
Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND
OPERATION OF THE TBT AGREEMENT**

Note by the Secretariat¹

1. The Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade² (the Committee) will conduct its Thirteenth Annual Review of the Implementation and Operation of the TBT Agreement under Article 15.3 at its next meeting on 20 March 2008. 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 2007.

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¹ This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the position of Members and to their rights and obligations under the WTO.

² For general information on membership and documentation in the TBT Committee during the period of review, see Annexes A and B.

I. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

2. The Committee, pursuant to Article 13.1 of the TBT Agreement and to the Rules of Procedure, elected Mr. Raiminder SIDHU (India) as its Chairperson for the year 2007-2008.

3. Three meetings were held in 2007 (21 March, 5 July and 9 November 2007).³ At these meetings, the Committee's attention was drawn to new or revised statements on implementation and administration of the Agreement, submitted under Article 15.2. In 2007, six Members submitted new statements under Article 15.2, while five issued revisions to existing statements.⁴

4. Forty-five specific trade concerns, twenty-eight of which were new concerns, were brought to the attention of the Committee with regard to the potential adverse trade effects of the measures, or inconsistency with the Agreement.⁵

5. During the review period, the Committee initiated an exchange of experiences on issues under Future Work items agreed at the Fourth Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the Agreement under Article 15.4 (G/TBT/19), namely: (i) good regulatory practice; (ii) conformity assessment procedures; (iii) transparency; (iv) technical assistance; and, (v) special and differential treatment.

6. With a view to deepening understanding of the contribution good regulatory practice can make to the implementation of the TBT Agreement and advancing its work in this area, the Committee agreed to hold a workshop on good regulatory practice on 18-19 March 2008.⁶ On transparency, the Committee agreed, at its 9 November 2007 meeting, on a new facility to attach texts of draft regulations to TBT notifications and on a new voluntary mechanism aimed at sharing unofficial translations of such texts.⁷ On technical assistance, the TBT Committee discussed the functioning of the Format for the Voluntary Notification of Specific Technical Assistance Needs and Responses (G/TBT/16) and initiated an exchange of experiences regarding the delivery and receipt of technical assistance.

7. The Committee held its Fifth Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange on 7-8 November 2007.⁸ This special meeting addressed issues relating to: publication practices; notification practices; use of electronic tools; and technical cooperation and the work of Enquiry Points.

³ G/TBT/M/41 and Corr.1, G/TBT/M/42 and Corr.1 and G/TBT/M/43.

⁴ The full list of Members having submitted a statement on implementation and administration of the Agreement under Article 15.2 (since January 1995) is contained in document G/TBT/GEN/1/Rev.6. The six new statements were from: Malawi (G/TBT/2/Add.93), Tanzania (G/TBT/2/Add.94), Niger (G/TBT/2/Add.95), the United Arab Emirates (G/TBT/2/Add.96), Botswana (G/TBT/2/Add.97), and Viet Nam (G/TBT/2/Add.98). Colombia (G/TBT/2/Add.18/Rev.2), Canada (G/TBT/2/Add.6/Rev.2), Singapore (G/TBT/2/Add.25/Rev.1), Peru (G/TBT/2/Add.29/Rev.1) and Mongolia (G/TBT/2/Add.44/Rev.1) issued revisions to their original statements. A Workshop on the submission of 15.2 statements was organized by the Secretariat in November 2007 (see paragraph 20).

⁵ A list of the specific trade concerns raised in 2007 is contained in Annex C.

⁶ The draft programme for the workshop is contained in document Job(07)/107/Rev.3. Information is also posted on http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tbt_e/wrkshop_march08_e.htm

⁷ Detailed information on how to submit attachments to TBT notifications is contained in document G/TBT/GEN/65. Detailed information, including the notification format, on the mechanism to share unofficial translations is contained in document G/TBT/GEN/66.

⁸ The programme for the Fifth Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange is contained in G/TBT/GEN/59/Rev.1. The report of the Special Meeting can be found in G/TBT/M/43, Annex I. Information on the Special Meeting, including the presentations delivered, is also posted on http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tbt_e/meeting_nov07_e/tbt_fifth_meeting7_8nov_07_e.htm

8. At its 21 March meeting, the Committee carried out its Twelfth Annual Review of the Implementation and Operation of the Agreement under Article 15.3 as well as the Twelfth Annual Review of the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards (Annex 3 of the Agreement).⁹

9. At its 9 November meeting, the Committee carried out the Sixth Annual Transitional Review mandated in Paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of the People's Republic of China.¹⁰

10. During the regular meetings of the TBT Committee held in 2007, representatives of the Codex, IEC, ISO, ITC, OECD, OIML and UNIDO updated the Committee on activities relevant to its work, including on technical assistance.

11. During the review period, one notification of specific technical assistance needs and responses was made pursuant to the Committee's decision contained in G/TBT/16.¹¹

II. TRANSPARENCY PROCEDURES¹²

(i) *Notifications of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures*

12. In 2007, Members submitted 1,030 new notifications of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures.¹³ Since the entry into force of the Agreement on 1 January 1995, up to 31 December 2007, 8,774 such notifications have been made by 103 Members.

⁹ The Twelfth Annual Review is contained in document G/TBT/21/Rev.1 and Corr.1. Other relevant background documents to this review are: the list of standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code in 2006 (G/TBT/CS/1/Add.11), a list of standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code since 1 January 1995 (G/TBT/CS/2/Rev.13 and Corr.1) and the Twelfth Edition of the WTO TBT Standards Code Directory prepared by the ISO/IEC Information Centre.

