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# Technical notes

Composition of regions and other economic groupings				
Regions				
North America				
Bermuda	Canada*	Mexico*	United States of America*	
Other territories in the region not elsewhere specified (n.e.s.)				
South and Central America and the Caribbean				
Antigua and Barbuda*	Chile*	El Salvador*	Netherlands Antilles	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines*
Argentina*	Colombia*	Grenada*	Nicaragua*	Suriname*
Bahamas**	Costa Rica*	Guatemala*	Panama*	Trinidad and Tobago*
Barbados*	Cuba*	Guyana*	Paraguay*	Uruguay*
Belize*	Dominica*	Haiti*	Peru*	Bolivarian Rep. of Venezuela*
Bolivia, Plurinational State of*	Dominican Republic*	Honduras*	Saint Kitts and Nevis*	
Brazil*	Ecuador*	Jamaica*	Saint Lucia*	
Other territories in the region n.e.s.				
Europe				
Albania*	Czech Republic*	Hungary*	Malta*	Slovak Republic*
Andorra**	Denmark*	Iceland*	Montenegro*	Slovenia*
Austria*	Estonia*	Ireland*	Netherlands*	Spain*
Belgium*	Finland*	Italy*	Norway*	Sweden*
Bosnia and Herzegovina**	France*	Latvia*	Poland*	Switzerland*
Bulgaria*	FYR Macedonia*	Liechtenstein*	Portugal*	Turkey*
Croatia*	Germany*	Lithuania*	Romania*	United Kingdom*
Cyprus*	Greece*	Luxembourg*	Serbia**	
Other territories in the region n.e.s.				
Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)*				
Armenia*	Georgia*a	Moldova, Republic of*	Turkmenistan	
Azerbaijan**	Kazakhstan**	Russian Federation**	Ukraine*	
Belarus**	Kyrgyz Republic*	Tajikistan**	Uzbekistan**	
Other territories in the region n.e.s.				
Africa				
Algeria**	Congo*	Guinea*	Morocco*	South Africa*
Angola*	Côte d'Ivoire*	Guinea-Bissau*	Mozambique*	Sudan**
Benin*	Dem. Rep. of the Congo*	Kenya*	Namibia*	Swaziland*
Botswana*	Djibouti*	Lesotho*	Niger*	Tanzania*
Burkina Faso*	Egypt*	Liberia, Republic of**	Nigeria*	Togo*
Burundi*	Equatorial Guinea**	Libya**	Rwanda*	Tunisia*
Cameroon*	Eritrea	Madagascar*	São Tomé and Príncipe**	Uganda*
Cape Verde*	Ethiopia**	Malawi*	Senegal*	Zambia*
Central African Republic*	Gabon*	Mali*	Seychelles**	Zimbabwe*
Chad*	Gambia*	Mauritania*	Sierra Leone*	
Comoros**	Ghana*	Mauritius*	Somalia	
Other territories in the region n.e.s.				
Middle East				
Bahrain, Kingdom of*	Israel*	Lebanese Republic**	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of*	Yemen**
Iran**	Jordan*	Oman*	Syrian Arab Republic**	
Iraq**	Kuwait, State of*	Qatar*	United Arab Emirates*	
Other territories in the region n.e.s.				
Asia				
Afghanistan**	Hong Kong, China*	Malaysia*	Papua New Guinea*	Timor-Leste
Australia*	India*	Maldives*	Philippines*	Tonga*
Bangladesh*	Indonesia*	Mongolia*	Samoa*	Tuvalu
Bhutan**	Japan*	Myanmar*	Singapore*	Vanuatu**
Brunei Darussalam*	Kiribati	Nepal*	Solomon Islands*	Viet Nam*
Cambodia*	Korea, Republic of*	New Zealand*	Sri Lanka*	
China*	Lao People's Dem. Rep.**	Pakistan*	Taipei, Chinese*	
Fiji*	Macao, China*	Palau	Thailand*	
Other territories in the region n.e.s.				

