



Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

**TWENTY-THIRD 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-third 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 21-22 March 2018. 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 2017.

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Mr. Jose Manuel Campos Abad (Chile) was elected by the TBT Committee as its Chairperson for 2017 and **three regular meetings** were held: on 29-30 March², 14-15 June³ and 8-9 November⁴;
- The Committee held **three thematic sessions** on good regulatory practice, conformity assessment procedures, and risk assessment; and began work on the **Eighth Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the TBT Agreement** (Section 2);
- A total of **2,585 notifications** were submitted in 2017, **the most notifications submitted in one year since the Agreement went into force** in 1995. These notifications were submitted by **82 Members**, the highest level of participation in submission of notifications in any year since 1995 (Section 3.1.1);
- There was **strong participation by African Members**. For the first time since 1995, the top notifying Member was an African Member (Uganda), and three of the top ten notifying Members were from Africa (Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya) (Section 3.1.2);
- There has been a **marked increase in notifications from developing and least-developed Members** since 2004, and the majority of notifications (83%) in 2017 were submitted by this group of Members. Moreover, developing and least-developed Members increased their level of notifications compared to 2016, whilst that of developed Members decreased (Section 3.1.4);
- The tendency of Members to provide **shorter comment periods** on notifications since 2015 continued in 2017 (Section 3.1.6);
- 64% of all TBT notifications were submitted using the **TBT Notification Submission System** (TBT NSS), up from 53% in 2015 (Section 3.1.7.1);
- Members discussed **178 specific trade concerns** (STCs), a record number. Most of these were previously raised STCs; the Committee discussed only 27 new STCs during 2017. This continues the declining trend in the number of new concerns raised since 2014. On the other hand, the **number of previously raised STCs discussed continues to increase and more than makes up for the declining number of new concerns raised** (Section 3.3.1);
- **One half of new STCs in 2017 were raised by developing Members**. The shares have fluctuated over the years, but in general developing Members have become more active in raising new STCs (Section 3.3.4);
- Historically, the number of new notifications and new STCs has followed a similar upward trend. However, since 2015, the **number of new notifications has grown while the number of new STCs has fallen**, marking a break in this trend (Section 3.4);
- Eight standardizing bodies notified their acceptance of the **Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards**, and 72 notifications of work programmes were received from 65 standardizing bodies, a significant increase from 2016 (Section 3.2.3);
- A total of 34 TBT **technical assistance activities** were delivered by the Secretariat during 2017; 12 of these were organized specifically on the TBT Agreement (Section 5); and,
- **ePing** counted more than 3,200 users up to the end of 2017, since its launch in November 2016, 45% of which are from the private sector (Section 3.1.7.2).

² G/TBT/M/71.

³ G/TBT/M/72.

⁴ G/TBT/M/73.

2 EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES

2.1. During 2017, Members' exchange of experiences took place mainly in the context of thematic sessions:

- a. **Good regulatory practice.** This thematic session included discussion of different approaches and institutional frameworks used by Members to apply good regulatory practices across the whole of government. The moderator's summary report is contained in G/TBT/GEN/214.
- b. **Conformity assessment procedures.** This thematic session included discussion of Members' experiences in developing and using agreements and arrangements to facilitate the acceptance of conformity assessment results, and highlighted the importance of international standards, guidelines and recommendations for conformity assessment. The moderator's summary report is contained in G/TBT/GEN/213.
- c. **Risk assessment.** This thematic session explored the topic of risk assessment and its links to different aspects of the work of the Committee, with particular emphasis on the use of risk assessment in support of the choice and design of conformity assessment procedures. The moderator's summary report is contained in G/TBT/GEN/226.

2.2. **In 2017**, the Committee launched the **Eighth Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement**. A timeline for the Review process was agreed at its 14-15 June 2018 meeting (G/TBT/W/450).⁵ The Review will be driven by proposals from Members, and is scheduled to be completed in November 2018. Two Members submitted three proposals in 2017: South Africa (G/TBT/W/452 and G/TBT/W/453) and the United States (G/TBT/W/451). The Committee held an informal meeting on the Eighth Triennial Review on 7 November 2017.⁶

⁵ G/TBT/M/72, paragraph 3.253.

⁶ "Informal meeting on the Eighth Triennial Review held on 7 November 2017, Chairman's Report to the 8-9 November 2017 TBT Committee Meeting", JOB/TBT/250, 17 November 2017.

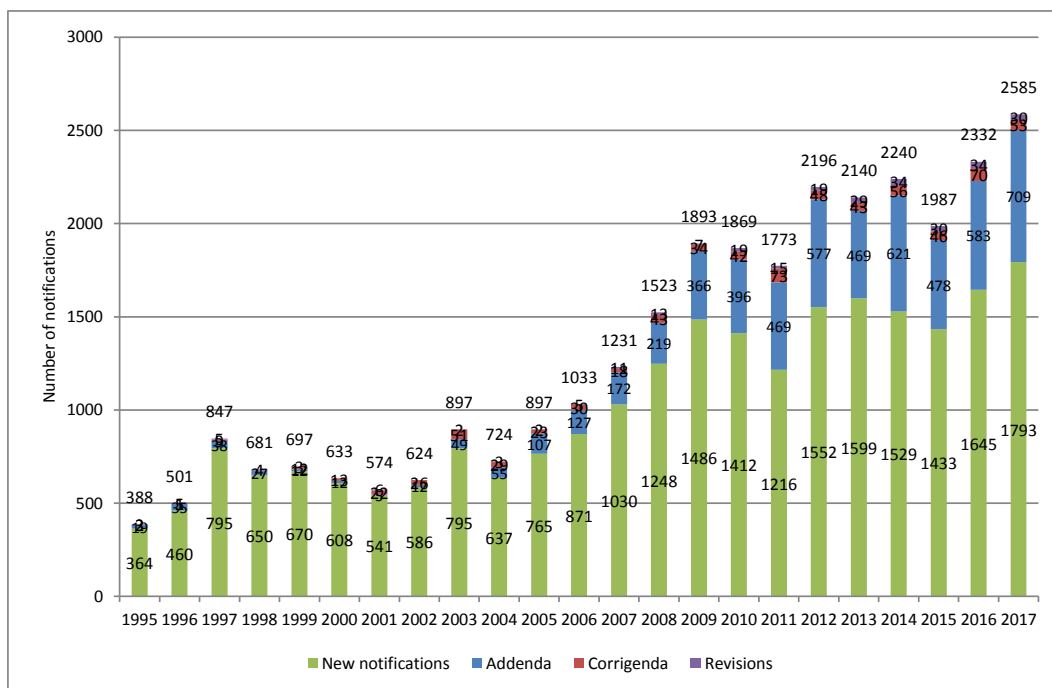
3 REVIEW OF TBT MEASURES⁷

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. The TBT Committee set a record in 2017 for total number of notifications of new or changed measures (2,585) submitted in one year, along with an all-time high in the number of new notifications of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures (1,793). The total also includes 709 addenda and 53 corrigenda to existing notifications, and 30 revisions (Chart 1).⁸ Compared to 2016, the total number of notifications rose by 11%, maintaining the trend of a steady increase since 2004. Since the entry into force of the TBT Agreement and up to 31 December 2017, 136 Members (representing 83% of the full membership) have submitted 30,265 notifications (see Annex A).

Chart 1: Total TBT notifications, 1995-2017⁹

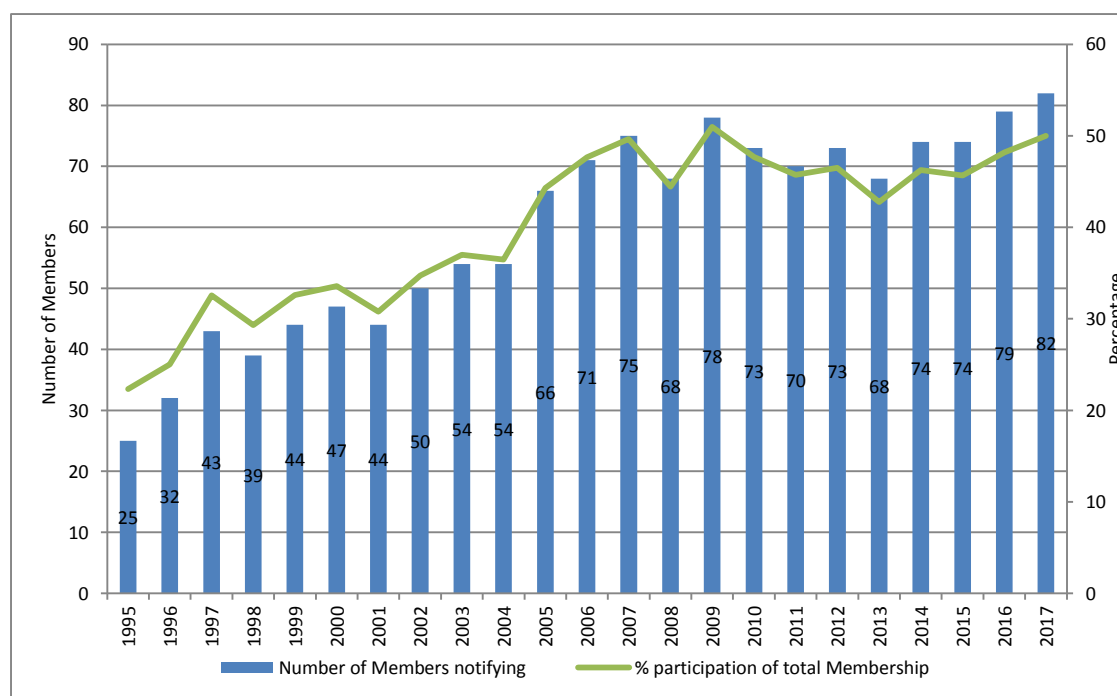


3.2. Participation in submission of notifications in 2017 was wider than it has been before, with 82 Members (exactly half of current WTO membership) submitting at least one notification during the year. The steady upward trend in participation since 1995 is mirrored in the increasing share of total Members involved (Chart 2).

⁷ The data for the charts in this section are drawn from the TBT IMS <http://tbtdims.wto.org/>, complemented by more detail in Annex A. Further information on TBT notifications, STCs and other TBT-related documents is available through the TBT IMS.

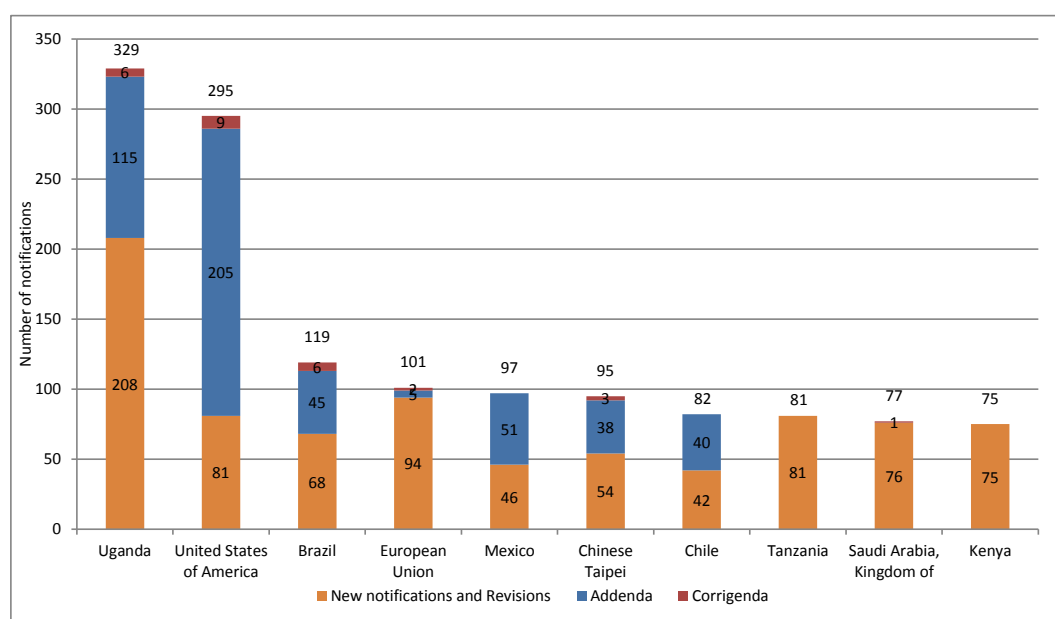
⁸ This document uses the terminology adopted by the TBT Committee in the recommendation on "Coherent use of notification formats", G/TBT/35, 18 June 2014.

⁹ Notifications of unofficial translations of notified measures, *supplements*, are not considered part of total TBT notifications in this report, since they do constitute notification of a new or changed measure. See Chart 7 for more details.

Chart 2: Members' participation in the notification process, 1995-2017

3.1.2 Notifications by Member

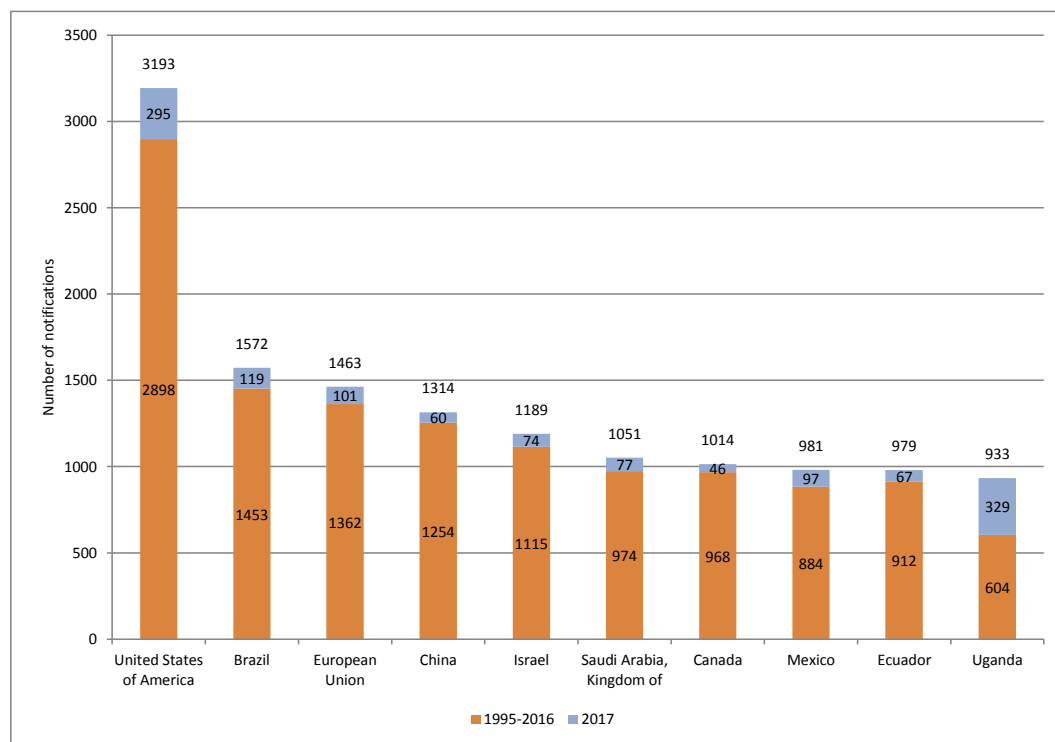
3.3. Uganda, the United States, Brazil, the European Union, Mexico, Chinese Taipei, Chile, Tanzania, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Kenya notified the most TBT notifications in 2017 (Chart 3). It is noteworthy that 2017 is the first year since 1995 in which the top notifier was an African Member (Uganda), and the first time that three of the top ten notifiers are African Members (all three of which are members of the East African Community).

Chart 3: Ten Members that submitted most notifications (new notifications, addenda and corrigenda) during 2017

3.4. The ten Members that have notified most frequently since 1995 are listed in Chart 4. Several Members among the top notifying Members in 2017 (Chart 3) do not appear among the top

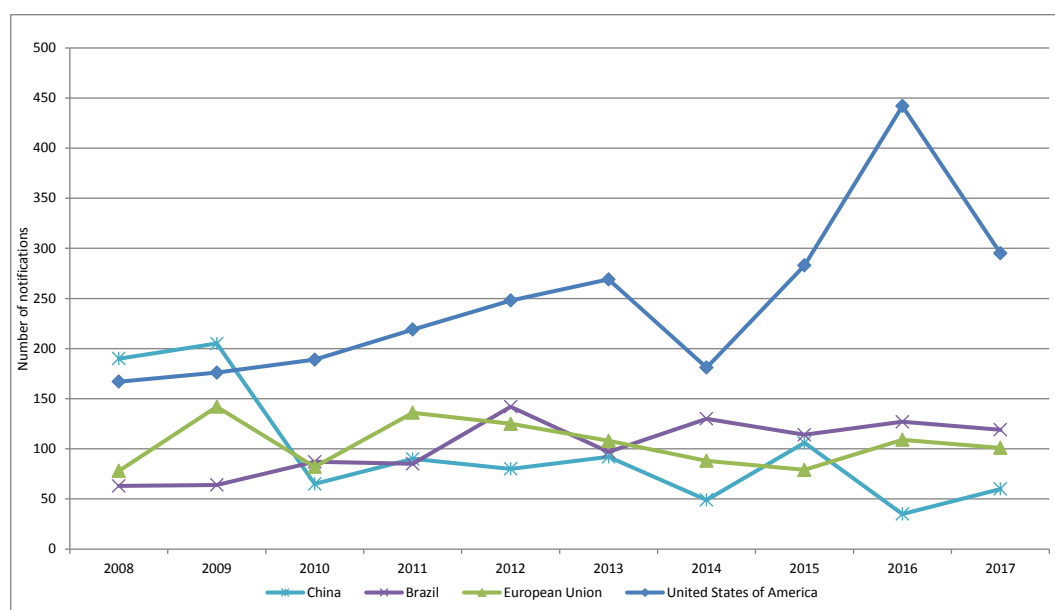
notifying Members for the period 1995 to 2017 (Chart 4), namely Chinese Taipei, Chile, Tanzania and Kenya, indicating that they notified at a level above their historical trend.

