WTO SPS Committee

Transparency on Non-Tariff Measures and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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Transparency

Conception
classification
data selection

Data collection
classifying NTMs
quality control

Data Dissemination
making data freely available

Research and analysis

Policy
Support to Policy Makers and policy making processes

Guides the concept and data collection
SPS measures: the most common and costly NTMs

Price impact (in %)

- 3.2 TBT
- 5.0 Other NTMs
- 14.3 SPS
- 8.0 Industry

Share of trade

- Agri-food: 2.7
- Industry: 8.0

Share of products

- Agri-food: 0.9
- Industry: 1.2

Number of NTMs per product

- Agri-food: 1.8
- Industry: 0.5
Lack of transparency is a major cost factor

→ NTM data collection: from text to data

14 561 different regulations...

→ Easy access by:
  - Product (HS codes)
  - Type of measure
  - Country
  - Keywords

→ Most are SPS: 19'556 NTMs

On several millions of pages from numerous agencies, various websites or offline

Colombo.

17th January, 2005.

The Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

EXTRAORDINARY

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(Published by Authority)

Government Notifications

NIMAL S.I. Minister of Health
Uva Wellas

Regulations

01. These Regulations may be cited as “Food (Labelling and Advertising) Regulations 2005."

02. No person shall sell, offer for sale, expose or keep for sale, transport or advertise for sale, any food container unless such package or container is labelled in accordance with these regulations.

Provided however that, these regulations shall not apply to any package of food if the food is of the nature or brand requested by the purchaser and is weighed, counted or measured in the presence of the purchaser.
Global NTM transparency initiative

Same comprehensive data already available at:
trains.unctad.org --- macmap.org --- wits.worldbank.org
→ and soon: ITC-UNCTAD-WTO Global Trade Helpdesk!
Complementarity: data collection and notifications

**FLOW:** updates in WTO notifications

**STOCK:** collecting all currently applied measures