¹⁰ Sixth Annual Transitional Review mandated in paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of the People's Republic of China, Report (G/TBT/22).

¹¹ G/TBT/TA-4/UGA (Uganda).

¹² The data for the graphs in this section are drawn from the tables in Annexes D, E and F.

¹³ Monthly summaries of TBT notifications for 2007 are contained in documents G/TBT/GEN/N/73-

Figure 1: Total Number of TBT Notifications since 1995

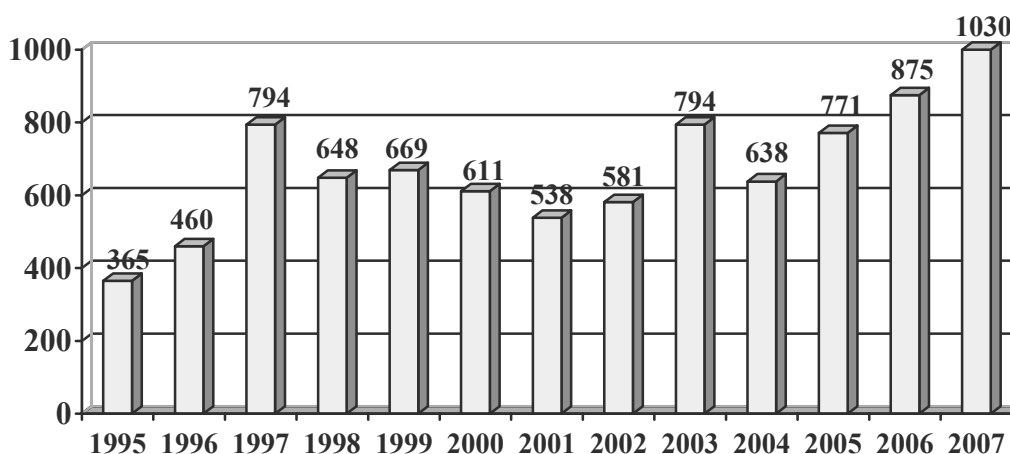
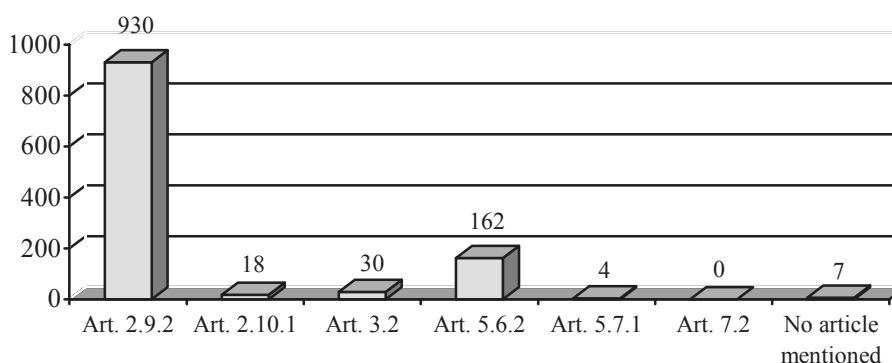


Figure 2: Notifications in 2007 by Article¹⁴

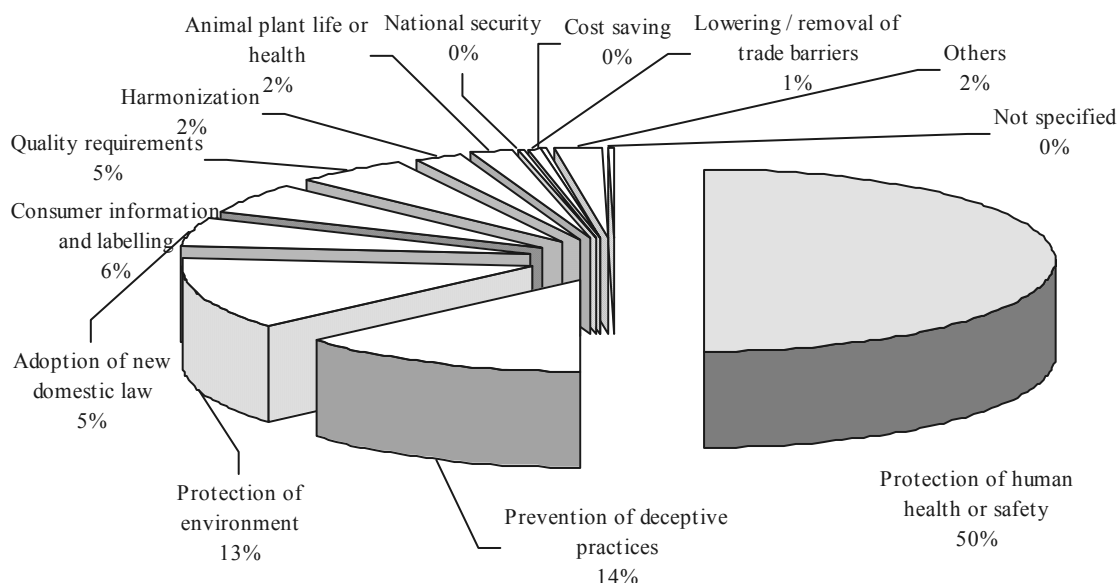


13. Amongst the 1,030 notifications received in 2007, the following objectives have been mentioned by Members¹⁵: protection of human health or safety (in 678 notifications); prevention of deceptive practices (in 184 notifications); protection of the environment (in 173 notifications); consumer information and labelling (in 75 notifications); quality requirements (in 74 notifications); adoption of new domestic law (in 68 notifications); harmonization (in 28 notifications); protection of animal or plant life or health (in 29 notifications); lowering or removal of trade barriers and trade facilitation (in 8 notifications); national security requirements (in 2 notifications); and cost saving and increasing productivity (in 4 notifications). 263 notifications referred to more than one objective, 32 notifications referred to other objectives, and two did not specify any legitimate objective.