Chart 4: Ten Members that submitted most notifications (new notifications, addenda and corrigenda, and revisions) during 1995-2017



3.5. Taking a closer look at the four top notifying Members (US, Brazil, EU, China) shown in the chart above, Chart 5 shows that the annual volume of notifications submitted by these Members varies relatively little. Exceptions to this are the number of notifications submitted by the US over the last three years, which peaked in 2016.

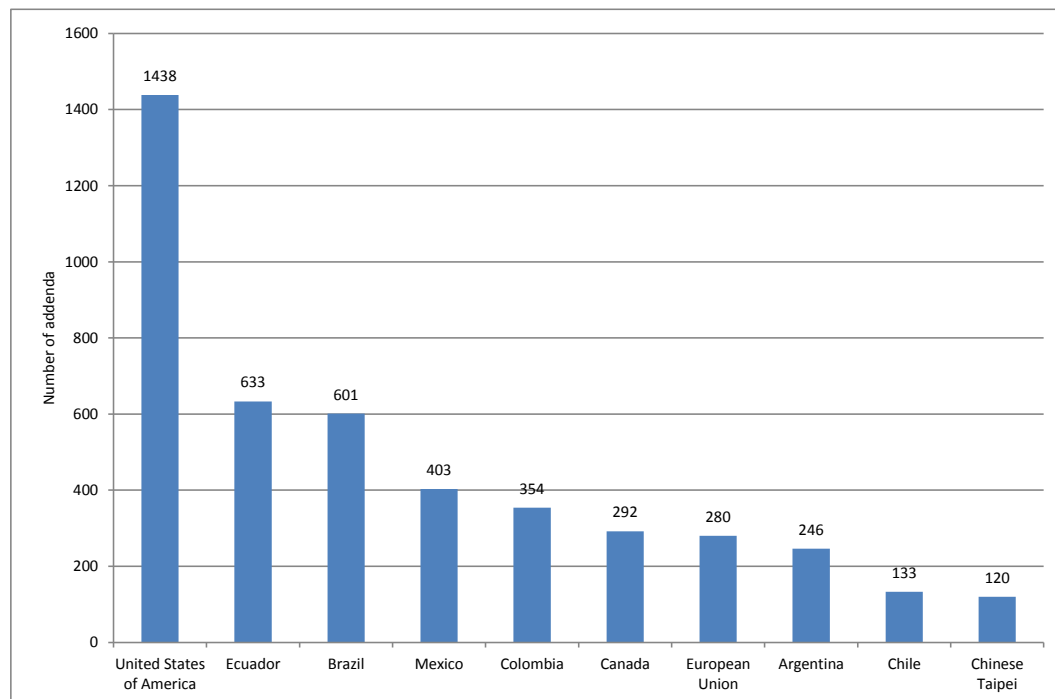
Chart 5: Notifications submitted by China, Brazil, the EU and the US (new notifications, addenda and corrigenda, and revisions) during 2008-2017



3.1.3 Use of notification formats

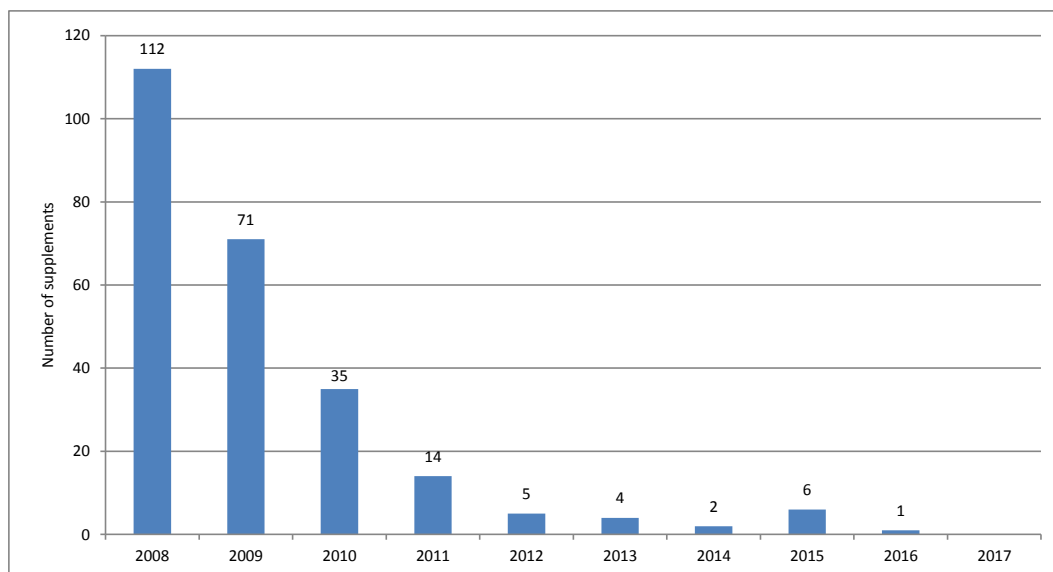
3.6. The TBT Committee has agreed on recommendations for the coherent use of different notification formats ("new notifications", "revisions", "addenda", "corrigenda", as well as "supplements"), so that the progress of a notified measure can be followed throughout the regulatory lifecycle.¹⁰ For instance, when the comment period on a notification has been extended (addenda), 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).

Chart 6: Ten Members that submitted most addenda during 1995-2017

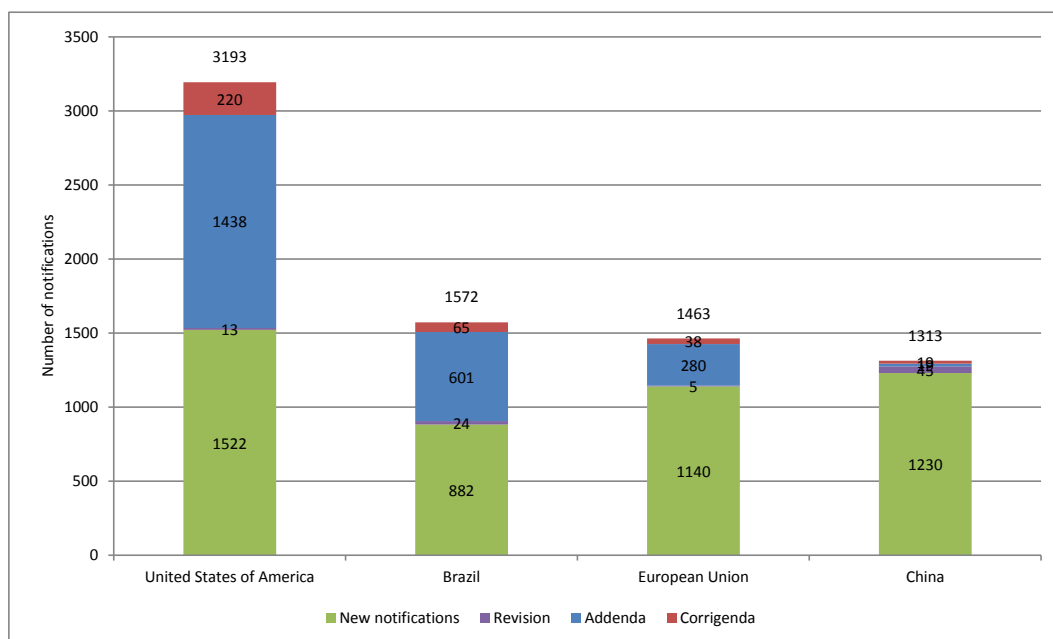


3.7. The use of addenda has also increased remarkably and since 2011 more than 450 addenda have been notified every year (see Chart 1). Chart 6 shows the Members that have submitted most addenda since 2017. Contrarily, the number of revisions submitted is relatively low but has also grown over the years; since 2012 the WTO has received about 28 revisions per year (Chart 1). The Members that have notified the most revisions since 1995 are China (45), Brazil (24), Canada (23), Thailand (20) and South Africa (20). The EU is the only Member that has notified unofficial translations through supplements (Chart 7). Of the 250 supplements notified by the EU, over 100 provide links to unofficial translations of measures notified by China.

¹⁰ G/TBT/35.

Chart 7: Supplements notifying unofficial translations, 2008-2017

3.8. The formats of notifications used by the four top notifying Members differ from Member to Member (Chart 8). The US has notified more addenda and corrigenda combined than new notifications, while China rarely uses these formats. As indicated above, revisions are used very infrequently.

Chart 8: Use of notification formats by China, Brazil, the EU and the US during 1995-2017, total number of notifications

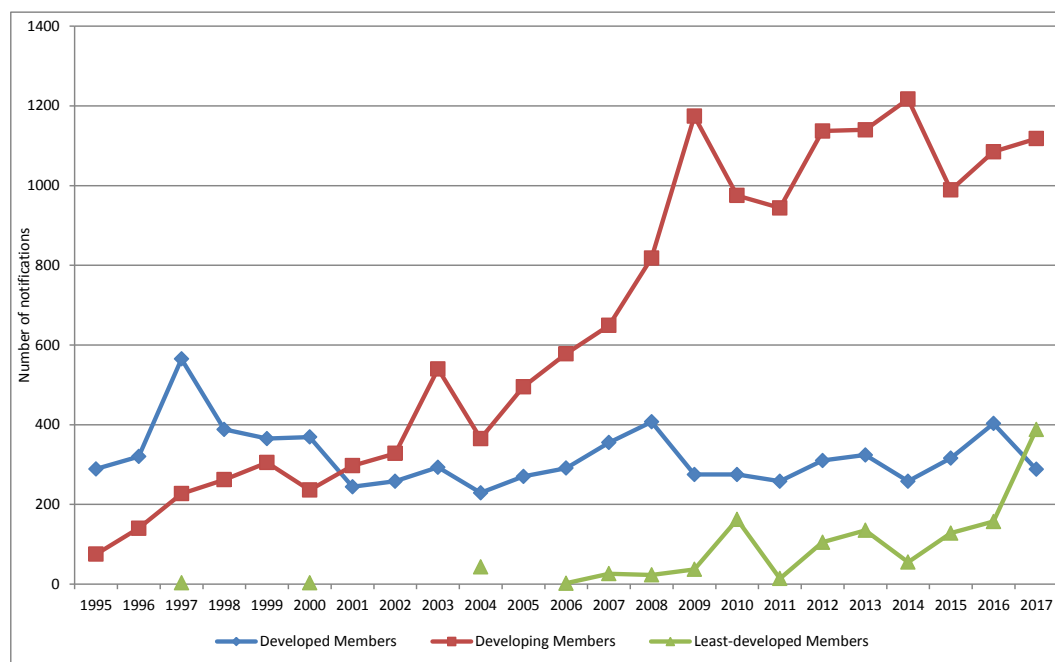
3.1.4 Notifications by development status and region

3.9. 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 9). Again in 2017 the majority of notifications (62%) were submitted by 56 developing Members. Least-developed Members (7) were responsible for 21% of new notifications in 2017¹¹ and developed Members (20)

¹¹ The top five notifying least-developed Members for the period 1995 to 2017 concerning new notifications are Uganda (800), Tanzania (125), Yemen (115), Zambia (88) and Rwanda (78).

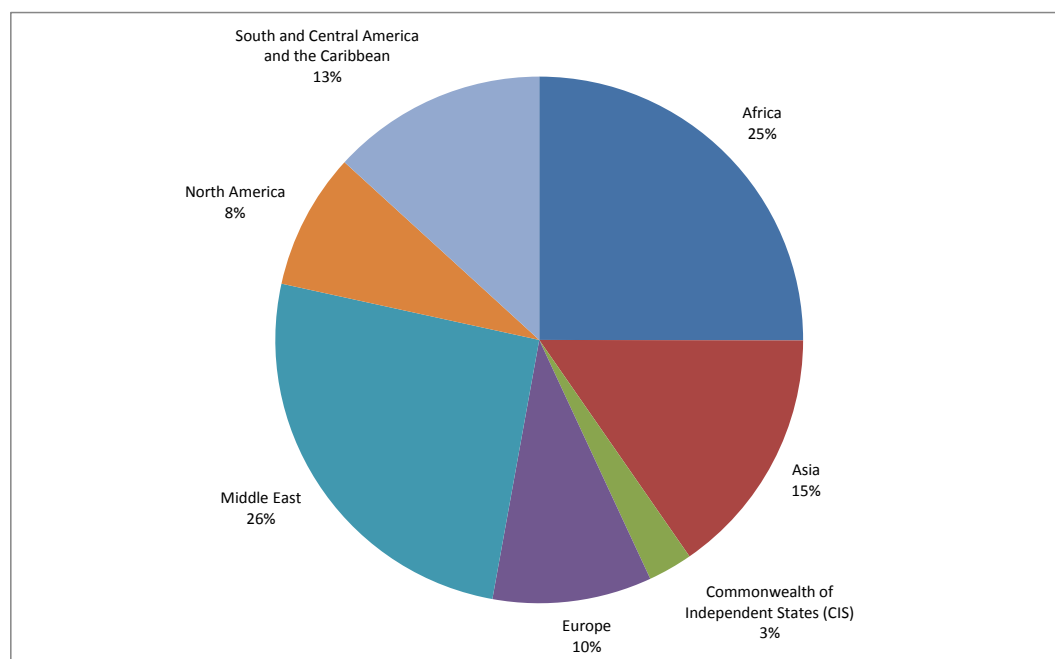
for only 16%. Developing and least-developing Members increased their level of notifications compared to 2016, whilst that of developed Members decreased.

Chart 9: New notifications by development status, 1995-2017



3.10. Members in the Middle East and from Africa respectively submitted one quarter each of all new notifications in 2017, far more than any other regional group, followed by Members in Asia with a share of 15%. Compared to 2016, the main change was an increase in notifications from Africa, and a decrease in notifications from North America (Chart 10). Notifications from African Members increased significantly between 2014 and 2017, jumping from 129 to 449.

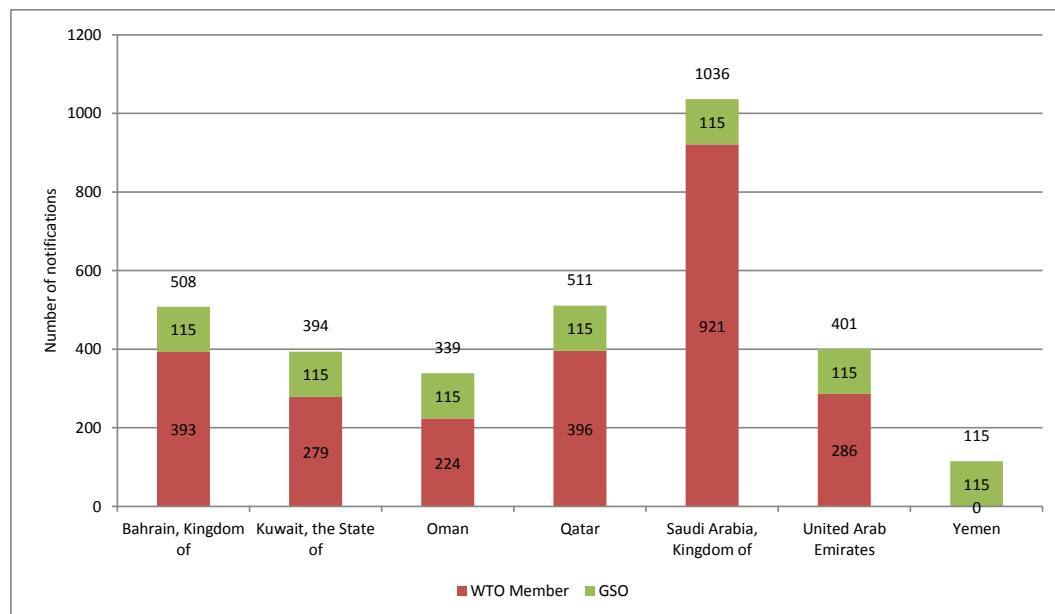
Chart 10: Distribution of new notifications by region, 2017



3.1.5 Regional approaches to notification

3.11. In recent years, groups of Members have coordinated notification of regionally harmonized measures adopted in regional economic communities, so as to notify such measures jointly to the WTO.¹² The GCC Gulf Standards Organization is one group of Members that have submitted a significant number of joint notifications (Chart 11).¹³

Chart 11: New notifications by GSO members, 1995-2017



3.1.6 Comment period provided in notifications

3.12. 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.¹⁴ In 2017, Members provided on average only 56.1 days for comments on new notifications and revisions (of those 1706 notifications which specified a comment period – Chart 12).¹⁵ The tendency of Members to provide shorter average comment periods since 2015 continued in 2017. The average comment period provided by each Member in 2017 (who notified a total of five or more new notifications or revisions) is shown in Annex B. In 117 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. Annex C illustrates the percentage of notifications submitted in 2017 that provide a comment period, by Member (where five or more new notifications or revisions were notified).