\*WTO members

\*\*Observer governments

a. Georgia is not a member of the Commonwealth of Independent States but is included in this group for reasons of geography and similarities in economic structure.

Other Groups				
ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific countries)				
Angola	Cuba	Haiti	Niger	South Africa
Antigua and Barbuda	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	Jamaica	Nigeria	Sudan
Bahamas	Djibouti	Kenya	Niue	Suriname
Barbados	Dominica	Kiribati	Palau	Swaziland
Belize	Dominican Republic	Lesotho	Papua New Guinea	Timor-Leste
Benin	Equatorial Guinea	Liberia, Republic of	Rwanda	Togo
Botswana	Eritrea	Madagascar	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Tonga
Burkina Faso	Ethiopia	Malawi	Saint Lucia	Trinidad and Tobago
Burundi	Fiji	Mali	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Tuvalu
Cameroon	Gabon	Marshall Islands	Samoa	Uganda
Central African Republic	Gambia	Mauritania	São Tomé and Príncipe	United Republic of Tanzania
Chad	Ghana	Mauritius	Senegal	Vanuatu
Comoros	Grenada	Micronesia	Seychelles	Zambia
Congo	Guinea	Mozambique	Sierra Leone	Zimbabwe
Cook Islands	Guinea-Bissau	Namibia	Solomon Islands	
Côte d'Ivoire	Guyana	Nauru	Somalia	
Africa				
<i>North Africa</i>				
Algeria	Egypt	Libya	Morocco	Tunisia
<i>Sub-Saharan Africa</i>				
<i>Western Africa</i>				
Benin	Gambia	Guinea-Bissau	Mauritania	Senegal
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Liberia, Republic of	Niger	Sierra Leone
Cape Verde	Guinea	Mali	Nigeria	Togo
Côte d'Ivoire				
<i>Central Africa</i>				
Burundi	Central African Republic	Congo	Equatorial Guinea	Rwanda
Cameroon	Chad	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	Gabon	São Tomé and Príncipe
<i>Eastern Africa</i>				
Comoros	Ethiopia	Mauritius	Somalia	United Republic of Tanzania
Djibouti	Kenya	Seychelles	Sudan	Uganda
Eritrea	Madagascar			
<i>Southern Africa</i>				
Angola	Lesotho	Mozambique	South Africa	Zambia
Botswana	Malawi	Namibia	Swaziland	Zimbabwe
Territories in Africa not elsewhere specified				
Asia				
<i>East Asia (including Oceania)</i>				
Australia	Indonesia	Mongolia	Samoa	Tuvalu
Brunei Darussalam	Japan	Myanmar	Singapore	Vanuatu
Cambodia	Kiribati	New Zealand	Solomon Islands	Viet Nam
China	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	Papua New Guinea	Taipei, Chinese	
Fiji	Macao, China	Philippines	Thailand	
Hong Kong, China	Malaysia	Republic of Korea	Tonga	
<i>West Asia</i>				
Afghanistan	Bhutan	Maldives	Pakistan	Sri Lanka
Bangladesh	India	Nepal		
Other countries and territories in Asia and the Pacific not elsewhere specified				
LDCs (Least-developed countries)				
Afghanistan	Bhutan	Central African Republic	Djibouti	Gambia
Angola	Burkina Faso	Chad	Equatorial Guinea	Guinea
Bangladesh	Burundi	Comoros	Eritrea	Guinea-Bissau
Benin	Cambodia	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	Ethiopia	Haiti