¹⁴ 121 notifications indicated more than one article.

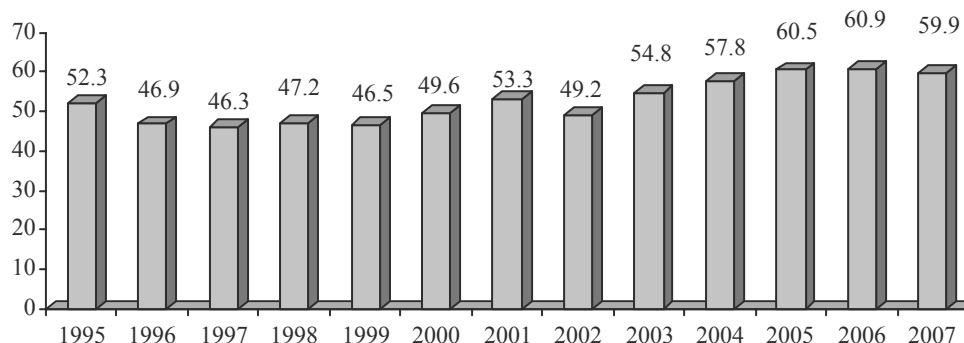
¹⁵ As first, second or third objective in the notification.

Figure 3: Notifications in 2007 by Objective¹⁶



14. In 1995, the Committee recommended that the normal time-limit for presentation of comments on notified technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures should be 60 days. Moreover, it was recommended that any Member able to provide a time limit beyond 60 days, such as 90 days, was encouraged to do so.¹⁷ In 2007, Members allowed an average of 59.9 days for comments. 148 notifications either did not specify a comment period, or stated it as non applicable or had a comment period which had lapsed. Figure 4 shows the average time allowed for comments since 1995.

Figure 4: Average Number of Days Allowed for Comments since 1995



¹⁶ 263 notifications indicated more than one objective.

¹⁷ "Decisions and Recommendations adopted by the Committee since 1 January 1995", Note by the Secretariat, 23 May 2002, G/TBT/1/Rev.8, page 17.

(ii) *Notifications under Article 10.7*

15. In 2007, three notifications were made under Article 10.7 regarding agreements on issues related to technical regulations, standards or conformity assessment procedures. These notifications pertained to: (i) a mutual recognition arrangement on conformity assessment between the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (TPKM) and the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board (Spring) of Singapore (G/TBT/10.7/N/51), notified by Chinese Taipei; (ii) an agreement among the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) notified by Singapore (G/TBT/10.7/N/52); and, (iii) an arrangement between the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (TPKM) and New Zealand on the Mutual Recognition of Test Reports and Certificates of Conformity for Electrical and Electronic Equipment, notified by Chinese Taipei (G/TBT/10.7/N/53).

(iii) *Notifications under the Code of Good Practice*

16. In 2007, one new notification of acceptance of the Code of Good Practice was submitted by the standardizing body of Brunei Darussalam.¹⁸ Since the entry into force of the Agreement and up until 31 December 2007, 160 standardizing bodies from 116 Members have adhered to the Code.¹⁹ Document G/TBT/CS/2/Rev.14 contains the list, by Member, of standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code since 1 January 1995 up until 31 January 2008. The ISO/IEC Information Centre has prepared the Thirteenth Edition of the WTO TBT Standards Code Directory which lists all standardizing bodies that have notified their acceptance of the Code together with the addresses of these standardizing bodies and information related to the availability of their work programmes.

(iv) *Means of access to additional information relevant to transparency*

17. The following is a list of sources where relevant information can be found:

- (a) Information on publications used to announce that work is proceeding on draft technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures under Articles 2.9.1 and 5.6.1 of the Agreement, and publications in which the final texts are published under Articles 2.11 and 5.8 is contained in document G/TBT/2 and addenda. A list of official publications in relation to technical regulations, conformity assessment procedures and standards is contained in document G/TBT/GEN/39/Rev.1 (List of Members' Publications in Relation to Technical Regulations, Conformity Assessment Procedures and Standards).
- (b) The list of WTO TBT Enquiry Points under Articles 10.1 and 10.3 is contained in document G/TBT/ENQ/31. The addresses of Enquiry Points are also available on the TBT Website.²⁰
- (c) In addition to the usual means of distribution, TBT notifications are also circulated through an automatic mailing list, once a week in the original language.²¹

¹⁸ G/TBT/CS/N/172.

¹⁹ Notifications of acceptance of the Code by standardizing bodies of Members are contained in documents G/TBT/CS/N/1-172. Notifications G/TBT/CS/N/118 and 138 have been cancelled. In addition, standardizing bodies from seven WTO observers - Algeria (2003), Belarus (2001), Bosnia and Herzegovina (1997), Kazakhstan (2006), Montenegro (2007), Serbia (2005) and Ukraine (1996) - have already notified to the ISO/IEC Information Centre their acceptance of the Code of Good Practice.

²⁰ See http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tbt_e/tbt_enquiry_points_e.htm.

III. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT²²

18. In 2007, the Secretariat organized three regional workshops in:

- (a) Bahrain for Arab and Middle East countries;²³
- (b) Botswana, for English-speaking African countries;²⁴ and
- (c) Malaysia, for Asia-Pacific economies.²⁵

19. The programmes of these workshops were designed to assist participating economies from the different Regions to consolidate knowledge of the principles and disciplines of the TBT Agreement. The workshops also introduced participants to work and discussions in the TBT Committee, with a view to promoting a more effective participation of the various regions in the Committee's work. In particular, issues arising from the Future Work agreed at the Fourth Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement were explained and discussed in detail. The workshops also provided a forum for participants to share experiences with respect to technical barriers to trade and implementation of the Agreement. Several observer organizations in the TBT Committee, such as Codex, the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), International Organization for Legal Metrology (OIML), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) participated the workshops.²⁶ In addition, experts from Members were invited to share experiences with respect to the implementation of the Agreement and the work of the Committee.²⁷ Co-operation was also received from regional partners: for instance, SADC provided inputs to the workshop for English-speaking African countries held in Botswana.

20. At the Third Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement (November 2003), it was recommended that, in order to fulfil the obligation contained in Article 15.2 of the TBT Agreement, Members should seek assistance from other Members that had done so to share their knowledge and experience in this regard. At the Fourth Triennial Review, the Committee reiterated the importance of Members fulfilling their obligation under Article 15.2. During 2007 regional and national technical assistance activities, particular attention was given to the process of preparing and submitting statements on implementation and administration of the TBT Agreement under Article 15.2. The Secretariat also

²¹ Interested persons can subscribe to the mailing list at: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tbt_e/tbt_mailing_list_e.htm.

²² A complete list of 2007 TBT-related technical assistance activities undertaken by the Secretariat is contained in Annex G. Detailed information, including programmes of the activities, lists of participants and presentations delivered is posted on http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tbt_e/tbt_act_list_activ_e.htm

²³ Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen were invited.

²⁴ Botswana, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe were invited.

²⁵ Asian economies: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong China, India, Indonesia, Korea (Rep. of), People's Democratic Republic of Lao, Macao China, Malaysia (HOST), Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Chinese Taipei, Timor-Leste, Thailand and Viet Nam were invited. From the Pacific area, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu were invited.

²⁶ IEC, ISO, OIML and UNIDO participated in the Bahrain, Botswana and Malaysia workshops. Codex participated in the Botswana workshop.

²⁷ Experts from the European Communities participated in the Bahrain and Malaysia workshops; experts from the United States participated in the Malaysia workshop.

organized a workshop in Geneva on this topic in November 2007.²⁸ The workshop offered Members an opportunity to present and discuss different approaches utilized in the development of their 15.2 statements.

21. In response to requests received from individual Members, seven national workshops were organized in: Niger, Paraguay, Gabon, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Nigeria and Malaysia. These workshops aimed at promoting a better understanding of the rights and obligations under the TBT Agreement and at addressing issues of specific interest to these Members, including good regulatory practice and their specific trade concerns.

22. For the first time, technical assistance activities in the year under review included four e-training courses on the TBT Agreement held in the three official languages of the WTO. These online courses were addressed to government officials from developing country Members and Observers and covered all aspects of the TBT Agreement.²⁹

23. The trade policy courses organized by the WTO Secretariat, both Geneva-based and regional, included sessions on the TBT Agreement. TBT training was provided in the regional trade policy courses held in Singapore for the Asian region, in Namibia for English-speaking African countries, and in Chile for Latin America. Other technical assistance activities included the Geneva-based Fifth Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange (see paragraph 6, above).³⁰

IV. DISPUTES INVOLVING PROVISIONS OF THE TBT AGREEMENT

24. The state of play during the year 2007 with regard to disputes that have involved provisions of the TBT Agreement is summarized below.

Case #	Case Name	Complaint By	State of Play	TBT Articles Invoked
1. Requests for consultations in 2007				
DS369	European Communities – Certain Measures Prohibiting the Importation and Marketing of Seal Products	Canada	On 1 October 2007, Canada requested consultations with the European Communities concerning certain measures taken by Belgium and the Netherlands regarding the importation, transportation, manufacturing, marketing, and sale of seal products (WT/DS369/1).	2.1 and 2.2
2. Pending Consultations				
DS279	India – Import Restrictions Maintained under the Export and Import Policy 2002-2007	European Communities	On 23 December 2002, the European Communities requested consultations with India concerning import restrictions maintained by India under its Export and Import Policy 2002-2007 with respect to particular products of concern to the European Communities (WT/DS279/1). On 17 January 2003, the United States requested to join the consultations (WT/DS279/2) and on 31 January 2003, India accepted this request (WT/DS279/3).	2

²⁸ The programme of the workshop is contained in document Job(07)/159. See also http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tbt_e/wkshop_nov07_e/tbt_article152_8march07_e.htm

²⁹ In total, 306 participants from 78 countries participated in TBT online courses in 2007.

³⁰ Participation of ninety-four officials from developing country Members was sponsored through the WTO Global Trust Fund.