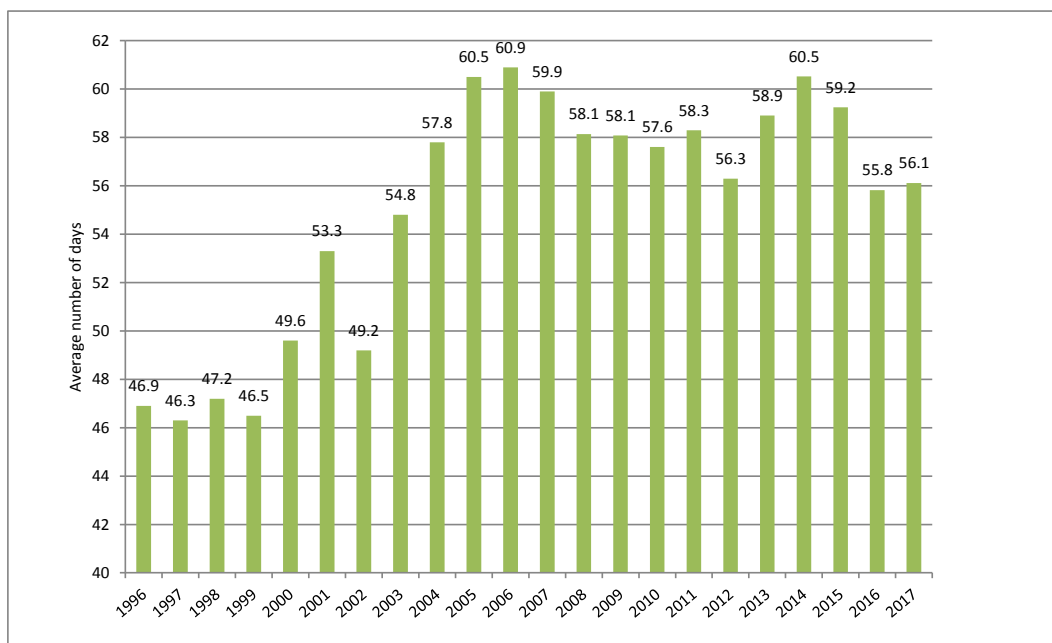
¹² Regional bodies or economic communities cannot notify on behalf of Members. It is Members that are responsible for fulfilment of the obligations on notification of draft measures contained in the TBT Agreement. For statistical purposes, a joint notification submitted by a group of Members is counted as an individual notification by each Member of the group.

¹³ The current practice followed by GSO is that the TBT Enquiry Point of one GSO Member submits the notification on behalf of all in the regional group, listing all seven Members under Item 1 of the notification form. The Member that submits the notification is generally responsible for accepting comments and follow up. Once submitted to the Central Registry of Notifications, the notification is circulated with a separate symbol for each Member. For statistical purposes, each notification submitted jointly by GSO counts for seven notifications in total notification counts.

¹⁴ G/TBT/1/Rev.13, Section 5.3.1.8, page 27.

¹⁵ 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).

Chart 12: Average number of days provided for comments, new notifications and revisions, all Members, 1996-2017



3.1.7 Online tools for notifications

3.1.7.1 TBT Notification Submission System

3.13. In 2017, 64% of all TBT notifications were submitted using the TBT Notification Submission System (TBT NSS). Whilst slightly less than the 66% share in 2016, this nevertheless continues to represent a significant upward trend in the number of notifications submitted online; from 35% in 2014, to 53% in 2015. The 38 Members listed below used the TBT NSS in 2017 (Table 1). Since its launch at the end of 2013, 44 Members regularly use the TBT NSS, out of the 136 Members who have ever notified.¹⁶

Table 1: List of Members that used the TBT NSS in 2017

Australia	China	Japan	Rwanda	Uganda
Belize	Chinese Taipei	Kenya	Seychelles	Ukraine
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Czech Republic	Korea, Republic of	South Africa	United Arab Emirates
Botswana	European Union	Lithuania	Sweden	United Kingdom
Brazil	India	Malawi	Switzerland	United States of America
Burundi	Indonesia	Malaysia	Tanzania	Viet Nam
Canada	Ireland	Mongolia	Thailand	
Chile	Israel	New Zealand	Turkey	

3.1.7.2 ePing

3.14. ePing aims to assist public and private sector stakeholders in benefitting from the multilateral transparency framework of the WTO and avoid unnecessary trade disruptions. Following its launch in November 2016, the SPS/TBT Notification alert system [ePing](#) has seen a steady rise in subscribers from both the public and private sectors. At the same time, the WTO,

¹⁶ For access to the TBT NSS, please contact tbtcss@wto.org.

ITC and UNDESA have continued their collaboration by introducing enhancements to the system in light of feedback from users. Given the high volume and diversity of SPS/TBT notifications circulated, reaching more than 4,000 in 2017, it can be a challenge for stakeholders to track and react to evolving product requirements in a timely manner. By registering on ePing, 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 platform can assist Members' Enquiry Points in reaching out to domestic users to discuss notifications and/or provide complementary information (such as translations). This can in turn facilitate the formulation of timely comments on notifications, which usually provide a 60-day comment period.

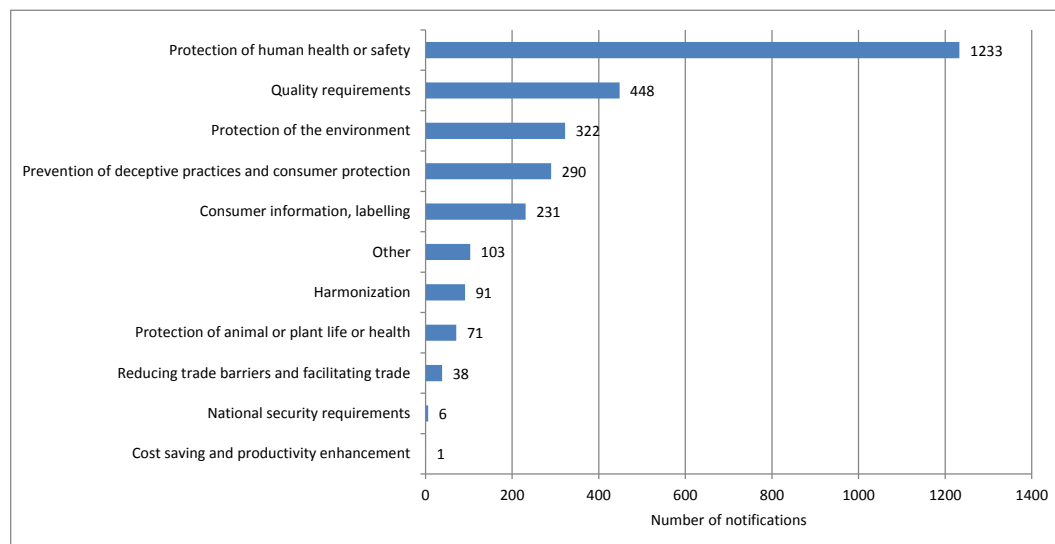
3.15. A number of ePing training activities were carried out in 2017. These activities were included in the programme of TBT and SPS technical assistance workshops, ITTC Geneva based activities and directly with delegations based in Geneva. In addition, there was a dedicated session at the Aid for Trade Global review in July 2017.¹⁷

3.16. An on-line survey to collect preliminary feedback from users was conducted in February 2017. A summary of responses to the survey was subsequently circulated.¹⁸ The Secretariat provided an update on ePing at the November TBT Committee meeting.¹⁹

3.1.8 Stated objectives of notifications

3.17. "Protection of human health or safety" was once again overwhelmingly the primary objective stated in new notifications submitted in 2017 (Chart 13).²⁰ Of these 1233 notifications, almost 50% relate to food and beverages, whilst a further 15% cover medical/pharmaceutical products and drugs. Other sectors covered by these 1233 notifications include vehicles and textiles. The second most cited objective was "Quality requirements", followed by "Protection of the environment", "Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection" and "Consumer information, labelling". When comparing this with the most cited objectives for the period 1995 to 2017, the top five objectives remain unchanged, albeit in a different order (Chart 14).

Chart 13: Notification by objective, 2017²¹



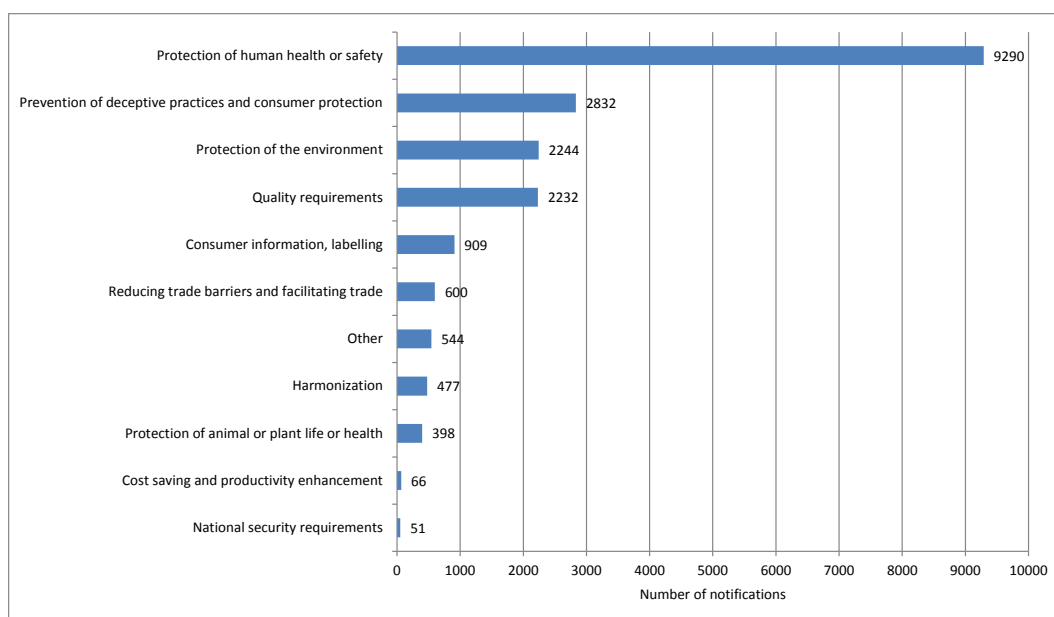
¹⁷ A summary of the session can be found on pages 147-149 of the Summary Report of the Aid4Trade global review (https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/devel_e/a4t_e/gr17_e/glossy_summary_report_e.pdf).

¹⁸ The summary of responses to the survey can be found in G/TBT/GEN/227/Rev.1, G/SPS/GEN/1569, circulated on 6 July 2017.

¹⁹ The update was circulated in G/TBT/GEN/240, G/SPS/GEN/1591 on 1 December 2017.

²⁰ The objectives are indicated by Members in Item 7 of the new notification template (see G/TBT/1/Rev. 13, pp. 58-61). Notifications may cite multiple objectives.

²¹ 34 notifications over the stated period did not specify any objective.

Chart 14: Notification by objective, 1995-2017²²

²² 71 notifications over the stated period did not specify any objective.

3.2 Other TBT notifications

3.2.1 Notifications under Article 10.7

3.18. Fourteen agreements were notified under Article 10.7 in 2017, all but two of which were between Ukraine and other Members.²³ Since 1995, 144 agreements, four revisions, four corrigenda and one addendum have been notified under Article 10.7.

3.2.2 Notifications under Article 15.2

3.19. In 2017, nine 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. Five Members notified for the first time under Article 15.2: Gabon, Liberia, Nepal, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Samoa. Four Members revised their previous notifications: Indonesia, Liberia, Philippines and Ukraine.²⁴ In total, 141 Members have submitted at least one notification under Article 15.2 (see Annex G).

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

3.20. 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 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 2017, eight standardizing bodies notified the acceptance of the Code and 72 notifications of existence or updates of work programmes were received from 65 different standardizing bodies.²⁵ While most standardizing bodies provide hyperlinks to where their work programmes can be found, others send them in as pdf files, which are then stored on the gateway. The increase in engagement is significant when compared to that of previous years. In 2016, three Members notified the acceptance of the Code and only 12 notifications on work programmes were submitted.

3.21. Between 1995 and 2017, 185 standardizing bodies from 143 Members or Observers accepted the Code of Good Practice. In addition, one regional standardizing body has accepted the Code: the African Organisation for Standardisation.²⁶ The WTO forms for the acceptance of and withdrawal from the Code of Good Practice as well as the form to notify work programmes can also be found on the gateway.

²³ In 2017, 14 notifications under Article 10.7 have been submitted: notification G/TBT/10.7/N/133 concerns an agreement between Ukraine and the Czech Republic; notification G/TBT/10.7/N/134 concerns an agreement between Ukraine and China; notification G/TBT/10.7/N/135 concerns an agreement between Ukraine and the Netherlands; notifications G/TBT/10.7/N/136, G/TBT/10.7/N/137 and G/TBT/10.7/N/141 concern agreements between Ukraine and Belarus; notification G/TBT/10.7/N/138 concerns an agreement between Ukraine and Poland; notification G/TBT/10.7/N/139 concerns an agreement between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic; notifications G/TBT/10.7/N/140, G/TBT/10.7/N/142 and G/TBT/10.7/N/143 concern agreements between Ukraine and Germany; notification G/TBT/10.7/N/144 concerns an agreement between Ukraine and Sweden; notification G/TBT/10.7/N/145 concerns an agreement between Chile and the European Union; and notification G/TBT/10.7/N/20/Add.1 concerns an agreement between the European Union and the United States.

²⁴ The latest list of statements submitted under Article 15.2 is available in the TBT IMS under "reports" (<http://tbttims.wto.org>). This information was previously circulated in the G/TBT/2/GEN/-series). The list is also included in Annex G.

²⁵ Those standardizing bodies who accepted the Code in 2017 are: IANORQ - Instituto Angolano de Normalização e Qualidade (Angola), BBS - Belize Bureau of Standards (Belize), ISC - Institute of Standards of Cambodia (Cambodia), AGANOR - Agence Gabonaise de Normalisation (Gabon), JSA - Japanese Standards Association (Japan), OITDA - Optoelectronics Industry and Technology Development Association (Japan), AMANORM - Agence Malienne de Normalisation et de Promotion de la Qualité (Mali) and SKNBS - St. Kitts and Nevis Bureau of Standards (St. Kitts and Nevis). The full list of the standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code is contained in Annex F.

²⁶ A list of the standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code and have not withdrawn can be found in Annex F.

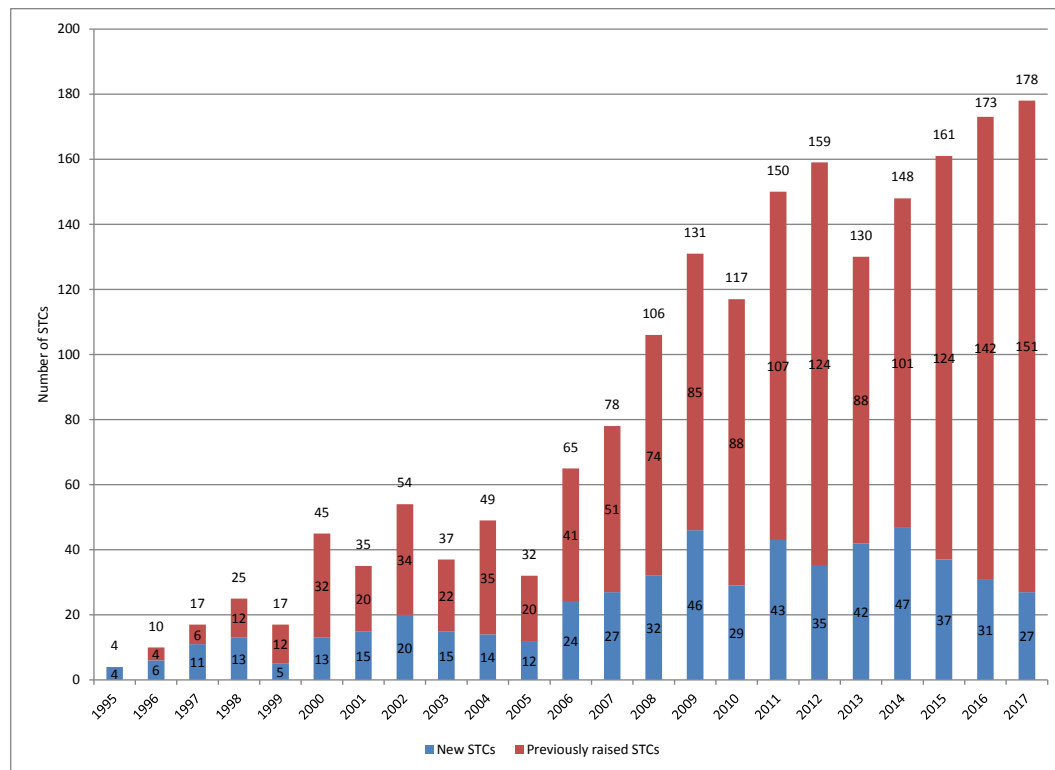
3.3 Specific Trade Concerns

3.22. 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 measures, or to measures currently in force. Members thus have the opportunity to review these concerns in a multilateral setting, and to seek further information and clarification, working towards mutually acceptable solutions.

3.3.1 Trends in STCs

3.23. In 2017, Members reviewed a total of 178 STCs, a record number. The number of new concerns, however, dropped to 27, 4 less than in 2016 (Chart 15). This continues the declining trend in the number of new concerns raised in the Committee since 2014 (47), a decrease of 43%. On the other hand, the number of times previously raised STC were discussed continues to increase and more than makes up for the declining number of new concerns raised. In 2017, Members discussed 151 previously raised concerns in TBT Committee meetings²⁷ (up from 142 in 2016 and 124 in 2015).²⁸ The calculation method applied for the first time in the 2016 Annual Review for the "previously raised STCs" category has again been used.²⁹

Chart 15: STCs raised, 1995-2017



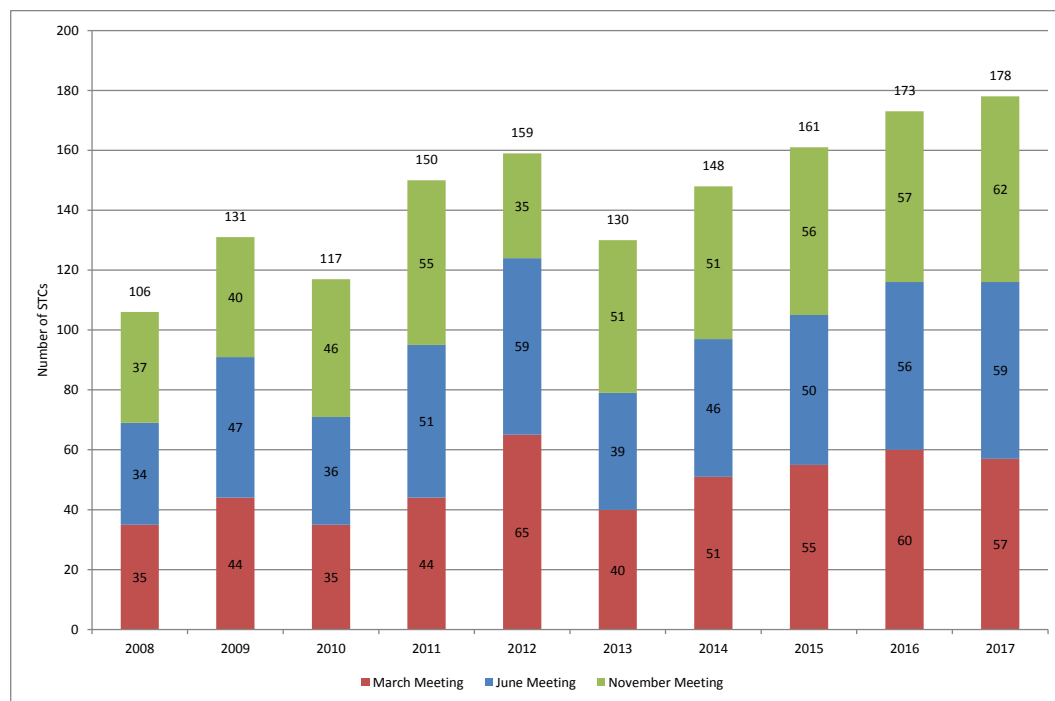
²⁷ Each time an STC is raised in the Committee, it is counted, regardless of whether the STC has been raised before in the same calendar year either as a new or previously raised STC.