Kiribati	Maldives	Niger	Solomon Islands	Uganda
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	Mali	Rwanda	Somalia	United Republic of Tanzania
Lesotho	Mauritania	Samoa	Sudan	Vanuatu
Liberia, Republic of	Mozambique	São Tomé and Príncipe	Timor-Leste	Yemen
Madagascar	Myanmar	Senegal	Togo	Zambia
Malawi	Nepal	Sierra Leone	Tuvalu	
<b>Six East Asian traders</b>				
Hong Kong, China	Republic of Korea	Singapore	Taipei, Chinese	Thailand
Malaysia				
<b>Regional Integration Agreements</b>				
<b>Andean Community (CAN)</b>				
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Colombia	Ecuador	Peru	
<b>ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) / AFTA (ASEAN Free Trade Area)</b>				
Brunei Darussalam	Indonesia	Malaysia	Philippines	Thailand
Cambodia	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	Myanmar	Singapore	Viet Nam
<b>CACM (Central American Common market)</b>				
Costa Rica	El Salvador	Guatemala	Honduras	Nicaragua
<b>CARICOM (Caribbean Community and Common Market)</b>				
Antigua and Barbuda	Belize	Guyana	Montserrat	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bahamas	Dominica	Haiti	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Suriname
Barbados	Grenada	Jamaica	Saint Lucia	Trinidad and Tobago
<b>CEMAC (Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa)</b>				
Cameroon	Chad	Congo	Equatorial Guinea	Gabon
Central African Republic				
<b>COMESA (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa)</b>				
Burundi	Egypt	Libya	Rwanda	Uganda
Comoros	Eritrea	Madagascar	Seychelles	Zambia
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	Ethiopia	Malawi	Sudan	Zimbabwe
Djibouti	Kenya	Mauritius	Swaziland	
<b>ECCAS (Economic Community of Central African States)</b>				
Angola	Central African Republic	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	Gabon	São Tomé and Príncipe
Burundi	Chad	Equatorial Guinea	Rwanda	
Cameroon	Congo			
<b>ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States)</b>				
Benin	Côte d'Ivoire	Guinea	Mali	Senegal
Burkina Faso	Gambia	Guinea-Bissau	Niger	Sierra Leone
Cape Verde	Ghana	Liberia, Republic of	Nigeria	Togo
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<b>European Union (27)</b>				
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Denmark	Hungary	Malta	Slovenia	
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Kuwait, State of				
<b>MERCOSUR (Southern Common Market)</b>				
Argentina	Brazil	Paraguay	Uruguay	
<b>NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)</b>				
Canada	Mexico	United States		

<b>SAPTA (South Asian Preferential Trade Arrangement)</b>				
Bangladesh	India	Nepal	Pakistan	Sri Lanka
Bhutan	Maldives			
<b>SADC (Southern African Development Community)</b>				
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# Abbreviations and symbols

ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States
AD	anti-dumping
ALOP	appropriate levels of protection
AMS	Aggregate Measurement of Support
AOA	Agreement on Agriculture (WTO)
APC	Australia Productivity Commission
AQSIQ	General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of China
APEC	Asia Pacific Trade Agreement
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Nations
ASP	American selling price
ATFS	American Tree Farm System
AVE	ad-valorem equivalent
BE	barriers to entry
BFAI	Foreign Trade Information Office of Germany
BSE	bovine spongiform encephalopathy
BT	barriers to trade and investment
c.i.f.	cost-insurance-freight
CARS	Consumer assistance to recycle and save
CEPR	Centre for Economic Policy Research
CERFLOR	Forest Certification Programme
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
CoOP	country of origin principle
DCs	Developing countries
DG SANCO	European Commission Directorate-General for Health and Consumers
DP	discriminatory procedures
EAC	East African Community
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
EEMRA	Electrical and Electronic Equipment Mutual Recognition Arrangement
EFTPOS	Electronic funds transfer at point of sale
EFW	Economic Freedom of the World
ERM	environment-related measures
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ETCR	electricity, gas, transport and communications
ETI	Enabling Trade Index
EU	European Union
f.o.b.	free-on-board
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization
FDI	Foreign direct investment
FER	foreign equity restrictions
FSAP	Financial Services Action Plan
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GFSI	Global Food Safety Initiative
GRP	Good Regulatory Practices
GTA	Global Trade Alert
HACCP	hazard analysis and critical control points
HS	harmonized system
IASC	International Accounting Standards Committee
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IFAC	International Federation of Accountants
IFO	German Institute for Economic Research
IMS	Information Management Systems
IOSCO	International Organization of Securities Commissions
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITC	International Trade Centre
I-TIP	Integrated Trade Intelligence Portal
ITO	International Trade Organization
ITU	International Telecommunications Union

