efficiency Management Office	
	http://rpa.govmu.org	Legislations	Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities Department: Radiation Protection Authority	
	http://agriculture.govmu.org/English/AboutUs/Department/Pages/Departments.aspx	Legislations on plant protection, animal disease and chemical fertilizers	Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security	
Morocco	http://www.khidmat-almostahlik.ma/portal/fr/r%C3%A9glementation	Lois, décrets et arrêtés en relations avec la surveillance du Marché et la protection du consommateur	Ministère chargé de l'Industrie et du Commerce	
	http://www.onssa.gov.ma/fr/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=498&Itemid=334	Lois, décrets et arrêtés relatifs au secteur agro-alimentaire	Office National de Sécurité Sanitaire des Produits Alimentaires (ONSSA)	
	http://www.equipement.gov.ma/ministere/Pages/Procedure-et-formulaire.aspx	Lois et réglementations relatives au transport	Ministère chargé du Transport	
	http://www.mhpy.gov.ma/?page_id=3628	Lois, décrets et arrêtés relatifs à l'habitat et l'urbanisme	Ministère de l'aménagement du territoire national, de l'urbanisme, de l'habitat et de la politique de la ville.	

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Morocco (cont'd)	<p>Procédure: http://mem.gov.ma/SiteAssets/PdfDocumentation/GuideProcedures.pdf</p> <p>Loi: http://mem.gov.ma/SitePages/MenuHaut/Documentation.aspx</p>	Lois et procédures relatives au secteur de l'énergie	Ministère chargé de l'énergie et des mines	
	http://www.environnement.gov.ma/fr/lois-et-reglementations/textes-juridiques	Lois et procédures relatives au secteur de l'environnement	Secrétariat d'état chargé du développement durable	
	https://www.sante.gov.ma/Reglementation/Pages/default.aspx	Lois, décrets et arrêtés relatifs aux médicaments et dispositifs médicaux	Ministère de la Santé	
	https://www.tourisme.gov.ma/fr/vision-2020/competitivite-du-tissu/reglementation	Lois, réglementations relatives aux activités touristiques	Ministère du Tourisme du transport aérien, de l'artisanat et de l'économie sociale.	
	https://www.cndp.ma/fr/espace-juridique/textes-et-lois.html	Lois, décrets et arrêtés relatifs à la protection des données	Nationale de contrôle de la protection des données	
Nicaragua	<p>http://www.mific.gob.ni/SNC/SNN/Cat%C3%A1logoNTON/tabid/907/language/en-US/Default.aspx</p> <p>En este catálogo los reglamentos están organizados en lo que llamamos campos y responde a temas generales.</p>	Normas Técnicas obligatorias Nicaragüenses (NTON) corresponde o incluye todos los reglamentos técnicos	El Ministerio de Fomento, Industria y Comercio (MIFIC) es autoridad competente para la gestión de textos finales adoptados en el marco del Acuerdo OTC mediante los catálogos de normas, reglamentos y PEC a través del sitio Web oficial. Lo administra la Dirección de Normalización y Metrología (DNM) quien funge como Autoridad nacional de notificación y Servicio de Información para el acuerdo OTC.	

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Nicaragua (cont'd)	http://www.mific.gob.ni/SNC/SNN/catalogoNTN/tabid/311/language/en-US/Default.aspx En este catálogo las normas están organizadas en lo que llamamos campos y responde a temas generales.	Normas Técnicas Nicaragüenses (NTN) corresponde o incluye un listado de la normas voluntarias elaboradas, adoptadas y adaptadas, se accede mediante el siguiente enlace. En este catálogo los documentos completos no están disponibles para su descarga.		
Peru	https://www.mincetur.gob.pe/reglamentostecnicos/	Contiene reglamentos técnicos y, las notificaciones de nuestros socios comerciales bilaterales.	Ministerio de Comercio Exterior y Turismo	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	www.svgbs.gov.vc	The services offered, the fees, and general information about the SVG Bureau of Standards.	Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development, and Information Technology	
Slovenia	http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/	Legal Information System (database of all regulations)	The Government Office for Legislation	
Sweden ¹¹	http://rkrattsbaser.gov.se/sfst	Any technical regulations or conformity assessment procedures that are allowed under EU law and not delegated to the Government or a Government Agency.	Riksdagen (Parliament)	Svensk författningssamling (SFS)
	http://rkrattsbaser.gov.se/sfst	Any technical regulations or conformity assessment procedures that are allowed under EU law and are not in an Act by Parliament nor delegated to a Government Agency.	Regeringen (Government, including all Ministries)	Svensk författningssamling (SFS)
	https://www.svk.se/om-oss/foreskrifter/	The Swedish transmission system for electricity	Affärsverket svenska kraftnät	Svenska kraftnäts författningssamling (SvKF)
	https://www.av.se/arbetsmiljoarbete-och-inspektioner/publikationer/foreskrifter/#6	Work Environment, the Tobacco Act and the Environmental Code when it comes to questions about genetic engineering and pesticides	Arbetsmiljöverket (Swedish Work Environment Authority)	Arbetsmiljöverkets författningssamling (AFS)

¹¹ Not all issued regulations and procedures have been deemed to have significant effect on trade by the issuing Agency or Ministry and have thus not been notified. It is possible that other agencies may issue technical regulations or require conformity assessment procedures under current legislation but this far has chosen not to do so.

