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WTO Trade Monitoring

The WTO Trade Monitoring Exercise

- The only regular and cross-cutting transparency exercise within the multilateral trading system. It has systemic and political importance.

- Every 6 months a snapshot of the latest trends in the implementation of new trade and trade-related measures and on developments in the trade policy-making.

- **Inclusive** platform for a multilateral peer review of trade issues in general, and trade policies in particular. A transparency exercise, NOT a legal exercise.

- Information in the reports – factual, derived from multiple sources, including notifications – is **verified by Members**. Important stakeholder relationship.

Further information is available at the WTO Trade Monitoring webpage: https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tpr_e/trade_monitoring_e.htm

Monitoring Food Crisis: Export restrictions on food, feed and fertilizers

(24 February 2022 to 2 May 2023)

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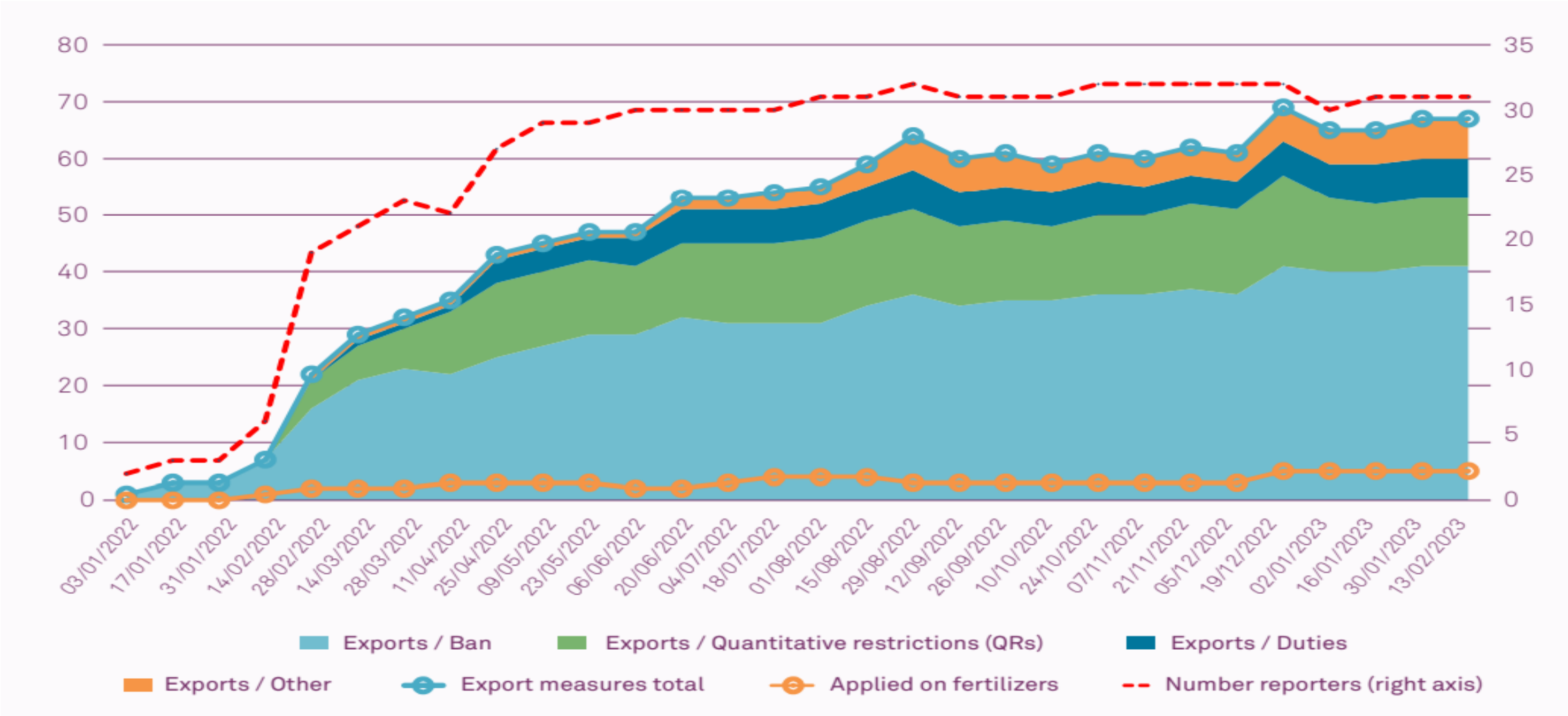
- 100 export restrictions measures on food, feed and fertilizers (92 on food/feed, 8 on fertilizers)
- Applied by 29 WTO Members and 6 Observers

- Products affected:
  - Initially on a limited range of agricultural products, e.g., grains, sugar, vegetable oils and fertilizers.
  - Later also on rice, poultry, and poultry products (eggs), meat, milk.