KPE	key foreign personnel
LDCs	least-developed countries
LEI	Indonesian Ecolabelling Institute
LTA	Long-term-arrangement
MFN	most favoured nation
MRA	mutual recognition agreement
MRLs	maximum residual levels
MTCS	Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme
NAMA	Non-Agriculture Market Access
n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
NMS	non-manufacturing sectors
NMR	non-manufacturing regulation
NTE	National Trade Estimate
NTMs	non-tariff measures
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OIE	World Organization for Animal Health
OTR	other restrictions
OTRI	Overall Trade Restrictiveness Index
PCA	principal component analysis
PEFC	Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification
PMR	product market regulation
PSI	Pre-shipment inspection
PTA	preferential trade agreement
RAPEX	Rapid Alert System for Non-Food Products
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SARSO	South Asian Regional Standards Organization
SCR	screening and approval
SCSC	Sub-committee on Standards and Conformance
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
SPS	sanitary and phytosanitary
STCs	Specific Trade Concerns
STDF	Standards and Trade Development Facility
STEs	State trading enterprises
STRI	Services Trade Restrictiveness Indexes
TBT	technical barriers to trade
TPP	Trans-Pacific Partnership
TPR	Trade Policy Review
TPRB	Trade Policy Review Body
TRAINS	Trade Analysis and Information System
TRIPS	trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights
TTMRA	Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Arrangement
TTRI	Tariff Trade Restrictiveness Index
UK	United Kingdom
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNEP	United Nations Environmental Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UR	Uruguay Round
US	United States
USITC	United States International Trade Commission
USO	Universal services obligation
USTR	United States Trade Representative
VAT	value-added tax
WHO	World Health Organization
WITS	World Integrated Trade System
WTO	World Trade Organization

The following symbols are used in this publication:

...	not available
0	figure is zero or became zero due to rounding
-	not applicable
US\$	United States dollars
€	euro
£	UK pound

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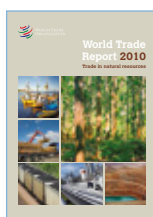
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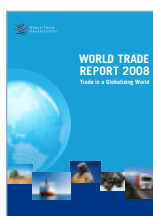
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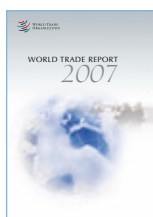
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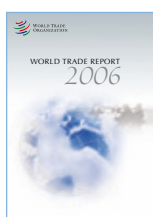
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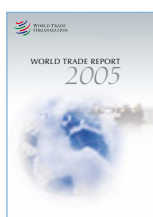
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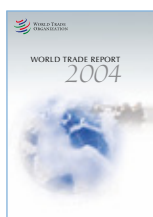
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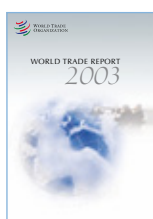
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Finally, the Report discusses international cooperation on NTMs and services measures. It reviews the economic rationale for such cooperation and discusses the efficient design of rules on NTMs in a trade agreement. It examines how cooperation has occurred on TBT/SPS measures and services regulation in the multilateral trading system, and within other international forums and institutions. A legal analysis is provided regarding the treatment of NTMs in WTO dispute system and interpretations of the rules that have emerged in recent international trade disputes. The Report concludes with a discussion of outstanding challenges and key policy implications.