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Sweden (cont'd)	https://www.boverket.se/sv/lag--ratt/forfattningssamling/	Building regulations	Boverket (National Board of Housing, Building and Planning)	Boverkets författningssamling (BFS)
	https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/publicerat-material/foreskrifter-och-allmanna-rad/	Public health issues	Folkhälsomyndigheten (Public Health Agency of Sweden)	Folkhälsomyndighetens författningssamling (FoHMFS)
	https://www.elsakerhetsverket.se/om-oss/lag-och-ratt/foreskrifter/	Electrical safety and for electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)	Elsäkerhetsverket (National Electrical Safety Board)	Elsäkerhetsverkets Författningssamling (ELSÄK-FS)
	https://www.ei.se/sv/Publikationer/Foreskrifter/	Energy markets	Energimarknadsinspektionen (Swedish Energy Markets Inspectorate)	Energimarknadsinspektionens författningssamling (EIFS)
	http://www.energimyndigheten.se/om-oss/foreskrifter/	Use of energy in society	Energimyndigheten (Swedish Energy Agency)	Statens energimyndighets författningssamling (STEMFS)
	https://www.havochvatten.se/hav/vagledning--lagar/foreskrifter.html	Marine- and water-related issues	Havs- och vattenmyndigheten (Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management)	Havs- och vattenmyndighetens Författningssamling (HVMFS)
	http://www.jordbruksverket.se/jordbruksverketsforfattningar/sokiforfattningssamlingen.4.4d4abf9b16871aa85b587e23.html	Agriculture	Jordbruksverket (Swedish Board of Agriculture)	Jordbruksverkets författningssamling (SJVFS)
	https://www.kemi.se/lagar-och-regler/kifs--kemikalieinspektionens-foreskrifter	Chemicals	Kemikalieinspektionen (Swedish Chemical Agency)	Kemikalieinspektionens författningssamling (KIFS)
	http://www.konkurrensverket.se/Konkurrensverkets-forfattningssamling-KKVFS/	Efficient competition in the private and public sectors, efficient public procurement	Konkurrensverket (Swedish Competition Authority)	Konkurrensverkets författningssamling (KKVFS)
	https://publikationer.konsumentverket.se/sv/sok/kovfs	Safety of products and services	Konsumentverket (Swedish Consumer Agency)	Konsumentverkets författningssamling (KOVFS)

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Sweden (cont'd)	https://www.livsmedelsverket.se/om-oss/lagstiftning1/foreskrifter-i-nummerordning	Healthy dietary habits, safe foods and fair practices in the food trade	Livsmedelsverket (Swedish National Food Agency)	Livsmedelsverkets Författningssamling (LIVSFS)
	https://lakemedelsverket.se/overgripande/Lagar--regler/Lakemedelsverkets-foreskrifter---LVFS/	Development, manufacturing and marketing of drugs and other medicinal products	Läkemedelsverket (Swedish Medical Products Agency)	Gemensamma författningssamlingen avseende hälso- och sjukvård, socialtjänst, läkemedel, folkhälsa m.m. (HSLF-FS)
	https://www.mprt.se/sv/blanketter--publikationer/foreskrifter/	Standards for transmitting and equipment for receiving radio and TV services	Myndigheten för press, radio och tv (Swedish Press and Broadcasting Authority)	Myndigheten för press, radio och tv:s författningssamling (MPRTFS)
	https://www.digg.se/om-oss/var-verksamhet/forfattningssamling	Digitalization of the public sector	Myndigheten för digital förvaltning	Myndigheten för digital förvaltnings författningssamling (MDFFS)
	https://www.msb.se/sv/regler/	Civil protection, public safety, emergency management and civil defence (including flammables, explosives, etc.)	Myndigheten för samhällsskydd och beredskap (MSB)	Myndigheten för samhällsskydd och beredskaps författningssamling (MSBFS)
	https://www.naturvardsverket.se/Stod-i-miljoarbetet/Rattsinformation/Eoreskrifter-allmanna-rad/	Environmental protection	Naturvårdsverket (Swedish Environmental Protection Agency)	Naturvårdsverkets författningssamling (NFS)
	https://www.pts.se/sv/dokument/foreskrifter/	Electronic communications and postal sectors in Sweden, including competition, consumer protection, network security, postal affairs, and spectrum affairs	Post- och telestyrelsen (Swedish Post and Telecom Authority)	Post- och telestyrelsens författningssamling (PTFS)
	https://www.kulturradet.se/om-oss/forfattningssamling/	Cultural heritage	Riksantikvarieämbetet (Swedish National Heritage Board)	Kulturrådets författningssamling (KRFS)
	http://www.sjofartsverket.se/Om-oss/Lagrummet/	Maritime safety and availability	Sjöfartsverket (Swedish Maritime Administration)	Sjöfartsverkets författningssamling (SJÖFS)