²⁸ An overview of the STCs raised in the Committee in 2017 can be found in Annex D. Annex E provides a more detailed overview of new STCs raised in 2017.

²⁹ 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).

3.24. Chart 16 shows the number of STCs discussed per TBT Committee meeting, which is significant and growing. In 2017, 57 STCs were discussed at the March meeting, 59 STCs at the June meeting, and in November, 62 STCs (Chart 16). This illustrates the steadily increasing workload for the Committee. While in 2008, around 35 STCs were discussed on average per meeting, this number rose to nearly 60 by 2017.

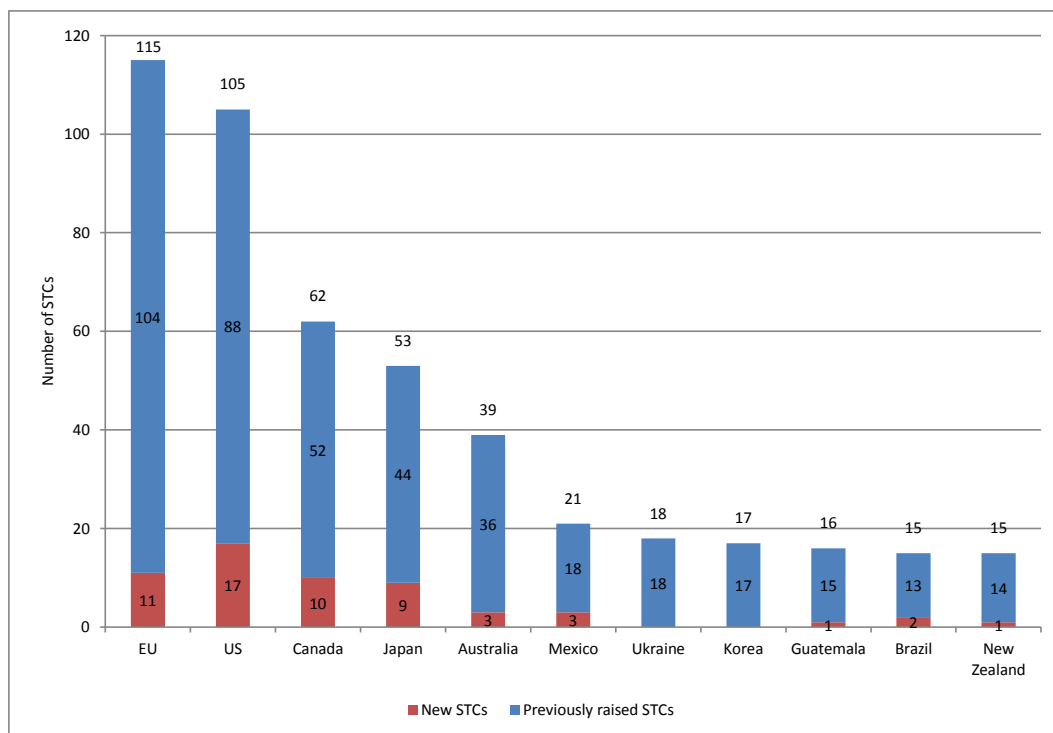
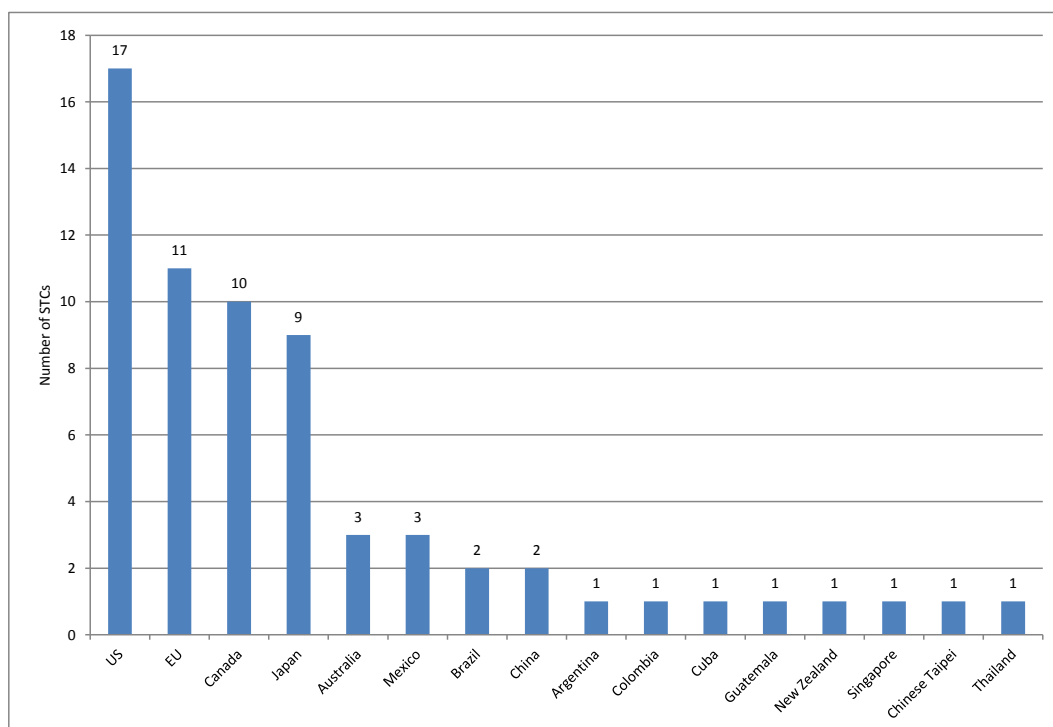
Chart 16: STCs raised per Committee Meeting, 2008-2017



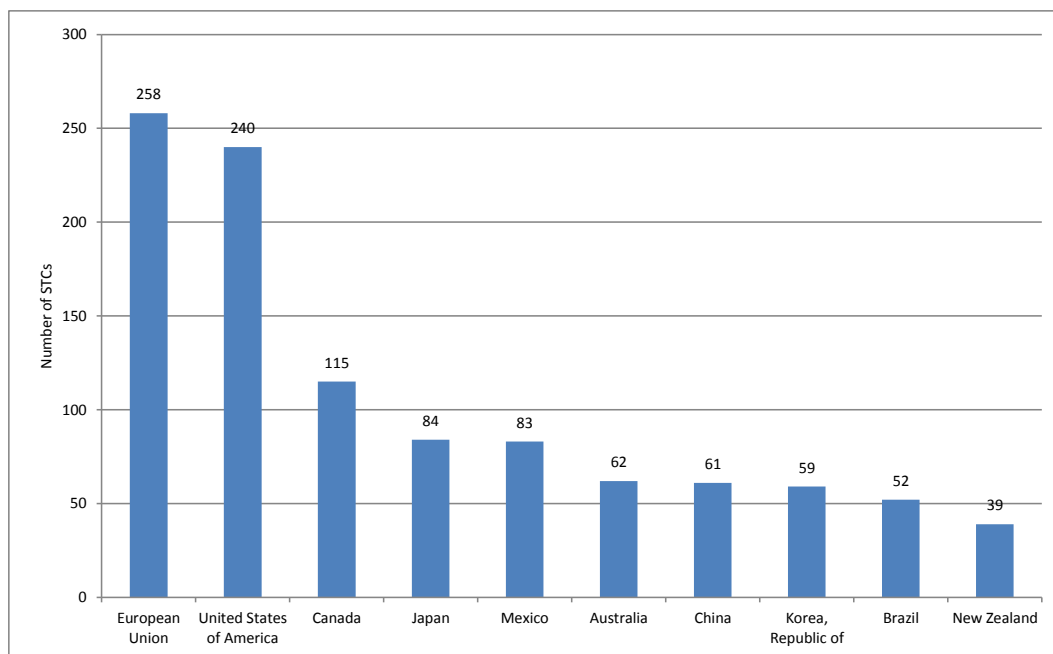
3.3.2 STCs by Member

3.25. Continuing the trend from last year, the EU, US and Canada were the Members that raised most STCs in 2017. They were followed by Japan, Australia, Mexico, Ukraine, Korea, Guatemala, Brazil and New Zealand (Chart 17). The large majority of these STCs were not new but raised previously.³⁰ Regarding new concerns only, the US raised a total of 17, more than the EU (11), Canada (10) and Japan (9) (Chart 18).

³⁰ 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.

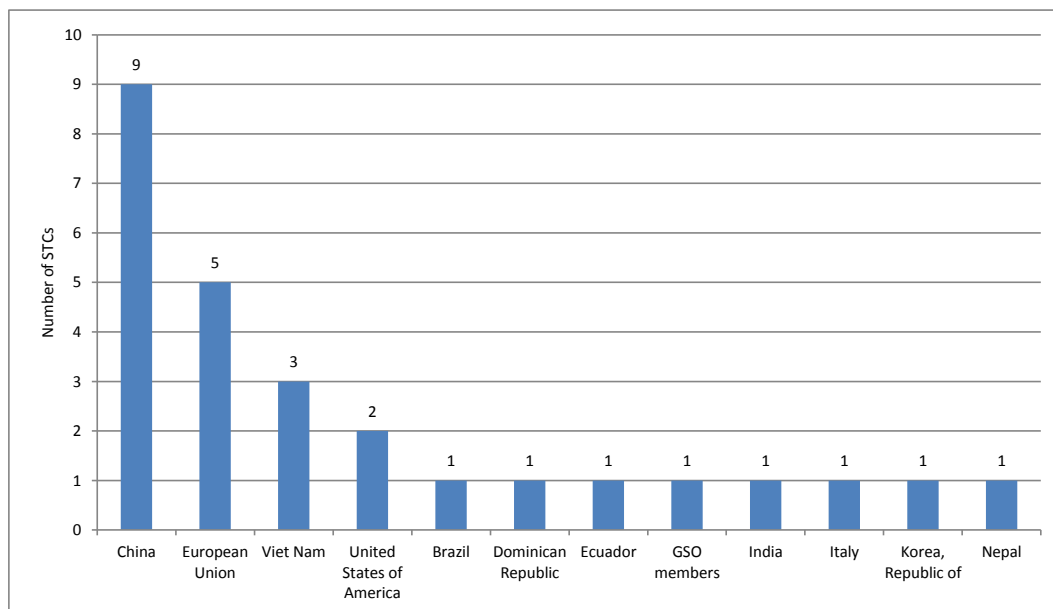
Chart 17: Ten Members that raised most (new and previously-raised) STCs during 2017**Chart 18: Members that raised new STCs during 2017**

3.26. Chart 19 displays a similar trend: the EU and the US raised most new STCs during the period 1995 to 2017, more than 240 each. Canada, Japan, Mexico, Australia, China, Korea, Brazil and New Zealand are also among the ten Members raising most new STCs.

Chart 19: Ten Members that raised most new STCs during 1995-2017

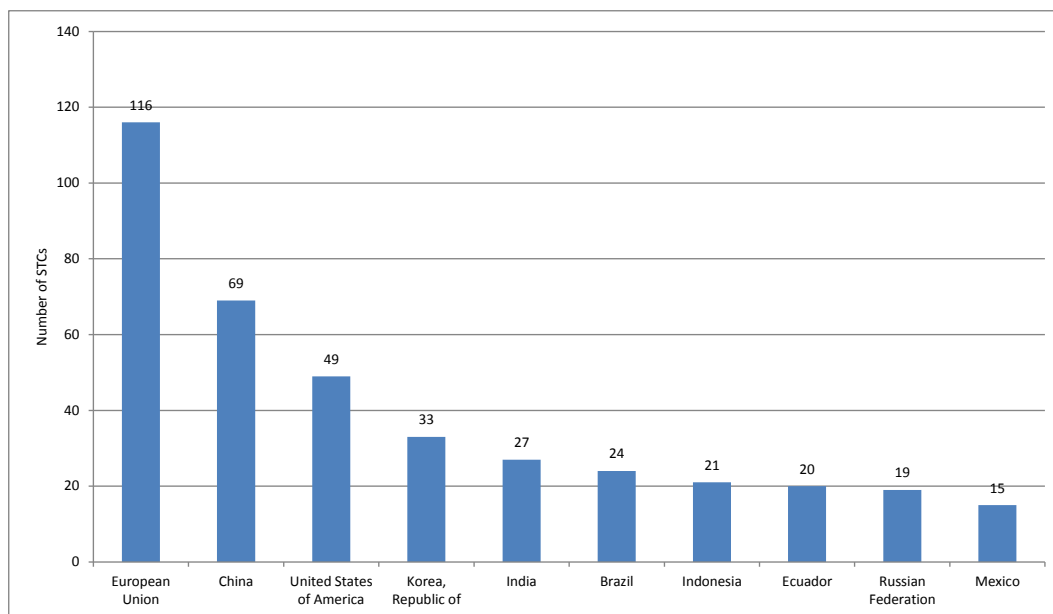
3.3.3 Members subject to new STCs

3.27. Measures of China, the EU and Viet Nam were subject to most new STCs raised in the Committee in 2017 (Chart 20).

Chart 20: Members subject to new STCs during 2017³¹

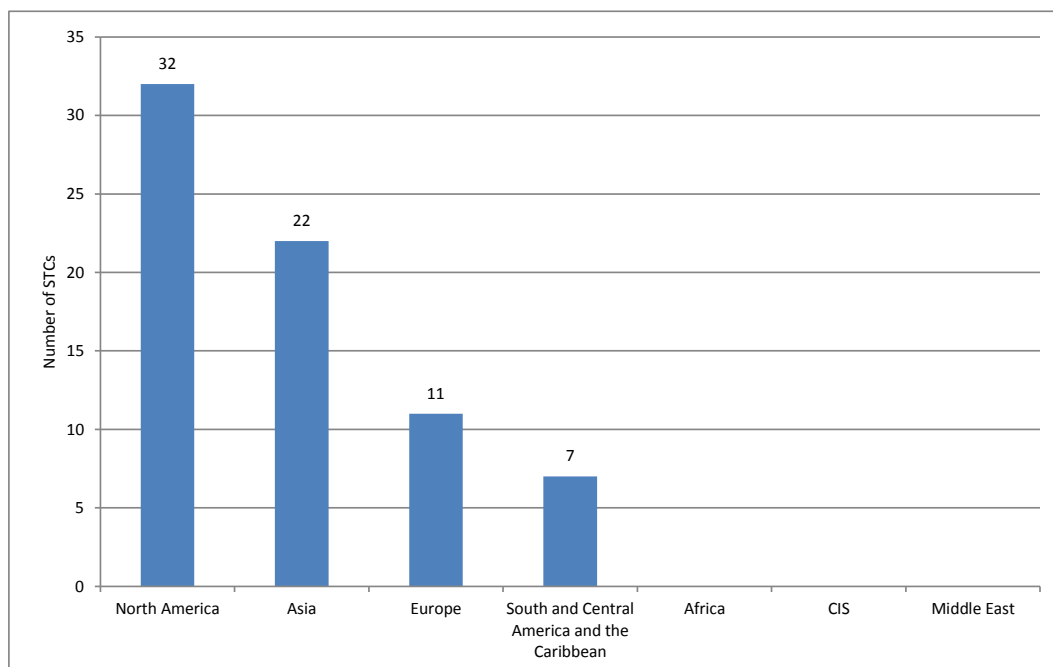
3.28. Chart 21 shows that overall the EU was the Member subject to most STCs in the Committee between 1995 and 2017, followed by China and the US. Other Members that were subject to an important number of new STCs were Korea, Indian, Brazil, Indonesia, Ecuador, the Russian Federation and Mexico.