DS263	European Communities – Measures Affecting Imports of Wine	Argentina	On 4 September 2002, Argentina requested consultations with the European Communities regarding several EC regulations and other mandatory provisions on oenological practices and on trade in wine (WT/DS263/1).	2 and 12
DS233	Argentina – Measures Affecting the Import of Pharmaceutical Products	India	On 25 May 2001, India requested consultations with Argentina concerning Argentina's Law No. 24.766 and Decree No. 150/92 (WT/DS233/1).	2 (especially 2.2), 5 (especially 5.1 and 5.2) and 12
DS203	Mexico – Measures Affecting Trade in Live Swine	United States	On 10 July 2000, the United States requested consultations with Mexico in respect of Mexico's 20 October 1999 definitive anti-dumping measure on live swine for slaughter (merchandise classified under tariff classification 0103.92.99 of the General Import Law) exported from the United States, independently from the country of origin, and actions by Mexico in the conduct of the anti-dumping investigation resulting in that measure (WT/DS203/1).	2 and 5
DS144	United States – Certain Measures Affecting the Import of Cattle, Swine and Grain from Canada	Canada	On 25 September 1998, Canada requested consultations with the United States in respect of certain measures, imposed by the US state of South Dakota and other states, prohibiting entry or transit to Canadian trucks carrying cattle, swine, and grain (WT/DS144/1).	2, 3, 5 and 7
DS137	European Communities – Measures Affecting Imports of Wood of Conifers from Canada	Canada	On 17 June 1998, Canada requested consultations with the European Communities in respect of certain measures concerning the importation into the EC market of wood of conifers from Canada. The measures include, but are not limited to, Council Directive 77/93, of 21 December 1976, as amended by Commission Directive 92/103/EEC, of 1 December 1992, and any relevant measures adopted by EC Member states affecting imports of wood of conifers from Canada into the European Communities (WT/DS137/1).	2
DS134	European Communities – Measures Affecting Import Duties on Rice	India	On 28 May 1998, India requested consultations with the European Communities in respect of the restrictions allegedly introduced by an EC Regulation establishing a so-called cumulative recovery system (CRS), for determining certain import duties on rice, with effect from 1 July 1997 (WT/DS134/1).	2, in particular 2.1 and 2.2
DS100	United States – Measures Affecting Imports of Poultry Products	European Communities	On 18 August 1997, the European Communities requested consultations with the United States in respect of a ban on imports of poultry and poultry products from the European Communities by the US Department of Agriculture's Food Safety Inspection Service, and any related measures (WT/DS100/1).	2 and 5
DS61	United States – Import Prohibition of Certain Shrimp and Shrimp Products	Philippines	On 25 October 1996, the Philippines requested consultations with the United States in respect of a complaint by the Philippines regarding a ban on the importation of certain shrimp and shrimp products from the Philippines imposed by the United States under Section 609 of US Public Law 101-62 (WT/DS61/1).	2

DS41	Korea – Measures Concerning Inspection of Agricultural Products	United States	On 24 May 1996, the United States requested consultations with Korea concerning testing, inspection and other measures required for the importation of agricultural products into Korea (WT/DS41/1).	2, 5 and 6
DS3	Korea – Measures Concerning the Testing and Inspection of Agricultural Products	United States	On 6 April 1995, the United States requested consultations with Korea involving testing and inspection requirements with respect to imports of agricultural products into Korea (WT/DS3/1). (See WT/DS41).	5 and 6
3. Implementation status of adopted panel reports				
DS291 DS292 DS293	European Communities – Measures Affecting the Approval and Marketing of Biotech Products	United States, (DS291), Canada (DS292) and Argentina (DS293)	<p>On 13 May 2003, the United States and Canada requested consultations with the European Communities concerning certain measures taken by the European Communities and its member States affecting imports of agricultural and food imports from the United States and Canada (WT/DS291/1, WT/DS292/1). On 14 May 2003, Argentina requested consultations with the European Communities on the same matter (WT/DS293/1).</p> <p>On 7 August 2003, the United States, Canada and Argentina each requested the establishment of a panel (WT/DS291/23, WT/DS292/17, WT/DS293/17). At its meeting on 29 August 2003, the DSB decided to establish a single panel.</p> <p>On 23 February 2004, the United States, Canada and Argentina requested the Director-General to compose the panel. On 4 March 2004, the Director-General composed the panel.</p> <p>Argentina (in respect of the United States' and Canada's complaints), Australia, Brazil, Canada (in respect of the United States' and Argentina's complaints), Chile, China, Colombia, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Uruguay and the United States (in respect of Canada's and Argentina's complaints) reserved their third-party rights.</p> <p>On 29 September 2006, the panel reports were circulated to Members (WT/DS291/R, WT/DS292/R and WT/DS293/R). At its meeting on 21 November 2006, the DSB adopted the panel reports.</p> <p>At the DSB meeting on 19 December 2006, the European Communities announced its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in a manner consistent with its WTO obligations. However, due to the complexity and sensitivity of the issues involved, the European Communities would need a reasonable period of time for implementation. Pursuant to Article 21.3(b) of the DSU, the European Communities was ready to discuss an appropriate timeframe with Argentina, Canada and the United States.</p> <p>On 21 June 2007, the United States and the European Communities, Canada and the European Communities, and Argentina and the European Communities respectively notified the DSB that they had agreed that the reasonable period of time for the European Communities to implement</p>	<p>United States: 2 and 5</p> <p>Canada: 2.1, 2.2, 2.8, 5.1 and 5.2</p> <p>Argentina 2, 5 and 12</p>

			<p>the recommendations and rulings of the DSB shall be twelve months from the date of the adoption of the panel reports. Accordingly, the reasonable period of time expired on 21 November 2007. On 21 November 2007, the parties informed the DSB that they had agreed to modify the reasonable period of time so as to expire on 11 January 2008. On 11 January 2008, the European Communities and Canada, with respect to dispute WT/DS292, informed the DSB that they had agreed to modify the reasonable period of time so as to expire on 11 February 2008. On 11 January 2008, the European Communities and Argentina, with respect to dispute WT/DS293, informed the DSB that they had agreed to modify the reasonable period of time so as to expire on 11 June 2008.</p>	
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V. ANNEXES

