Two years after making public the WTO Integrated Trade Intelligence Portal (I-TIP - http://i-tip.wto.org/goods ), this tool now covers most non-tariff measures (NTMs) notified to the WTO (see table below).

⇒ Trade Defence Measures
  • Antidumping
  • Countervailing
  • Safeguards

⇒ Technical measures
  • Sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures
  • Technical barriers to trade

⇒ Quantitative Restrictions

⇒ Import licences (forthcoming)

⇒ NTMs from the Agreement of Agriculture
  • Special Safeguard
  • Tariff-rate quotas (forthcoming)
  • Export subsidies (forthcoming)

⇒ State Trading Enterprises

After successfully resolving a series of classification and normalization issues, data users can now search the entire area of NTMs - by imposing and affected country, stock or flow dates, product and type of measure.

This tool also allows a progressive sophistication of the user. As a first step, through graphs, the user understands trends, flows and magnitudes. There are easy ways of getting comprehensive and consistent tables by product and by imposing country. A sophisticated user can search the information filtering data interpreted by WTO, grouping the affected countries, conduct product searches combining free-text descriptions and HS codes, or even taking into account ICS codes.

The success of the I-TIP has been remarkable. Despite being highly specialized, both sections (goods and services) attract between 10 to 20 thousands visits by month of which around five thousand are visitors who request specific information.

In the last month users working in Europe (two fifths), Asia (one third) and America (one fourth) requested 60 thousand of screens with information on goods and services.
Publicly launched less than a year ago, the I-TIP Services database (http://i-tip.wto.org/services) makes it easier for governments and other stakeholders to access the various types of information relevant for trade policy-making.

I-TIP Services, the services component of the WTO’s Integrated Trade Intelligence Portal (I-TIP), consists of a set of linked databases providing information on Members’ commitments under the WTO’s General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), services commitments in regional trade agreements (RTAs), applied measures in services, and services statistics. The World Bank joined forces with the WTO on the I-TIP Services initiative.

In its four modules (GATS, RTA Commitments, Applied Regimes, and Statistics), the integrated database permits searches by Member, sector, agreement, or source of information. Search results are presented in summary form, as well as in more detailed form, and can be filtered across a number of additional criteria. Furthermore, users can easily switch from one module to another, for example, from looking at a particular Member’s commitments in a given sector to relevant commitments in RTAs, and then to related services statistics.