³¹ GSO members are: Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

Chart 21: Members subject to most new STCs during 1995-2017

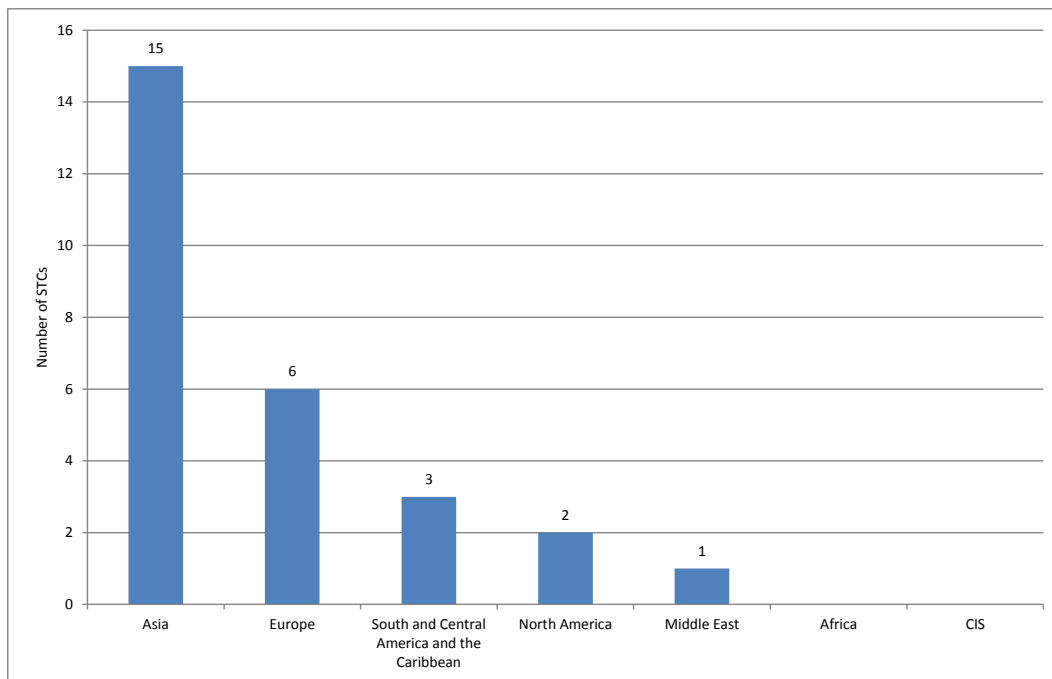
3.3.4 STCs by region and development status

3.29. Charts 22 and 23 provide information on the regional breakdown of participation in STC discussions. In 2017, Members from North America raised 32 new STCs, from Asia 22 new STCs, and from Europe 11 new STCs. No new STCs were raised by Members from Africa, CIS, or the Middle East (Chart 22).

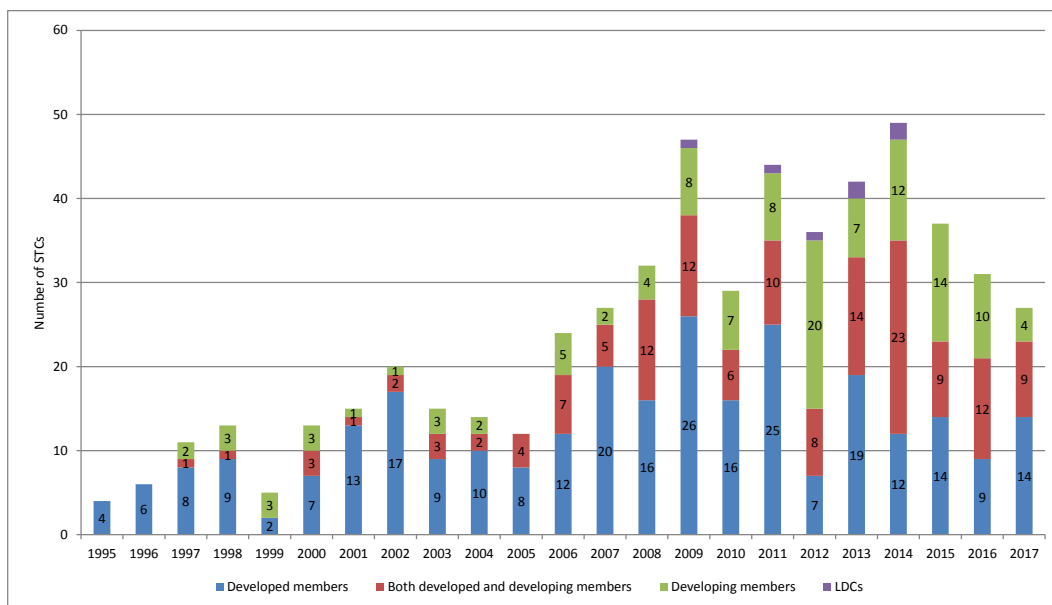
Chart 22: New STCs raised by region, 2017³²

3.30. On the other hand, Members from Asia were subject to most new STCs, followed by Members from Europe and South and Central America and the Caribbean (Chart 23).

³² "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 23: Subject to new STCs by region, 2017³³

3.31. In 2017, about one half (14) of the 27 new STCs were raised by developing Members, one third (9) by both developing and developed Members and only 4 by developed Members alone. 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 24).

Chart 24: New STCs raised by development status, 1995-2017³⁴

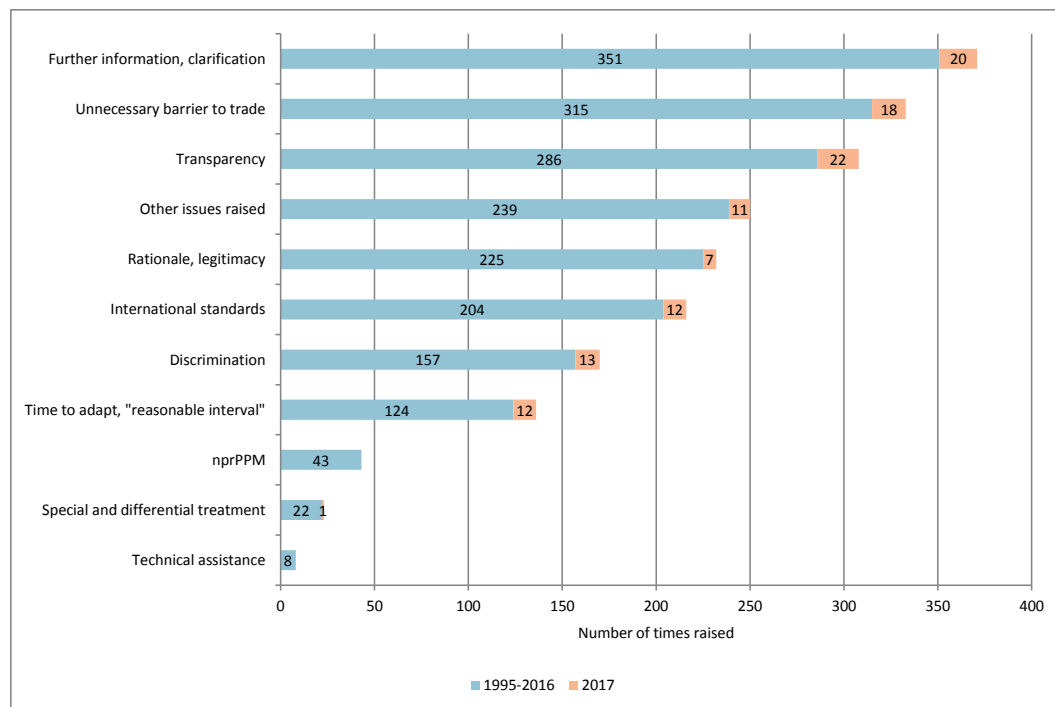
³³ "Subject to new STCs by region" indicates the number of times a measure of a Member in a given region has been subject to a new STC.

³⁴ 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.

3.3.5 Types of concerns raised in STCs

3.32. Of the issues highlighted by concerned Members in new STCs raised in 2017, 22 dealt with "Transparency", 20 with "Further information and clarification", 18 with "Unnecessary barriers to trade", 13 with "Discrimination", 12 with "International standards", and 12 also with "Time to adapt" (Chart 25).

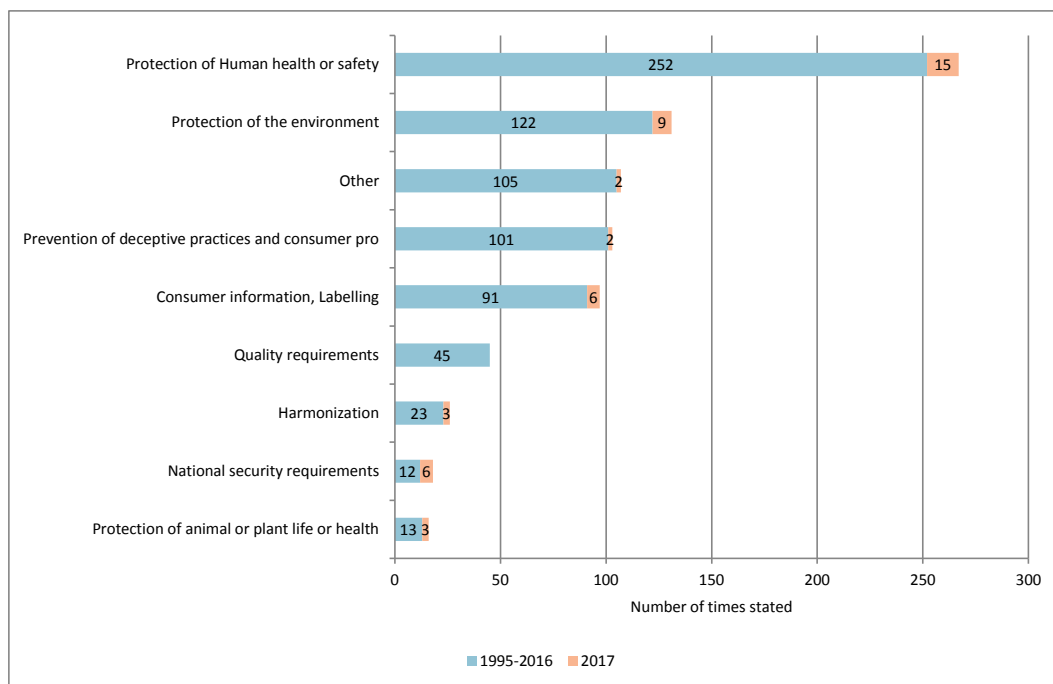
Chart 25: Types of concerns raised, 1995-2017³⁵



3.3.6 Stated objectives of measures subject to STCs

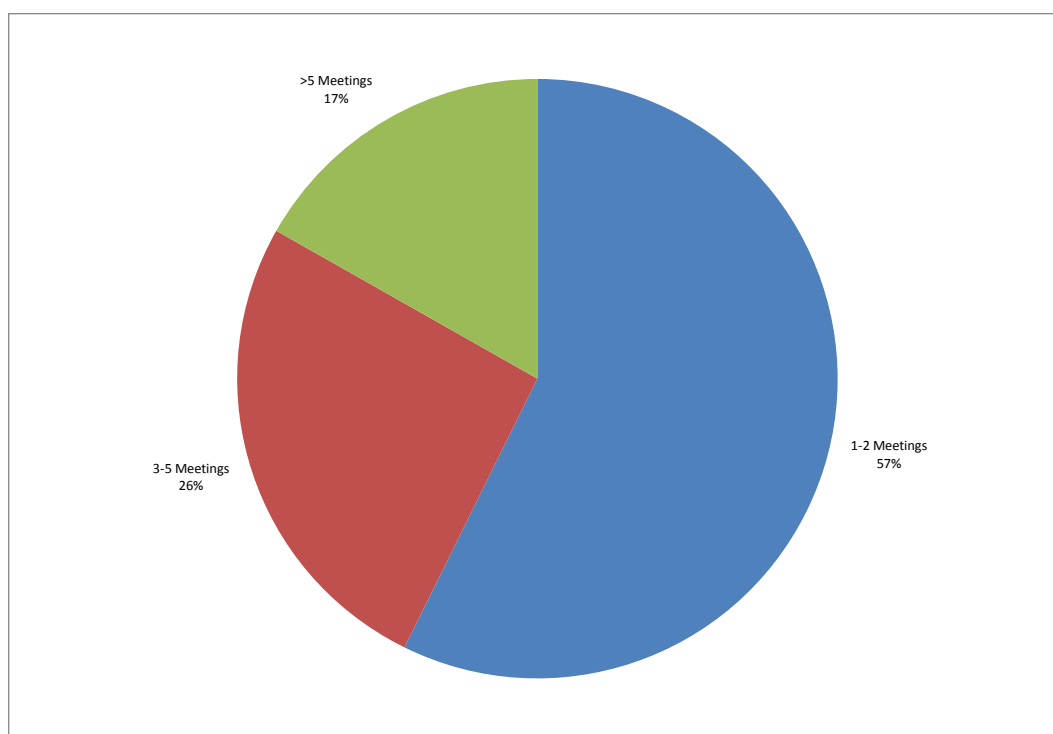
3.33. By far the most common stated objective of measures subject to STCs between 1995-2017 was "Protection of human health and safety", matching the main objective cited in TBT notifications (Chart 26, Chart 14). Information about the stated objective of measures subject to STCs may be derived from the notification itself, or through the discussion of the particular measure in the Committee.

³⁵ Concerned Members may raise more than one type of concern per STC. Each type of concern that is raised in new and previously-raised STCs during 2017 is counted.

Chart 26: Stated objectives for the measures raised as STCs, 1995-2017³⁶

3.3.7 Frequency – the number of times a given STC is raised

3.34. The majority of STCs (57%) have been raised at one or two Committee meetings. 26% were raised 3 to 5 times and 17% were raised more than 5 times (Chart 27).

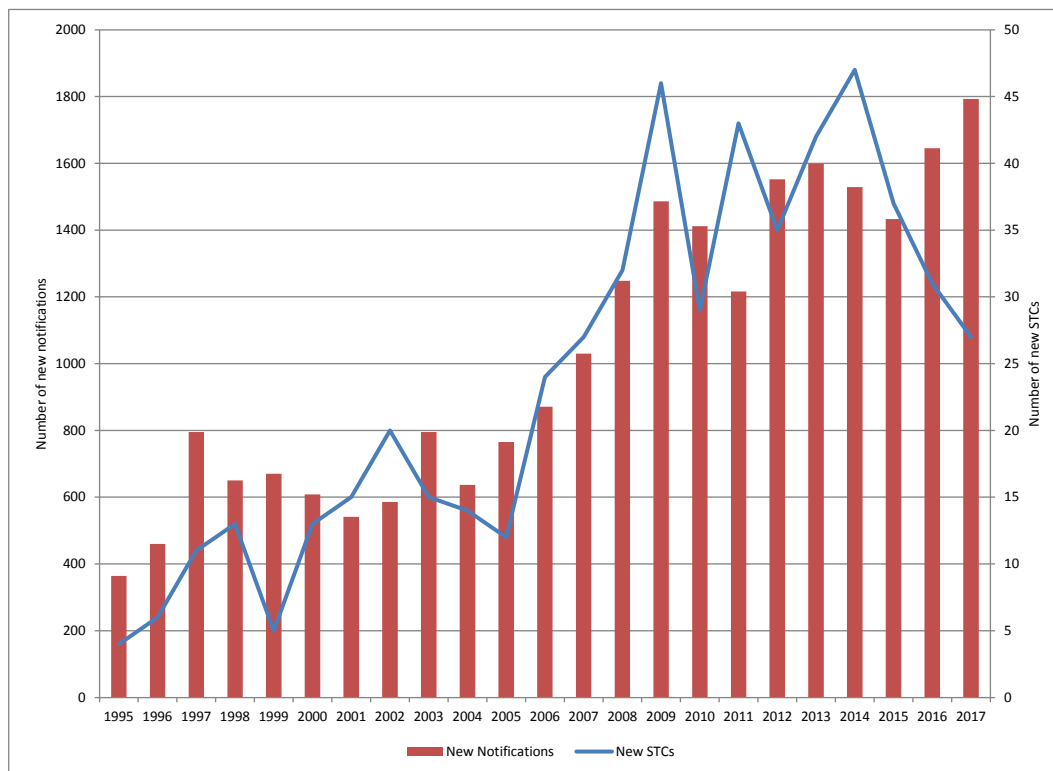
Chart 27: Number of times an STC is raised, 1995-2017

³⁶ Measures subject to STCs may have more than one objective. Each objective identified is counted.

3.3.8 Relationship between notifications and STCs

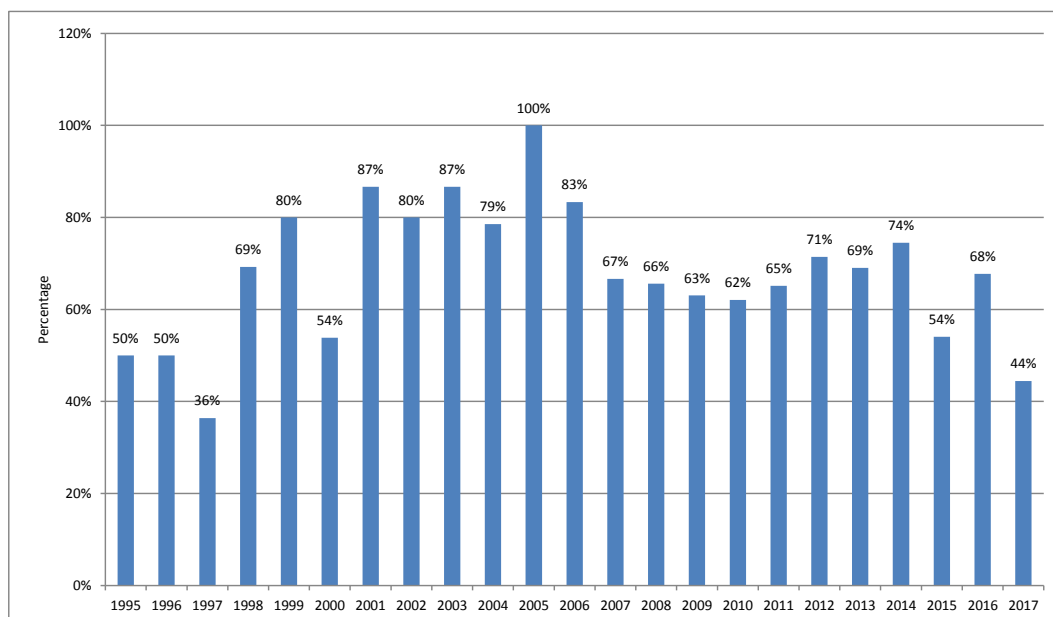
3.35. The number of new notifications submitted and new STCs raised, from 1995 to 2009, have generally followed a similar upward trend (Chart 28). However, since 2015, the number of new notifications has grown while the number of new STCs has fallen, marking a break in this trend.

Chart 28: Trend in new notifications and new STCs



3.36. Further to the trends indicated in Chart 29, it is notable that only 44% of the new STCs raised in 2017 concerned a measure notified to the WTO, the lowest level since 1997, representing a 35% decrease compared to 2016 (Chart 29).