A. LIST OF WTO MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS

Members³¹

Albania	Ghana	Panama
Angola	Greece	Papua New Guinea
Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada	Paraguay
Argentina	Guatemala	Peru
Armenia	Guinea	Philippines
Australia	Guinea Bissau	Poland
Austria	Guyana	Portugal
Bahrain	Haiti	Qatar
Bangladesh	Honduras	Romania
Barbados	Hong Kong, China	Rwanda
Belgium	Hungary	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belize	Iceland	Saint Lucia
Benin	India	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bolivia	Indonesia	Saudi Arabia
Botswana	Ireland	Senegal
Brazil	Israel	Sierra Leone
Brunei Darussalam	Italy	Singapore
Bulgaria	Jamaica	Slovak Republic
Burkina Faso	Japan	Slovenia
Burundi	Jordan	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Kenya	South Africa
Cameroon	Korea, Rep. of	Spain
Canada	Kuwait	Sri Lanka
Central African Republic	Kyrgyz Republic	Suriname
Chad	Latvia	Swaziland
Chile	Lesotho	Sweden
China, People's Republic of	Liechtenstein	Switzerland
Colombia	Lithuania	Separate Customs Territory of
Congo	Luxembourg	Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and
Congo, Democratic Rep. of the	Macao, China	Matsu (Chinese Taipei)
Costa Rica	Madagascar	Tanzania
Côte d'Ivoire	Malawi	Thailand
Croatia	Malaysia	Togo
Cuba	Maldives	Tonga
Cyprus	Mali	Trinidad and Tobago
Czech Republic	Malta	Tunisia
Denmark	Mauritania	Turkey
Djibouti	Mauritius	Uganda
Dominica	Moldova	United Arab Emirates
Dominican Republic	Mexico	United Kingdom
Ecuador	Mongolia	United States
Egypt	Morocco	Uruguay
El Salvador	Mozambique	Venezuela (Bolivarian
Estonia	Myanmar	Republic of)

³¹ Members on 31 January 2008.

European Communities	Namibia	Viet Nam
Fiji	Nepal	Zambia
Finland	Netherlands	Zimbabwe
Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia (FYROM)	New Zealand	
France	Nicaragua	
Gambia	Niger	
Gabon	Nigeria	
Georgia	Norway	
Germany	Oman	
	Pakistan	

Observer Governments³²

Afghanistan	Holy See (Vatican)	Serbia
Algeria	Iran	Seychelles
Andorra	Iraq	Sudan
Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Tajikistan
Bahamas	Laos, P.D.R. of	Ukraine
Belarus	Lebanese Republic	Uzbekistan
Bhutan	Libya	Vanuatu
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Montenegro	Yemen
Cape Verde	Russian Federation	
Equatorial Guinea	Samoa	
Ethiopia	Sao Tomé and Príncipe	

Observer Organizations

African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP)³³
Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración (ALADI)³⁰
European Free Trade Association (EFTA)³⁰
Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
International Monetary Fund (IMF)
International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
International Trade Centre (ITC)
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Office International des Epizooties (OIE)
International Organization for Legal Metrology (OIML)³⁰
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE)
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)³⁰
World Health Organization (WHO)
WHO/FAO Codex Alimentarius Commission
The World Bank

³² Observers on 31 January 2008.

³³ Observer status on an *ad hoc* basis.

B. LIST OF TBT DOCUMENTS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 2007

Document Reference	Date of Issue	Title
1. Working Documents (G/TBT/W/ -)		
G/TBT/W/275	19 March 2007	The Report on Result of Standards Alignment Work in APEC (Submission by Japan)
G/TBT/W/276	19 March 2007	Report on the Case Study to Clarify Effectiveness of MRAs (Submission by Japan)
G/TBT/W/277	10 July 2007	Japan's Experience Concerning Cross-border Designation Systems (Submission by Japan)
G/TBT/W/278	18 October 2007	Transitional Review Mechanism in connection with Paragraph 18 of the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China (Questions and Comments from Japan to China)
G/TBT/W/279	22 October 2007	Transitional Review Mechanism pursuant to Section 18 of the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China (Questions and Comments from the United States to China)
G/TBT/W/280	30 October 2007	Specific Trade Concerns relating to access of pharmaceuticals to the Argentine market (Communication from Colombia)
G/TBT/W/281	6 November 2007	China's Transitional Review Mechanism (Communication from the European Communities)
G/TBT/W/282	6 November 2007	Annual Transitional Review Mandated In Paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of The People's Republic of China: Information Required in Annex 1a Of WT/L/432 (Submission by The People's Republic of China)
G/TBT/W/283	7 November 2007	Canada - Costa Rica Competitiveness Development Fund Projects National Quality System of Costa Rica (Submission by Canada and Costa Rica)
2. Minutes of the Meetings (G/TBT/M/ -)		
G/TBT/M/41 and Corr.1	12 June and 12 July 2007	Minutes of the Meeting of 21 March 2007 (Note by the Secretariat)
G/TBT/M/42 and Corr.1	6 August and 1 October 2007	Minutes of the Meeting of 5 July 2007 (Note by the Secretariat)
G/TBT/M/43	21 January 2008	Minutes of the Meeting of 9 November 2007 (Note by the Secretariat)