- 37 measures were phased out - bringing the total number of measures currently applied to 63 (58 on food, 5 on fertilizers), imposed by 27 WTO Members and 6 Observers

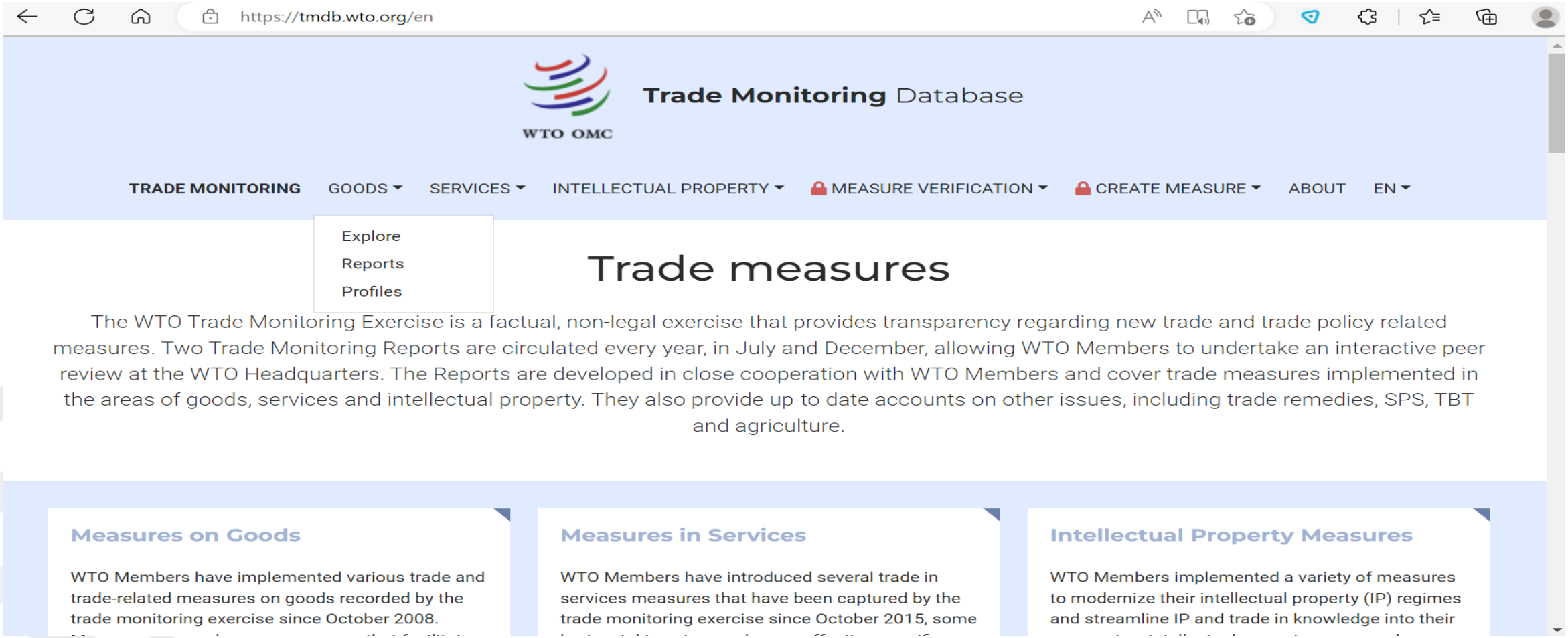
Monitoring Food Crisis: Export restrictions on food, feed and fertilizers in place by type of restrictions

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All the collected trade measures are publicly available

Every 6 months, on the day of the TPRB meeting that discusses the Reports, the newest collected trade data are published in the Trade Monitoring database.



Monitoring Food Crisis: Methodology

- The start date of Monitoring is **24 February 2022**
- Monitor **only implemented measures** (not announcements)
- We **don't count in** export restrictions that are part of **sanctions**
- We record **measures applied/adjusted at high frequency**(ex. weekly changes of rate of import duties) **as one measure** (ex. import duty on X product)
- We **verify all the measures drawn from media** sources with Members and Observers (often media doesn't classify measures correctly, or makes false statements that don't get verified)
- For terminations of measures - we **rely either on government sources confirming that the measure was terminated**, or we use the data provided in submitted measures