Chart 29: New STCs discussed related to notified measures



4 DISPUTES INVOLVING PROVISIONS OF THE TBT AGREEMENT

4.1. Since 1995, 54 disputes have cited the TBT Agreement in their respective requests for consultations, the first formal step to initiate a WTO case. Important developments during 2017 included:

- a. the circulation to Members of the Panel Report concerning compliance proceedings (second recourse by Mexico) with respect to US measures on canned tuna labelling (DS381); and
- b. the composition of a Panel, established by the DSB in 2016, concerning certain measures by the Russian Federation affecting the importation of railway equipment (DS499).

5 SECRETARIAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

5.1. Similar to 2014, 2015 and 2016, in 2017 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. During 2017, the WTO Secretariat organized, or otherwise participated in, a total of 31 TBT TA activities in various formats. Although the overall number of TBT TA activities delivered in 2017 (31) was slightly lower than that delivered in 2016 (37), the demand for, and delivery of, national TBT TA activities was significantly higher than that delivered in 2016.³⁷ Demand for joint TBT-SPS workshops has also significantly increased since 2015.³⁸

5.2. 12 of all TBT TA activities carried out in 2017 were national or regional workshops that were focused specifically on the TBT Agreement and hosted by various developing Members or observers. These included, in particular, two regional workshops and ten national workshops. The programmes were designed to assist participating economies to consolidate knowledge of the principles and disciplines of the TBT Agreement, discuss implementation-related challenges and better engage in the work of the TBT Committee. Particular emphasis was put on transparency and national coordination. Similar to previous years, the majority of these national and regional TBT-specific activities also covered the SPS Agreement and were organized in cooperation with the Secretariat experts responsible for that area.³⁹

5.3. Additionally, during the course of 2017, a total of 19 TBT modules were delivered within the programmes of various broader WTO TA activities, including Geneva-based and Regional Trade Policy Courses ("RTPCs"). Finally, in 2017, three distance learning courses specifically on the TBT Agreement were held.

5.4. Looking ahead, and as indicated in last year's Annual Review, TBT transparency continues to be an issue of increasing interest of Members, and there is growing demand for TA in this area particularly related to ePing.

³⁷ While 10 national TBT workshops were delivered in 2017, only 7 were delivered in 2016.

³⁸ In 2017, 10 of the 12 TBT-specific regional and/or national workshops covered both the TBT and SPS Agreements. In 2015 and 2016, around half of the TBT-specific regional and/or national workshops covered both the TBT and SPS Agreements. In particular, the majority of the national workshops delivered in 2016 (7 out of 13) covered both Agreements, as opposed to, e.g., just 3 (out of 10) in 2014.

³⁹ See fn 38 above.

ANNEX**A. Notifications by Member, 1995-2017¹**

Members	Regular notifications 2017	Addenda and Corrigenda 2017	Revisions 2017	Total Notifications 2017	Total number of notifications made since 1995
Afghanistan	0	0	0	0	2
Albania	5	0	0	5	88
Angola	0	0	0	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda	0	0	0	0	0
Argentina	18	30	2	50	657
Armenia	5	0	0	5	89
Australia	2	2	0	4	218
Austria	0	0	0	0	4
Bahrain, Kingdom of	53	1	1	55	519
Bangladesh	0	0	0	0	0
Barbados	0	0	0	0	10
Belgium	0	0	0	0	209
Belize	7	0	0	7	12
Benin	0	0	0	0	2
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	2	1	0	3	32
Botswana	23	0	0	23	79
Brazil	67	51	1	119	1572
Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	0	2
Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	0
Burundi	2	0	0	2	3
Cabo Verde	0	0	0	0	0
Cambodia	0	0	0	0	3
Cameroon	0	0	0	0	8
Canada	29	15	2	46	1014
Central African Republic	0	0	0	0	10
Chad	0	0	0	0	0
Chile	42	40	0	82	643
China	56	2	1	59	1313
Colombia	8	8	0	16	631
Congo	0	0	0	0	3
Costa Rica	8	3	0	11	239
Côte d'Ivoire	0	0	0	0	0

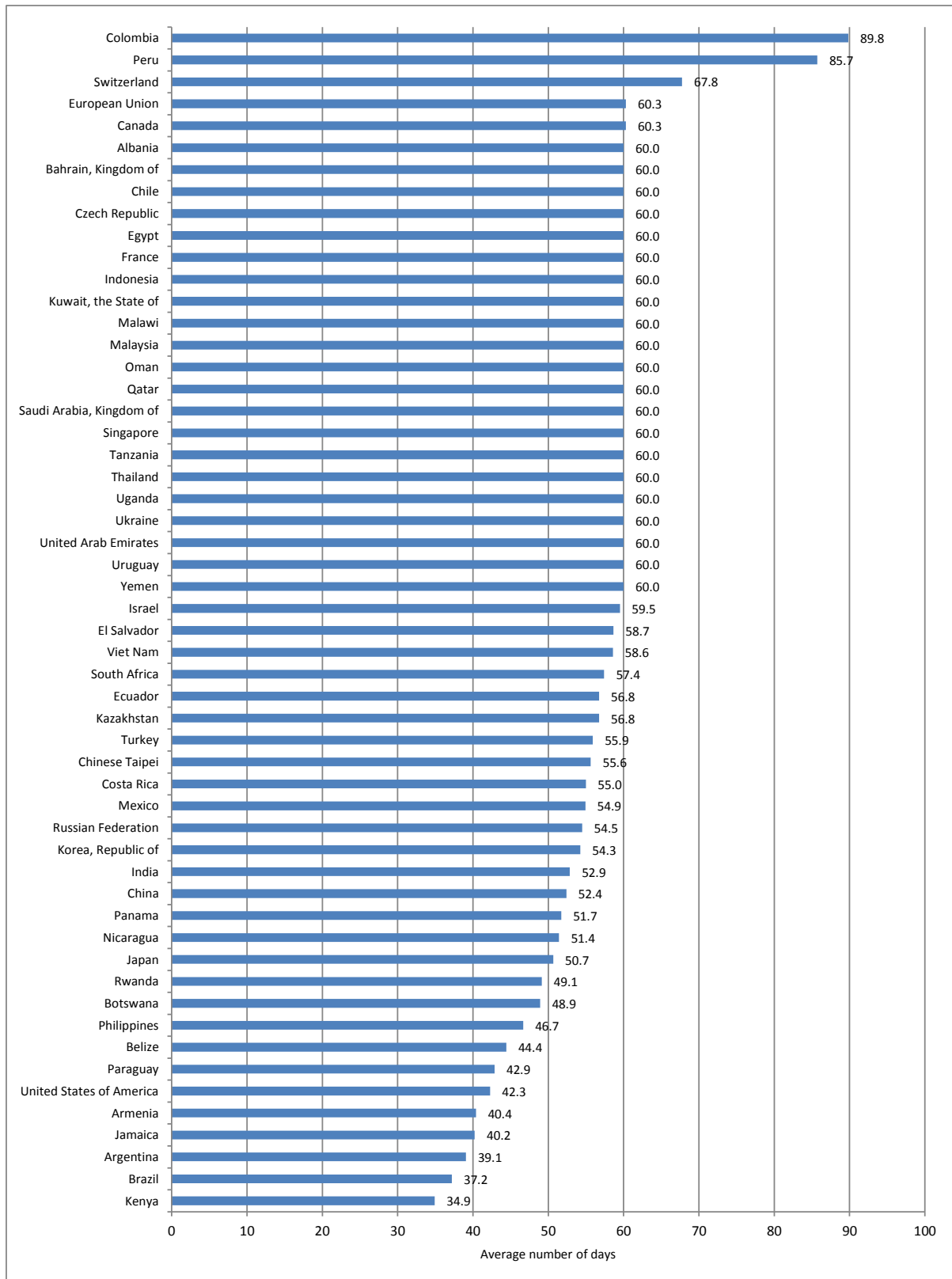
¹ Supplement notifications are not included in this table. Due to improvements in data management, there may be minor variations compared to G/TBT/39/Rev.1.

Members	Regular notifications 2017	Addenda and Corrigenda 2017	Revisions 2017	Total Notifications 2017	Total number of notifications made since 1995
Croatia	0	0	0	0	39
Cuba	0	0	0	0	20
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	1
Czech Republic	5	6	0	11	388
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark	0	0	0	0	253
Djibouti	0	0	0	0	0
Dominica	2	0	0	2	15
Dominican Republic	2	1	0	3	273
Ecuador	7	56	3	66	978
Egypt	5	6	0	11	222
El Salvador	5	4	0	9	289
Estonia	1	0	0	1	13
European Union	94	7	0	101	1463
Fiji	0	0	0	0	1
Finland	4	0	0	4	77
France	11	1	0	12	247
Gabon	0	0	0	0	2
Georgia	5	0	0	5	103
Germany	0	0	0	0	25
Ghana	0	0	0	0	12
Greece	0	0	0	0	0
Grenada	1	0	0	1	18
Guatemala	2	2	0	4	120
Guinea	0	0	0	0	1
Guinea-Bissau	0	0	0	0	0
Guyana	0	0	0	0	20
Haiti	0	0	0	0	1
Honduras	2	1	0	3	103
Hong Kong, China	1	1	0	2	93
Hungary	2	0	0	2	35
Iceland	0	0	0	0	2
India	16	1	0	17	139
Indonesia	7	6	0	13	226
Ireland	1	0	0	1	5
Israel	56	18	0	74	1189
Italy	4	1	0	5	32
Jamaica	17	0	0	17	102
Japan	33	3	0	36	854

Members	Regular notifications 2017	Addenda and Corrigenda 2017	Revisions 2017	Total Notifications 2017	Total number of notifications made since 1995
Jordan	0	0	0	0	48
Kazakhstan	9	0	0	9	21
Kenya	75	0	0	75	614
Korea, Republic of	46	9	2	57	904
Kuwait, the State of	53	1	1	55	408
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	0
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	2	0	0	2	34
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	0
Macao, China	0	0	0	0	6
Madagascar	0	0	0	0	0
Malawi	16	0	0	16	16
Malaysia	6	0	0	6	246
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	0	0	0	0	8
Mexico	46	51	0	97	981
Moldova, Republic of	3	0	0	3	33
Mongolia	1	0	0	1	7
Montenegro	0	0	0	0	0
Morocco	0	0	0	0	26
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	11
Myanmar	0	0	0	0	2
Namibia	0	0	0	0	1
Nepal	0	0	0	0	4
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	631
New Zealand	2	1	0	3	142
Nicaragua	7	2	0	9	187
Niger	0	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	4
Norway	1	0	0	1	89
Oman	57	1	1	59	350
Pakistan	1	0	0	1	112

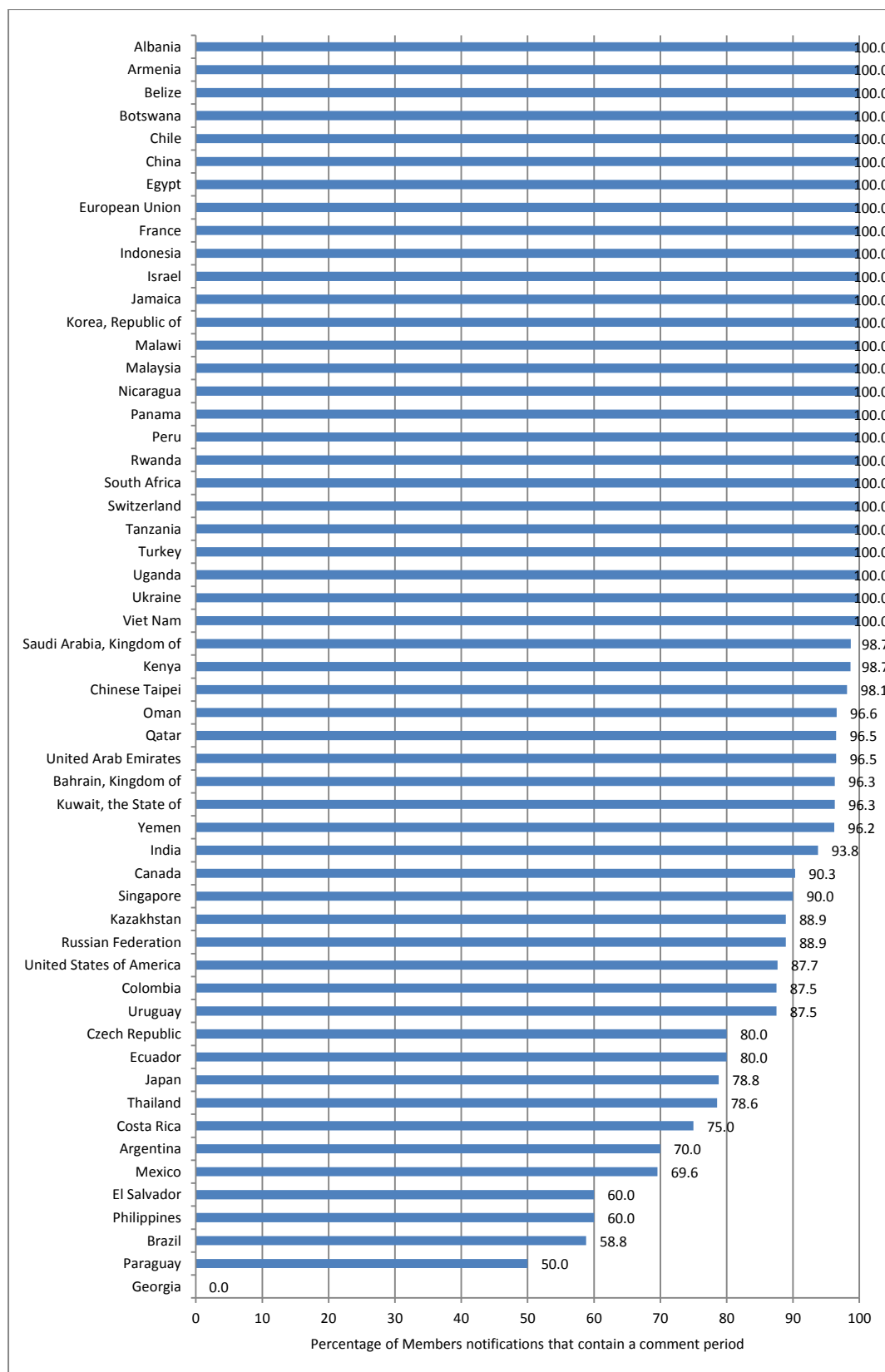
Members	Regular notifications 2017	Addenda and Corrigenda 2017	Revisions 2017	Total Notifications 2017	Total number of notifications made since 1995
Panama	7	2	0	9	98
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0	1
Paraguay	14	1	0	15	124
Peru	7	4	0	11	116
Philippines	5	3	0	8	269
Poland	0	0	0	0	7
Portugal	0	0	0	0	1
Qatar	56	1	1	58	550
Romania	0	0	0	0	94
Russian Federation	9	0	0	9	86
Rwanda	29	0	0	29	83
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Lucia	4	0	0	4	55
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0	0	0	0	13
Samoa	0	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	75	1	1	77	1051
Senegal	0	0	0	0	13
Seychelles	1	0	0	1	3
Sierra Leone	0	0	0	0	0
Singapore	10	2	0	12	62
Slovak Republic	0	0	0	0	54
Slovenia	1	0	0	1	112
Solomon Islands	0	0	0	0	0
South Africa	10	4	2	16	352
Spain	2	0	0	2	73
Sri Lanka	1	0	0	1	50
Suriname	0	0	0	0	1
Swaziland	0	0	0	0	1
Sweden	1	1	0	2	230
Switzerland	17	4	0	21	318
Chinese Taipei	54	41	0	95	447
Tajikistan	0	0	0	0	5
Tanzania	81	0	0	81	126
Thailand	11	20	3	34	722
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0	0	0	0	8
The Gambia	0	0	0	0	2
Togo	0	0	0	0	2
Tonga	0	0	0	0	0

Members	Regular notifications 2017	Addenda and Corrigenda 2017	Revisions 2017	Total Notifications 2017	Total number of notifications made since 1995
Trinidad and Tobago	0	0	0	0	130
Tunisia	0	0	0	0	27
Turkey	23	1	0	24	125
Uganda	207	121	1	329	933
Ukraine	18	7	0	25	189
United Arab Emirates	56	1	1	58	406
United Kingdom	1	0	0	1	50
United States of America	75	214	6	295	3193
Uruguay	8	0	0	8	22
Vanuatu	0	0	0	0	0
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	0	0	0	0	35
Viet Nam	22	1	0	23	129
Yemen	53	1	1	55	117
Zambia	0	0	0	0	88
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	1
Total	1793	762	30	2585	30265

B. Average comment period, by Member, 2017²

² This chart includes only those Members that have notified five or more new notifications or revisions in 2017.

C. Percentage of notifications that contain a comment period, by Member, 2017³



³ This chart includes only those Members that have notified five or more new notifications or revisions in 2017.

D. Summary of STCs raised in 2017

The following table lists the 178 specific trade concerns raised in the TBT Committee during 2017 (comprising 76 individual STCs). The second column contains the name of the specific trade concern.