3. General Documents (G/TBT/GEN/ -)		
G/TBT/GEN/N/73-84	January 2007 – January 2008	Notifications issued from December 2006 to December 2007
G/TBT/GEN/1/Rev.5 and Rev.6	2 March and 22 October 2007	Statements on Implementation and Administration of the Agreement under Article 15.2 (Note by the Secretariat - Revision)
G/SPS/GEN/491/Add.6 and Add.7 G/TBT/GEN/7/Add.6 and Add.7	29 May and 13 November 2007	Communication from Mexico
G/TBT/GEN/39/Rev.1	22 October 2007	List of members' publications in relation to technical regulations, conformity assessment procedures and standards (Note by the Secretariat)
G/TBT/GEN/46	26 January 2007	Statement by ASEAN on REACH at the 9 November 2006 Meeting of the TBT Committee (Agenda Item 2(B): Specific Trade Concerns)
G/TBT/GEN/47	18 April 2007	TBT Technical Assistance Activities in 2007 (Information from the Secretariat)
G/TBT/GEN/48	23 April 2007	Update on OECD Activities in the Area of Good Regulatory Practice and Market Openness
G/TBT/GEN/49	23 April 2007	Update on relevant on-going work in the OIML
G/TBT/GEN/50	23 April 2007	ISO Actions in support of Developing Countries in 2006 (Agenda Item 4 – Updating by Observers)
G/TBT/GEN/51	23 April 2007	Information on activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and related activities of FAO and WHO (Agenda Item 4 – Updating by Observers)
G/TBT/GEN/52	23 April 2007	TBT-related technical assistance by the ITC (Agenda Item 3 – Technical Cooperation)
G/TBT/GEN/53	12 July 2007	Information on activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and related activities of FAO and WHO (Agenda Item 4 – Updating by Observers)
G/TBT/GEN/54	12 July 2007	FAO/WHO Capacity Building Activities in Food Safety and Quality Covering the period July 2006 – June 2007 (Prepared by FAO and WHO) (Agenda Item 4 – Updating by Observers)
G/TBT/GEN/55	12 July 2007	IEC Report to the TBT Committee (Agenda Item 4 – Updating by Observers)
G/TBT/GEN/56	12 July 2007	TBT Technical Assistance Activities in 2007 (Information from the Secretariat)
G/TBT/GEN/57	12 July 2007	Export quality bulletin - Manual of Model Procedures and Guidance Notes for the Implementation of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (ITC – Agenda Item 4: Technical Cooperation)
G/TBT/GEN/58	29 August 2007	Availability of unofficial translations (Communication by Canada)
G/TBT/GEN/59 and Rev.1	9 October and 2 November 2007	Fifth Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange (7-8 November 2007) – Programme (one and a half days)
G/TBT/GEN/60	15 November 2007	Information on activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Agenda Item 5 – Updating by Observers)
G/TBT/GEN/61	15 November 2007	TBT Technical Assistance Activities in 2007 (Information from the Secretariat)

3. General Documents (G/TBT/GEN/ -) cont'd		
G/TBT/GEN/62	21 November 2007	Norwegian Technical Assistance (Agenda Item 4 – Technical Cooperation)
G/TBT/GEN/63	4 December 2007	UNIDO Trade-Related Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Activities related to Technical Barriers to Trade: 2001-2007 (Agenda Item 4 – Technical Cooperation)
G/TBT/GEN/64	29 November 2007	IEC Report to the TBT Committee (Agenda Item 5 – Updating by Observers)
G/TBT/GEN/65	14 December 2007	Attachments to TBT Notifications (Note by the Secretariat)
G/TBT/GEN/66	14 December 2007	Unofficial Translations (Note by the Secretariat)
4. Documents Relating to the Code of Good Practice (G/TBT/CS/ -)		
G/TBT/CS/1/Add.11	2 March 2007	List of Standardizing Bodies that have accepted the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards in 2006 (Note by the Secretariat)
G/TBT/CS/2/Rev.13 and Corr.1	2 March and 8 March 2007	List of Standardizing Bodies that have Accepted the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards since 1 January 1995 (Note by the Secretariat)
5. Statements on the Implementation and Administration of the TBT Agreement (G/TBT/2/ -)		
G/TBT/2/Add.18/Rev.2	10 May 2007	Communication from Colombia
G/TBT/2/Add.6/Rev.2	4 July 2007	Communication from Canada
G/TBT/2/Add.25/Rev.1	27 August 2007	Communication from Singapore
G/TBT/2/Add.29/Rev.1	1 October 2007	Communication from Peru
G/TBT/2/Add.44/Rev.1	21 December 2007	Communication from Mongolia
G/TBT/2/Add.93	2 August 2007	Communication from Malawi
G/TBT/2/Add.94	31 August 2007	Communication from Tanzania
G/TBT/2/Add.95	10 September 2007	Communication from Niger
G/TBT/2/Add.96	11 September 2007	Communication from the United Arab Emirates
G/TBT/2/Add.97	30 October 2007	Communication from Botswana
G/TBT/2/Add.98	6 November 2007	Communication from the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
6. Other Documents		
G/TBT/D/31	1 October 2007	European Communities – Certain Measures affecting the importation and marketing of seal products (Request for Consultations by Canada)
G/TBT/21/Rev.1 and Corr.1	4 April and 11 May 2007	Twelfth Annual Review of the Implementation and Operation of the TBT Agreement (Note by the Secretariat)
G/TBT/22	21 November 2007	Sixth Annual Transitional Review Mandated in Paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of the People's Republic of China
G/TBT/ENQ/29-31	12 March, 22 June and 29 October 2007	National Enquiry Points (Note by the Secretariat)