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Sweden (cont'd)	https://www4.skatteverket.se/rattsligvagledning/24.html	Civil registration of private individuals and collection of taxes such as personal income tax, corporate tax, VAT and excise tax	Skatteverket (Swedish Tax Agency)	Skatteverkets författningssamling (SKVFS)
	https://www.skogsstyrelsen.se/ag-och-tillsyn/forfattningar/	Forest related issues	Skogsstyrelsen (Swedish Forest Agency)	Skogsstyrelsens författningssamling (SKSFS)
	https://www.spelinspektionen.se/foreskrifter-och-lagar/nya-foreskrifter/	The Swedish gaming and gambling market	Spelinspektionen (Swedish Gambling Authority)	Spelinspektionens författningssamling (SIFS)
	https://energimyndigheten.a-w2m.se/Home.mvc	Energy efficiency measures and investments in renewable energy technologies	Statens energimyndighet (Swedish Energy Agency)	Statens Energimyndighets författningssamling (STEMFS)
	http://www.jordbruksverket.se/jordbruksverketsforfattningar/foreskrifter/foreskrifter/4.3ae5115a16b6c62789837b49.html	Agri-food policy, and the agricultural and horticultural sectors	Statens jordbruksverk (Swedish Board of Agriculture)	Statens Jordbruksverks författningssamling (SJVFS)
	https://www.stralsakerhetsmyndigheten.se/regler/foreskrifter/	Nuclear safety, radiation protection and nuclear non-proliferation	Strålsäkerhetsmyndigheten (Swedish radiation safety authority)	Strålsäkerhetsmyndighetens författningssamling (SSMFS)
	https://www.swedac.se/lag-ratt/swedacs-foreskrifter/foreskrifter/	Measuring instruments, pre-packaged goods and precious metals, hallmarking (Note that conformity assessment procedures are described in the publication STAFS but only compulsory when referenced by another agency than Swedac or by Swedac for measuring instruments or hallmarking)	Styrelsen för ackreditering och teknisk kontroll, Swedac (Swedish board for accreditation and conformity assessment)	Styrelsen för ackreditering och teknisk kontroll Styrelsens författningssamling (STAFS)
	https://www.tlv.se/om-oss/om-tlv/regelverk/foreskrifter.html	Dental and pharmaceutical benefits	Tandvårds- och läkemedelsförmånsverket (Dental and Pharmaceutical Benefits Agency)	Gemensamma författningssamlingen avseende hälso- och sjukvård, socialtjänst, läkemedel, folkhälsa m.m. (HSLF-FS)

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Sweden (cont'd)	https://www.transportstyrelsen.se/sv/Regler/	Rail, air, sea and road transport	Transportstyrelsen (Swedish Transport Agency)	Transportstyrelsens författningssamling (TSFS)
	https://www.tullverket.se/sv/omoss/lagarochforeskrifter/sokitullverketsstyrdokument.4.7df61c5915510cfe9e7f3c1.html	Customs related regulations and conformity assessment procedures	Tullverket (Customs)	Tullverkets författningssamling (TFS)
Chinese Taipei	https://gazette.nat.gov.tw/engFront/indexEng.do https://law.moj.gov.tw/Eng/index.aspx	Technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures		
Tanzania	www.tbs.go.tz	Standardization which cover standards catalogues, list of compulsory standards, draft standard for public comment	Tanzania Bureau of Standards	
Uganda	https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/	Final texts of standards and applicable conformity assessment procedures which Uganda notifies to the TBT Committee		
	https://unbs.go.ug/	Final texts of other technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures which are enacted to enforce standards		
Ukraine	https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws?lang=en	Final texts of technical regulations, as well as applicable conformity assessment procedures	Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine	
	https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/npasearch	Final texts of technical regulations, as well as applicable conformity assessment procedures	Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine	
United Kingdom	www.legislation.gov.uk	All UK and devolved legislation is included on this site.	All UK and devolved legislatures.	
United States	Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (e-CFR) - https://gov.ecfr.io/cgi-bin/ECFR	The Code of Federal Regulations is the codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the departments and agencies of the United States Federal Government.	Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)	