IMS ID	Title of STC	Date last raised	Members raising	Frequency raised (1995-2017)	Number of times raised (2017)
133	India - Pneumatic tyres and tubes for automotive vehicles (ID 133)	8 November 2017	4	34	3
296	China - Provisions for the Administration of Cosmetics Application Acceptance (ID 296)	8 November 2017	5	22	3
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)	8 November 2017	4	22	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)	8 November 2017	6	21	3
332	Russian Federation - Draft Technical Regulation on Alcohol Drinks Safety (published on 24 October 2011) (ID 332)	8 November 2017	9	18	3
305	Korea - Regulation on Registration and Evaluation of Chemical Material (ID 305)	8 November 2017	6	18	3
328	Indonesia - Technical Guidelines for the Implementation of the Adoption and Supervision of Indonesian National Standards for Obligatory Toy Safety (ID 328)	8 November 2017	5	18	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)	8 November 2017	7	16	3
367	India - Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012 (ID 367)	8 November 2017	7	15	3
393	European Union - Revised Proposal for the Categorization of Compounds as Endocrine Disruptors of 19 February 2013 by DG Environment (ID 393)	8 November 2017	16	14	3
383	Peru - Act to Promote Healthy Eating Among Children and Adolescents (ID 383)	8 November 2017	10	14	3

IMS ID	Title of STC	Date last raised	Members raising	Frequency raised (1995-2017)	Number of times raised (2017)
411	Ecuador - Resolution No. 116 of the Foreign Trade Committee of Ecuador of 19 November 2013 and Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute RTE INEN 022 on the labelling of processed and packaged food products (ID 411)	8 November 2017	11	12	3
418	Russian Federation - Safety of products for children and adolescents (ID 418)	8 November 2017	3	12	3
427	Thailand - Draft Notification of the Alcoholic Beverages Control, Re: Rules, Procedure and condition for Labels of Alcoholic Beverages, issued under B.E. (ID 427)	8 November 2017	10	11	3
428	China - Regulations for the Supervision and Administration of Medical Devices (Order No. 650 of the State Council) (ID 428)	8 November 2017	5	11	3
442	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of Bahrain, State of Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Yemen - The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Requirements of Handling Energy Drinks" (ID 442)	8 November 2017	3	10	3
448	European Union - Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation (Common Criteria) certification in the EU (448)	8 November 2017	1	10	3
456	China - Administrative Measure on Cosmetics Labelling (AMCL) (ID 456)	8 November 2017	7	9	3
457	China - Banking IT Equipment Security Regulation (ID 457)	8 November 2017	5	9	3
466	China - Registration Fees for Drugs and Medical Device Products (ID 466)	8 November 2017	4	8	3
470	Brazil - Draft Ordinance Act Nº. 374, 27 November 2014 (Portaria SDA/MAPA 374/2014) Establishes quality requirements for wine and derivatives of grape and wine (ID 470)	8 November 2017	2	8	3
489	China - Insurance Regulatory Commission (CIRC) Information and Communication Technology Regulation (ID 489)	8 November 2017	6	7	3
478	Brazil - Toy Certification; Ordinance No. 89, No. 310 and draft administrative rule No. 321 (ID 478)	8 November 2017	3	7	3
477	China - Interim Measures for Quality Management of Commercial Coal (ID 477)	8 November 2017	2	7	3
486	India - The Stainless Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2015 (ID 486)	8 November 2017	1	7	3
494	India - Draft Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages Standards) Regulations, 2015 (ID 494)	8 November 2017	11	6	3
502	Indonesia - Halal Product Assurance Law No. 33 of 2014 (ID 502)	8 November 2017	6	6	3
493	China - Formula Registration Regulation for Infant and Follow-up Formula (ID 493)	8 November 2017	5	6	3
496	United Arab Emirates - Control scheme to restrict the use of hazardous materials in electronic and electrical devices (ID 496)	8 November 2017	4	6	3
497	Russian Federation - Rules of cement certification (ID 497)	8 November 2017	3	6	3

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505	Egypt - Manufacturer Registration System (Decree No. 43/2016 and Decree No. 992/2015) (ID 505)	8 November 2017	12	5	3
510	Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi - East African Community (EAC) alcoholic beverage standards (ID 510)	8 November 2017	4	5	3
512	European Union - Quality Schemes for Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs (ID 512)	8 November 2017	4	5	3
511	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu - Draft of the Organic Agriculture Act (ID 511)	8 November 2017	1	5	3
509	China - National Standards on Limits of Volatile Organic Compounds for Furniture (ID 509)	8 November 2017	1	5	3
518	Korea - Amendment of the Notifications on Warning Messages on Smoking and Drinking (ID 518)	8 November 2017	8	4	3
514	Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Kyrgyz Republic - The amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union on Safety of Toys (ТД ИИ 008/2011) (ID 514)	8 November 2017	4	4	3
520	Russian Federation - Medical devices (ID 520)	8 November 2017	3	4	3
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)	8 November 2017	3	4	3
516	Ireland - Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015 (ID 516)	8 November 2017	2	4	3
526	China - Cybersecurity Law (ID 526)	8 November 2017	7	3	3
530	Italy - Labelling requirements of the origin of grains used in the preparation of dried pasta (ID 530)	8 November 2017	4	3	3
527	China - Tentative Administrative Rules on Enterprises Average Fuel Consumption and New Energy Vehicle Credits and Administration Regulation on the Access of New Energy Vehicle Manufactures and Products (ID 527)	8 November 2017	3	3	3
525	European Union - Radio Equipment Directive (ID 525)	8 November 2017	2	3	3
529	Republic of Korea - Household Chemical and Biocidal Products (ID 529)	8 November 2017	2	3	3
524	European Union - Organic production and labelling - Maté (erva-mate) (ID 524)	8 November 2017	1	3	3
533	China - Cyberspace Administration of China - Draft implementing measures for the Cybersecurity Review of Network Products and Services (ID 533)	8 November 2017	6	2	2
534	China - Draft revised Encryption Law of the People's Republic of China by the Office of State Commercial Cryptography Administration (OSCCA) (ID 534)	8 November 2017	5	2	2
535	European Union - Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 - non-renewal of approval of the active substance picoxystrobin (ID 535)	8 November 2017	3	2	2

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538	China - Civil Aviation Network Information Security Management Rules (ID 538)	8 November 2017	3	2	2
540	Oman, Kingdom of Bahrain, State of Kuwait, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen - Guide for control of imported foods – Certification requirements for animal products (ID 540)	8 November 2017	2	2	2
517	Bolivia - Technical regulations on the labelling of foods and products destined for human consumption that consist of, contain or derive from genetically modified organisms (ID 517)	8 November 2017	2	2	1
539	European Union - Titanium dioxide: Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP Regulation), Annex VI, Part (ID 539)	8 November 2017	1	2	2
537	China - Internet of Vehicles Cybersecurity Protection Guideline Rules (ID 537)	8 November 2017	1	2	2
545	China - Catalogue of Solid Wastes Forbidden to Import into China (ID 545)	8 November 2017	5	1	1
546	India - Amended regulation on toy imports (ID 546)	8 November 2017	5	1	1
547	China - Certification requirements for processed foods (ID 547)	8 November 2017	5	1	1
549	Viet Nam - Decree on the regulation on conditions for automobiles manufacturing, assembling importing and automotive warranty & maintenance services (ID 549)	8 November 2017	3	1	1
544	Viet Nam - Cybersecurity Measures (ID 544)	8 November 2017	3	1	1
550	EU - The establishment and operation of a traceability system for tobacco products (ID 550)	8 November 2017	1	1	1
548	Ecuador - Household refrigerating appliances (RTE INEN No. 009) (ID 548)	8 November 2017	1	1	1
503	Thailand - Milk Code - Draft Act on Controlling to the Marketing Promotion on Food for Infant and Young Children and Other Related Products BE (ID 503)	14 June 2017	5	5	2
519	Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi - Alcoholic beverages specifications (ID 519)	14 June 2017	2	4	3
541	Nepal - National Alcohol Regulation and Control Policy – Graphic Warnings and Statements for Alcoholic Beverages (ID 541)	14 June 2017	3	1	1
542	United States - Standards of Identity for Cheese (ID 542)	14 June 2017	1	1	1
543	United States - Wisconsin butter laws (ID 543)	14 June 2017	1	1	1
536	China - Limits and Measurement Methods for Emissions of Light-duty Vehicles (China 6) (ID 536)	14 June 2017	1	1	1
88	European Communities – Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals (REACH) (ID 88)	29 March 2017	34	38	1
480	European Union - Restriction on Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) in Tyres as specified in Annex XVII of REACH (ID 480)	29 March 2017	1	5	1
479	Colombia - Testing Requirements to be met by Toys and their Components and Accessories (ID 479)	29 March 2017	3	4	1

IMS ID	Title of STC	Date last raised	Members raising	Frequency raised (1995-2017)	Number of times raised (2017)
513	European Union - Directive 2014/40/EU on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products and repealing Directive 2001/37/EC (ID 513)	29 March 2017	2	3	1
523	European Union - Country of Origin Labelling (ID 523)	29 March 2017	8	2	1
515	India - E-waste (Management) Rules, 2016 (ID 515)	29 March 2017	3	2	1
528	Dominican Republic - Requirements for importing steel rebar - RTD 458 and other requirements (ID 528)	29 March 2017	1	1	1
531	Brazil - Regulation RDC No 123 on food additives and processing aids authorised for use in wine of 4 November 2016 (ID 531)	29 March 2017	1	1	1
532	Viet Nam - Alcoholic Beverages (ID 532)	29 March 2017	1	1	1
Total					178

E. Overview of new STCs raised in 2017

The following table provides additional detail about the new specific trade concerns raised in 2017.

Members subject to STC	STC title	Stated objective	Product coverage	Members raising concern
Brazil	Brazil - Regulation RDC No 123 on food additives and processing aids authorised for use in wine of 4 November 2016 (ID 531)	Protection of Human health or safety	Food additives and technology supporting used in wine (HS: 22.04)	EU
China	China - Catalogue of Solid Wastes Forbidden to Import into China (ID 545)	Protection of Human health or safety, Protection of the environment, Protection of animal or plant life or health	HS: Plastic waste from living sources: 3915100000 3915200000 3915300000 3915901000 3915909000 Vanadium slag: 2619000021 2619000029 2620999011 2620999019 Unsorted waste paper: 4707900090 Waste textile materials: 5103109090 5103209090 5103300090 5104009090 5202100000 5202910000 5202990000 5505100000 5505200000 6310100010 6310900010	Australia Canada EU Japan US
China	China - Certification requirements for processed foods (ID 547)	Protection of Human health or safety, Protection of the environment, Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection	Processed foods; Food (Contains some of the 0308 HS code products)	EU Guatemala Singapore Chinese Taipei US

Members subject to STC	STC title	Stated objective	Product coverage	Members raising concern
China	China - Civil Aviation Network Information Security Management Rules (ID 538)	National security requirements	Aviation sector	Canada EU US
China	China - Cybersecurity Law (ID 526)	National security requirements	Information and communications technology	Australia Canada EU Japan Korea New Zealand US
China	China - Cyberspace Administration of China - Draft implementing measures for the Cybersecurity Review of Network Products and Services (ID 533)	National security requirements	Network Products and Services	Australia Canada EU Japan Korea US
China	China - Draft revised Encryption Law of the People's Republic of China by the Office of State Commercial Cryptography Administration (OSCCA) (ID 534)	National security requirements	Information and communications technology products	Canada EU Japan Korea US
China	China - Internet of Vehicles Cybersecurity Protection Guideline Rules (ID 537)	National security requirements, Other	Vehicles	US
China	China - Limits and Measurement Methods for Emissions of Light-duty Vehicles (China 6) (ID 536)	Protection of Human health or safety, Protection of the environment	Light-duty vehicles	Japan
China	China - Tentative Administrative Rules on Enterprises Average Fuel Consumption and New Energy Vehicle Credits and Administration Regulation on the Access of New Energy Vehicle Manufactures and Products (ID 527)	Protection of Human health or safety, Protection of the environment, Other	Passenger cars; New energy vehicles	EU Japan US
Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic - Requirements for importing steel rebar - RTD 458 and other requirements (ID 528)	Protection of Human health or safety	Steel rebar	US
Ecuador	Ecuador - Household refrigerating appliances (RTE INEN No. 009) (ID 548)	Protection of Human health or safety, Protection of the environment, Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection	Household refrigerating appliances	Colombia
European Union	European Union - Radio Equipment Directive (ID 525)	Harmonization	Radio equipment	China US

Members subject to STC	STC title	Stated objective	Product coverage	Members raising concern
European Union	EU - The establishment and operation of a traceability system for tobacco products (ID 550)	Protection of Human health or safety, Harmonization	Tobacco products	Cuba
European Union	European Union - Organic production and labelling - Maté (erva-mate) (ID 524)	Protection of the environment, Consumer information, Labelling	Maté	Brazil
European Union	European Union - Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 - non-renewal of approval of the active substance picoxystrobin (ID 535)	Protection of Human health or safety, Protection of the environment, Protection of animal or plant life or health	Picoxystrobin (pesticide active substance)	Argentina Brazil Canada
European Union	European Union - Titanium dioxide: Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP Regulation), Annex VI, Part (ID 539)	Protection of Human health or safety, Protection of the environment	Titanium dioxide	US
India	India - Amended regulation on toy imports (ID 546)	Protection of Human health or safety	Toys	Canada China EU Mexico US
Italy	Italy - Labelling requirements of the origin of grains used in the preparation of dried pasta (ID 530)	Consumer information, Labelling	Dried pasta	Brazil Canada Mexico US
Korea, Republic of	Republic of Korea - Household Chemical and Biocidal Products (ID 529)	Consumer information, Labelling, Protection of Human health or safety, Protection of the environment	Chemical products (products used by general consumers mainly as household items and biocides)	Japan US
Nepal	Nepal - National Alcohol Regulation and Control Policy - Graphic Warnings and Statements for Alcoholic Beverages (ID 541)	Protection of Human health or safety, Consumer information, Labelling	Alcoholic beverages	Canada EU US
Oman; Bahrain, Kingdom of; Kuwait, the State of; Qatar; Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of; United Arab Emirates; Yemen	Oman, Kingdom of Bahrain, State of Kuwait, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen - Guide for control of imported foods - Certification requirements for animal products (ID 540)	Protection of Human health or safety, Harmonization, Protection of animal or plant life or health	Specific certificates for animal: animal products (meat and its derivatives); Birds products and derivatives products; Fish and products and their derivatives; Phytosanitary: plant products and their derivatives and products.	EU US
United States of America	United States - Standards of Identity for Cheese (ID 542)	Consumer information, Labelling	Cheese	Canada
United States of America	United States - Wisconsin butter laws (ID 543)	Consumer information, Labelling	Butter	Canada

Members subject to STC	STC title	Stated objective	Product coverage	Members raising concern
Viet Nam	Viet Nam – Alcoholic Beverages (ID 532)	Protection of Human health or safety	Alcoholic beverages	Mexico
Viet Nam	Viet Nam - Cybersecurity Measures (ID 544)	National security requirements	Cybersecurity	Japan New Zealand US
Viet Nam	Viet Nam - Decree on the regulation on conditions for automobiles manufacturing, assembling importing and automotive warranty & maintenance services (ID 549)	Not specified	Automobiles	Japan Thailand US

F. Overview of standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code of Good Practice

This table lists all standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code of Good Practice between 1995 and 2017 (and have not withdrawn from it).⁴

WTO Member or Observer	Acronym	Organization	Email	Type
Afghanistan	ANSA	Afghan National Standards Authority	tbt@ansa.gov.af	Central government
Albania	DPS	Drejtoria e Përgjithshme e Standardizimit (General Directorate of Standardization)	info@dps.gov.al	Central government
Angola	IANORQ	Instituto Angolano de Normalização e Qualidade	geral@ianorq.co.ao	Central government
Algeria	IANOR	Institut Algérien de Normalisation	dq@ianor.dz	Central government
Antigua and Barbuda	ABBS	Antigua and Barbuda Bureau of Standards	abbs@antigua.gov.ag	Central government
Argentina	IRAM	Instituto Argentino de Normalización y Certificación -	ltrama@iram.org.ar	Non-governmental
Armenia	SARM	National Institute of Standards	sarm@sarm.am	Central government
Australia	ACMA	Australian Communications and Media Authority	international.standards@acma.gov.au	Central government
Australia	NMSC	National Marine Safety Committee	secretariat@nmsc.gov.au	Central government/Local government
Australia		Communications Alliance	info@commsalliance.com.au	Non-governmental
Australia	AFSL	Australian Forestry Standard Limited	afs@forestrystandard.org.au	Non-governmental
Australia	SSA	Seafood Services Australia Ltd	ssa@seafoodservices.com.au	Non-governmental
Australia	SA	Standards Australia	intsect@standards.org.au	Non-governmental
Austria	OVE	Österreichischer Verband für Elektrotechnik	ove@ove.at	Non-governmental

⁴ This table contains information extracted from the WTO ISO Standards Information Gateway (<https://tbtcode.iso.org>).

WTO Member or Observer	Acronym	Organization	Email	Type
Austria	ASI	Austrian Standards Institute	ceo@austrian-standards.at	Non-governmental
Azerbaijan	AZSTAND	State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents of the Republic of Azerbaijan	enquiry@azstand.gov.az	Central government
Bahrain, Kingdom of	BSMD	Bahrain Standards and Metrology Directorate	bsmd@moic.gov.bh	Central government
Bangladesh	BSTI	Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution	bsti@bangla.net , standard_bsti@ranksitt.net , wto_library_bsti@ranksitt.net , office@bnsi.com.bb	Central government
Barbados	BNSI	Barbados National Standards Institution	office@bnsi.com.bb	Non-governmental
Belarus	BELST	State Committee for Standardization of the Republic of Belarus	standart_belst@anitex.by	Central government
Belgium	NBN	Bureau de Normalisation	info@nbn.be	Central government
Belize	BBS	Belize Bureau of Standards	tbtenquiry-belize@bbs.gov.bz ; bbs@btl.net ; secretary@bbs.gov.bz	Central government
Benin	ABENOR	Agence Béninoise de Normalisation et de Gestion de la Qualité	cebenorbenin@yahoo.fr	Central government
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	IBNORCA	Instituto Boliviano de Normalización y Calidad	info@ibnorca.org	Non-governmental
Bosnia and Herzegovina	BAS	Institute for Standardisation of Bosnia and Herzegovina	stand@bas.gov.ba	Central government
Botswana	BOBS	Botswana Bureau of Standards	infoc@hq.bobstandards.bw	Non-governmental
Brazil	ABNT	Associação Brasileira de Normas Técnicas	abnt@abnt.org.br	Non-governmental
Brunei Darussalam	ABCI	Authority for Building Control and Construction Industry (previously known as CPRU)	modcpru@brunet.bn	Central government
Bulgaria	BDS	Bulgarian Institute for Standardization	standards@bds-bg.org	Non-governmental
Burkina Faso	ABNORM	Agence Burkinabé de Normalisation, de Métrologie et de la Qualité	secretariat.onac@gmail.com	Central government
Burundi	BBN	Bureau burundais de Normalisation et Contrôle de la Qualité	bbnorme11@yahoo.fr	Central government
Cambodia	ISC	Institute of Standards of Cambodia	discinfo@camnet.com.kh	Central government
Cameroon	ANOR	Agence des Normes et de la Qualité	bootoangon@yahoo.fr	Central government
Canada	SCC	Standards Council of Canada	info@scc.ca	Central government
Chile	INN	Instituto Nacional de Normalización	normas@inn.cl	Central government
China	SAC	Standardization Administration of China	sac@sac.gov.cn	Central government
Colombia	ICONTEC	Instituto Colombiano de Normas Técnicas y Certificación	ccarrero@icontec.org	Non-governmental
Costa Rica	INTECO	Instituto de Normas Técnicas de Costa Rica	mcespedes@inteco.org	Non-governmental
Côte d'Ivoire	CODINORM	Côte d'Ivoire Normalisation	nfo@codinorm.ci	Non-governmental

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Croatia	HZN	Croatian Standards Institute	hzn@hzn.hr	Non-governmental
Cuba	NC	Oficina Nacional de Normalización	nc@ncnorma.cu	Central government
Cyprus	CYS	Cyprus Organization for Standardization	cystandards@cys.org.cy	Non-governmental
Czech Republic	UNMZ	Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing	extrel@unmz.cz	Central government
Denmark	DS	Dansk Standard (Danish Standards Foundation)	dansk.standard@ds.dk	Non-governmental
Dominica	DBOS	Dominica Bureau of Standards	info@dominicastandards.org	Central government
Dominican Republic	INDOCAL	Instituto Dominicano para la Calidad	indocal@indocal.gob.do	Central government
Ecuador	INEN	Servicio Ecuatoriano de Normalización	cesar.diaz@normalizacion.gob.ec	Central government
Egypt	EOS	Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality	eos@idsc.net.eg ; eos.tbt@eos.org.eg ; howydagamal@yahoo.com	Central government
El Salvador	CONACYT	Consejo nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología	evangas@conacyt.gob.sv	Central government
Estonia	EVS	Estonian Centre for Standardisation	info@evs.ee	Non-governmental
European Union	ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute	info@etsi.org	Non-governmental
European Union	CENELEC	European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization	info@cencenelec.eu	Non-governmental
European Union	CEN	European Committee for Standardization	info@cencenelec.eu	Non-governmental
Finland	SFS	Finnish Standards Association	sfs@sfs.fi	Non-governmental
France	AFNOR	Association française de normalisation	uari@afnor.org	Non-governmental
Gabon	AGANOR	Agence Gabonaise de Normalisation	aganor.gabon@gmail.com	Central government
Georgia	GEOSTM	Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology	geostm@geostm.ge	Central government
Germany	DIN	Deutsches Institut für Normung e.V.	int@din.de	Non-governmental
Ghana		Ghana Standards Authority	gsadir@gsa.gov.gh	Central government
Greece	ELOT	Hellenic Organization for Standardization	info@elot.gr	Non-governmental
Grenada	GDBS	Grenada Bureau of Standards	gdbbs@spiceisle.com	Central government
Guatemala	COGUANOR	Comisión Guatemalteca de Normas	hherrera@mineco.gob.gt ; nmendoza@mineco.gob.gt	Central government
Guyana	GNBS	Guyana National Bureau of Standards	info@gnbsgy.org	Central government
Haiti	BHN	Bureau Haïtien de Normalisation	bhn@mci.gouv.ht	Central government
Honduras		Secretaría de Industria y Comercio, Dirección General de Producción y Consumo, Departamento de Normalización y Metrología	normalizacion@sic.gob.hn	Central government

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Hong Kong, China		Electrical and Mechanical Services Department of the Government of the HKSAR	mbec@emsd.gov.hk	Central government
Hong Kong, China		Highways Department of the Government of the HKSAR	ts.tau@hyd.gov.hk	Central government
Hong Kong, China	OFCA	Office of the Communications Authority	webmaster@ofca.gov.hk	Central government
Hong Kong, China		Transport Department of the Government of the HKSAR	kelvinsiu@td.gov.hk	Central government
Hong Kong, China		Works Branch, Development Bureau of the Government of the HKSAR	wbeng@devb.gov.hk	Central government
Hungary	MSZT	Magyar Szabványügyi Testület	isoline@mszt.hu	Non-governmental
Iceland	IST	Icelandic Standards	stadlar@stadlar.is	Non-governmental
India	BIS	Bureau of Indian Standards	ird@bis.org.in	Central government
Indonesia	BSN	National Standardization Agency of the Republic of Indonesia	tbt.indonesia@bsn.go.id	Central government
Ireland	NSAI	National Standards Authority of Ireland	nsai@nsai.ie	Central government
Israel	SII	Standards Institution of Israel	iso/iec@sii.org.il	Non-governmental
Italy	CEI	Comitato Elettrotecnico Italiano (Italian Electrotechnical Committee)	cei@ceinorme.it	Non-governmental
Italy	UNI	Ente Nazionale Italiano di Unificazione	uni@uni.com	Non-governmental
Jamaica	BSJ	Bureau of Standards Jamaica	info@bsj.org.jm	Central government
Japan	CPSA	Consumer Product Safety Association	operation@sg-mark.org	Non-governmental
Japan	JISC	Japanese Industrial Standards Committee	isojisc@meti.go.jp	Central government
Japan	JSA	Japanese Standards Association	jsastandard@jsa.or.jp	Non-governmental
Japan	MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	white56@maff.go.jp	Central government
Japan	METI	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry		Central government
Japan	JCMA	Japan Construction Mechanization Association	jcmastd@jcmanet.or.jp	Non-governmental
Japan	JEA	Japan Environment Association	info@ecomark.jp	Non-governmental
Japan		Society of Automotive Engineers of Japan, Inc.	kikaku@jsae.or.jp	Non-governmental
Japan	JBIA	The Japan Bearing Industry Association	jbsc@jbja.or.jp	Non-governmental
Japan	JISF	The Japan Iron and Steel Federation	std1@jisf.or.jp	Non-governmental
Japan	JSME	The Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers	jigy@jsme.or.jp	Non-governmental

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Japan	JWIMA	Japan Writing Instrument Manufacturers Association	haruta@wima.org	Non-governmental
Japan	OITDA	Optoelectronics Industry and Technology Development Association	opt-st@oitda.or.jp	Non-governmental
Jordan	JSMO	Jordan Standards and Metrology Organization	jsmo@jsmo.gov.jo	Central government
Kazakhstan	KAZMEMST	Committee for Technical Regulation and Metrology	mailkazmemst@rambler.ru	Central government
Kenya	KEBS	Kenya Bureau of Standards	info@kebs.org	Central government
Korea, Republic of	KATS	Korean Agency for Technology and Standards	standard@kats.go.kr	Central government
Korea, Republic of	KEA	Korea Electric Association	drs2013@kepic.or.kr	Non-governmental
Kuwait, The State of	KOWSMD	Public Authority for Industry	Kowsmd@pai.gov.kw	Central government
Kyrgyz Republic	KYRGYZST	Center for Standardization and Metrology under the Ministry of economy of the Kyrgyz Republic	kyrgyzstandard@rambler.ru	Central government
Lao People's Democratic Republic	MoST	Ministry of Science and Technology		Central government
Latvia	LVS	Standardization, Accreditation and Metrology Centre, Latvian Standard	lvs@lvs.lv	Central government
Lebanese Republic	LIBNOR	Lebanese Standards Institution	libnor@libnor.org	Central government
Libya	LNCSM	Libyan National Centre for Standardization and Metrology	info@lncsm.org.ly	Central government
Lithuania	LST	Lithuanian Standards Board	lstboard@lsd.lt	Central government
Luxembourg	ILNAS	Institut luxembourgeois de la normalisation, de l'accréditation, de la sécurité et qualité des produits et services	info@ilnas.etat.lu	Central government
Malawi	MBS	Malawi Bureau of Standards	mbs@mbsmw.org	Non-governmental
Malaysia	DSM	Department of Standards Malaysia	central@standardsmalaysia.gov.my	Central government
Mali	AMANORM	Agence Malienne de Normalisation et de Promotion de la Qualité	amanormmali@yahoo.fr	Central government
Malta	MCCAA	Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority	info.msa@msa.org.mt	Non-governmental
Mauritius	MSB	Mauritius Standards Bureau	msb@intnet.mu	Non-governmental
Mexico	ANCE	Asociación Nacional de Normalización y Certificación, A.C.	ance@ance.org.mx	Non-governmental

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Mexico	INNTEX	Instituto Nacional de Normalización Textil, A.C.	inntex@inntex.org.mx	Non-governmental
Mexico	NYCE	Normalización y Certificación Electrónica, A.C.	nyce@nyce.org.mx	Non-governmental
Mexico	DGN	Dirección General de Normas	iso-mex@economia.gob.mx	Central government
Mexico	CANACERO	Cámara Nacional de la Industria del Hierro y del Acero (National Chamber of the Iron and Steel Industry)	orangel@canacero.org.mx onn@canacero.org.mx	Non-governmental
Mexico	CNCP	Centro de Normalización y Certificación de Productos, A.C.	aqmarban@cncp.org.mx	Non-governmental
Mexico	COFOCALEC	Consejo para el Fomento de la Calidad de la Leche y sus Derivados, A.C.	direccionral@cofocalec.org.mx	Non-governmental
Mexico	IMNC	Instituto Mexicano de Normalización y Certificación, A.C.	normalizacion@imnc.org.mx mirueste@imnc.org.mx mlhuerta@imnc.org.mx	Non-governmental
Mexico	ONNCCE	Organismo Nacional de Normalización y Certificación de la Construcción y Edificación, S.C.	onnccce@mail.onncce.org.mx	Non-governmental
Mexico	NORMEX	Sociedad Mexicana de Normalización y Certificación	normas1@normex.com.mx	Non-governmental
Moldova, Republic of	ISM	Institute for Standardization of Moldova	office@standard.md	Central government
Mongolia	MASM	Mongolian Agency for Standardization and Metrology	info@masm.gov.mn	Central government
Montenegro	ISME	Institute for Standardization of Montenegro	isme@t-com.me	Non-governmental
Morocco	IMANOR	Institut Marocain de Normalisation	imanor@mcinet.gov.ma	Central government
Mozambique	INNOQ	Instituto Nacional de Normalização e Qualidade	alfredo.sitoe@innoq.gov.mz	Central government
Myanmar		Department of Research and Innovation (DRI), Ministry of Science and Technology	head-nsb@myanmarstandards.org.mm tbtenquiry@myanmarstandards.org.mm standards.mstrd@gmail.com wwwmoejan4@gmail.com	Central government
Namibia	NSI	Namibian Standards Institution	query@nsi.com.na	Central government
Netherlands	NEN	Nederlands Normalisatie-instituut	info@nen.nl	Non-governmental
New Zealand	SNZ	Standards New Zealand	enquiries@standards.govt.nz	Central government
New Zealand		Environmental Choice New Zealand	info@enviro-choice.org.nz	Central government
Nicaragua		Dirección de Normalización y Metrología	nsolano@mific.gob.ni dtm@mific.gob.ni	Central government
Nicaragua	INEN	Instituto Nicaragüense de Energía	dcd@ine.gob.ni	Central government

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Nicaragua	INAA	Instituto Nicaragüense de Acueductos y Alcantarillados	pres.ejinaa@inaa.gob.ni	Non-governmental
Niger	DNPQM	Direction de la Normalisation, de la Promotion de la Qualité et de la Metrologie	dnqm2002@yahoo.fr	Central government
Nigeria	SON	Standards Organisation of Nigeria	info@sononline.org	Central government
Norway	SN	Standards Norway	info@standard.no	Non-governmental
Norway	NEK	Norsk Elektroteknisk Komite (The Norwegian Electrotechnical Committee)	nek@nek.no	Non-governmental
Oman	DGSM	Directorate General for Standards and Metrology	nepic@business.gov.om	Central government
Pakistan	PSQCA	Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority	psqcadg@super.net.pk	Central government
Panama	MICI	Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias	dgnti@mici.gob.pa	Central government
Papua New Guinea	NISIT	National Institute of Standards and Industrial Technology	pngnisit@nisit.gov.pg	Central government
Paraguay	INTN	Instituto Nacional de Tecnología, Normalización y Metrología	elisafle@intn.gov.py	Central government
Peru	INACAL	INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE CALIDAD, Dirección de Normalización	ruria@inacal.gob.pe	Central government
Philippines	BPS	Bureau of Philippine Standards	bps@dti.gov.ph	Central government
Poland	PKN	Polski Komitet Normalizacyjny (Polish Committee for Standardization)	wto.tbt@pkn.pl	Non-governmental
Portugal	IPQ	Instituto Português da Qualidade	ipq@ipq.pt	Central government
Qatar	QS	Qatar General Organization for Standardization, Ministry of Municipality and Environment	standard@qatar.net.qa	Central government
Romania	ASRO	Asociația de Standardizare din România (Romanian Standards Association)	international@asro.ro	Non-governmental
Rwanda	RSB	Rwanda Standards Board	info@rsb.gov.rw	Central government
Saint Lucia	SLBS	Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards	slbs@candw.lc	Central government
Saint Kitts and Nevis	SKNBS	St. Kitts and Nevis Bureau of Standards	sknbs@gov.kn mplbos@gmail.com	Central government
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	SVGBS	St. Vincent and the Grenadines Bureau of Standards	svgbs@vincysurf.com info.svgbs@gov.vc	Central government
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	SASO	Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization	enquiry@point@saso.gov.sa	Central government

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Senegal	ASN	Association Sénégalaise de Normalisation	isn@orange.sn	Central government
Serbia	ISS	Institute for Standardization of Serbia	iss-international@iss.rs ljubica.petrovic@iss.rs	Non-governmental
Seychelles	SBS	Seychelles Bureau of Standards	sbsorg@seychelles.net	Central government
Singapore	SPRING SG	Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board	standards@spring.gov.sg	Central government
Slovak Republic	SOSMT	Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing	predseda@normoff.gov.sk	Central government
Slovenia	SIST	Slovenian Institute for Standardization	sist@sist.si	Non-governmental
South Africa	SABS	South African Bureau of Standards	wto@sabs.co.za	Non-governmental
Spain	UNE	Asociación Española de Normalización	une@une.org	Non-governmental
Sri Lanka	SLSI	Sri Lanka Standards Institution	chairman@slsi.slt.lk	Central government
Swaziland	SWASA	Swaziland Standards Authority	info@swasa.co.sz	Non-governmental
Sweden		ITS – Svenska Informations - Och Telekommunikationsstandardiseringen	info@its.se	Non-governmental
Sweden		SEK Svensk Elstandard	snc@elstandard.se	Non-governmental
Sweden	SIS	Swedish Standards Institute	info@sis.se	Non-governmental
Switzerland	SNV	Swiss Association for Standardization	switec@snv.ch	Non-governmental
Switzerland	CES	Electrosuisse	ces@electrosuisse.ch	Non-governmental
Chinese Taipei	BSMI	The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection, Ministry of Economic Affairs, R.O.C.	tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw	Central government
Tanzania	TBS	Tanzania Bureau of Standards	info@tbs.go.tz	Central government
Thailand	TISI	Thai Industrial Standards Institute	intrelat@tisi.go.th	Central government
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	ISRM	Standardization Institute of the Republic of Macedonia	isrm@isrm.gov.mk or isrm.info@isrm.gov.mk	Non-governmental
Trinidad and Tobago	TTBS	Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards	ttbs@ttbs.org.tt	Central government
Tunisia	INNORPI	Institut National de la Normalisation et de la Propriété Industrielle	innorpi@planet.tn	Central government
Turkey	TSE	Türk Standardlari Enstitüsü (Turkish Standards Institution)	usm@tse.org.tr	Non-governmental
Uganda	UNBS	Uganda National Bureau of Standards	info@unbs.go.ug	Central government
Ukraine	DSTU	Ukrainian Scientific, Research and Training Center on Standardization, Certification and Quality Problems	assistant@ukrndnc.org.ua	Non-governmental

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United Arab Emirates	ESMA	Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology	esma@esma.gov.ae	Central government
United Kingdom	BSI	British Standards Institution	standards.international@bsigroup.com	Non-governmental
United States of America	ANSI	American National Standards Institute	info@ansi.org	Non-governmental
Uruguay	UNIT	Instituto Uruguayo de Normas Técnicas	unit-iso@unit.org.uy	Non-governmental
Uzbekistan	UZSTANDARD	Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Certification of Uzbekistan	uzst@standart.uz	Central government
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	FONDONORMA	Fondo para la Normalización y Certificación de la Calidad	info@fondonorma.org.ve	Non-governmental
Viet Nam	STAMEQ	Directorate for Standards, Metrology and Quality	vutieuichuan@tcvn.gov.vn	Central government
Zambia	ZABS	Zambia Bureau of Standards	ceo@zabs.org.zm info@zabs.org.zm	Central government
Zimbabwe	SAZ	Standards Association of Zimbabwe	rmarunda@saz.org.zw info@saz.org.zw	Non-governmental
Other	ARSO	African Organisation for Standardisation	arso@arso-oran.org	Other

G. 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 141 Members have submitted at least one such Statement.

Member	Document	Date
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

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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
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
	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
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

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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
	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
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

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	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
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

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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
Tajikistan	G/TBT/2/Add.112	17 March 2014
Tanzania	G/TBT/2/Add.94	31 August 2007
	G/TBT/2/Add.94/Rev.1	28 October 2010
Thailand	G/TBT/2/Add.38	6 August 1997
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	G/TBT/2/Add.84	22 February 2005
	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
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