6. Other Documents (cont'd)		
G/TBT/INF4-6/Rev.1 and G/TBT/INF/7/Rev.1	26 January, 28 June, 4 September 2007 and 11 January 2008	List of representatives
7. Job documents (JOB(06)/ -)		
JOB(07)/29	8 March 2007	21-22 March 2007 TBT Committee Meeting Annotated Draft Agenda
JOB(07)/107, Rev.1 and Rev. 2	26 June 2007 8 October 2007 (8 January 2008)	Workshop on Good Regulatory Practice March 2008 Draft Programme (two days)
JOB(07)/108 and Rev.1	26 June 2007 19 July 2007	Fifth Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange 7-8 November 2007 Draft Programme (one and a half days)
JOB(07)/109	26 June 2007	5-6 July 2007 TBT Committee Meeting Annotated Draft Agenda
JOB(07)/139	25 September 2007	Transparency requirements and Procedures
JOB(07)/163	1 November 2007	Report (2007) of the Committee on Technical Barriers To Trade
JOB(07)/165	1 November 2007	9 November 2007 TBT Committee Meeting Annotated Draft Agenda
JOB(07)/172	7 November 2007	Sixth Annual Transitional Review Mandated in Paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of The People's Republic of China

C. SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS RAISED IN 2007

I. New concerns (28)	
1. Argentina – Measures affecting market access for pharmaceutical products	
Raised by	Colombia, Chile
Dates raised	November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 6-8)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/W/280
2. Brazil – Mandatory certification of batteries	
Raised by	United States
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras. 58-61); July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 111-115); November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 116-117)
Relevant document(s)	-
3. Brazil – Registration requirements for medical devices	
Raised by	European Communities, Switzerland, United States
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras. 6-7); July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 111-115); November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras 105-110)
Relevant document(s)	
4. Canada – Compositional requirements for cheese	
Raised by	New Zealand, United States, Australia, European Communities
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 4-13); November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 56-60)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/CAN/203
5. China – Unified charges for telecom terminals	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41 para. 4)
Relevant document(s)	-
6. China – Requirements for concentration limits for certain hazardous substances in electronic information	
Raised by	Japan
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41 paras. 10-11);
Relevant document(s)	-
7. China – Nature of "recommended standards"	
Raised by	Japan
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42 paras. 64-66)
Relevant document(s)	-
8. European Communities – Dangerous Chemical Substances – Draft Commission Directive amending Council Directive 67/548/EEC	
Raised by	Argentina; Australia; Brazil; Canada; Chile; China; Japan; Malaysia; Turkey; United States
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 29-48); November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 83-102)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/EEC/151

9. Hong Kong, China – Energy Efficiency labelling scheme	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, para. 57)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/HKG/26 and Add.1
10. India – Electrical products	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras. 19-20)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/IND/30 and Add.1
11. India – Notification on protective headgear	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras. 21-22)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/IND/31 and Add.1
12. India – Drugs and cosmetic rules 2007	
Raised by	United States
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 50-52)
Relevant document(s)	-
13. India – Mandatory certification of ceramic tiles	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 62)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/IND/28
14. Israel – Infant formula	
Raised by	United States
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 24-25); November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 73-75)
Relevant document(s)	-
15. Korea – Safety criteria for various products	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras. 12-13); November 2006 (G/TBT/M/40, paras. 84-85)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/KOR/127
16. Moldova - Quality and control measures for bottled, non-alcoholic beverages including mineral, natural water and soft drinks	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 9-11)
Relevant documents	-

17. Norway – proposed regulation concerning specific hazardous substances in consumer products	
Raised by	United States, Israel, Japan, Jordan
Dates raised	November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 12-18)
Relevant documents	G/TBT/N/NOR/17
18. Philippines – Ceramic wall and floor tiles	
Raised by	European Communities;
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras. 8-9); July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, para. 103)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/PHL/77, PHL/63 and PHL/60
19. Qatar – Motor vehicles tyres	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, para. 49)
Relevant document(s)	(G/TBT/N/QAT/11)
20. Chinese Taipei – Anti-theft regulations for vehicles	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 14-16)
Relevant document(s)	(G/TBT/N/TPKM/45)
21. Chinese Taipei – Plastic trays and packaging	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 26-28)
Relevant document(s)	(G/TBT/N/TPKM/43)
22. Chinese Taipei – Amended hygiene standards for alcohol products	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, para. 21)
Relevant document(s)	G/SPS/N/TPKM/64 and Add.1
23. Thailand - Labelling requirement for snack foods	
Raised by	United States, Australia, Canada, European Communities
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras 14-15), July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 77-78); November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 76-81)
Relevant document(s)	(G/TBT/THA/215)
24. Turkey – Product-tracking system for alcoholic beverages and other products	
Raised by	United States
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 53-56); November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 67-69)
Relevant document(s)	-

25. United States – Children's jewellery	
Raised by	China
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras. 16-18)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/USA/232
26. United States – Flammability of clothing textiles	
Raised by	China
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras 17-20)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/USA/242
27. United States – Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions	
Raised by	China
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras 21-23), November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 118-120)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/USA/249
28. United States – Proposed rule on labelling and advertising of wines, distilled spirits and malt beverages	
Raised by	Argentina
Dates raised	November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 19-20)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/USA/290 and Add.1

II. Previously raised concerns (17)	
29. Belgium and Netherlands – Seal products	
In 2007, raised by	Canada; Norway
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41 paras. 75-77); July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 116-127), July 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 44-49)
First raised in	November 2004 (G/TBT/M/34, paras. 10-11)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/BEL/39, G/TBT/N/NLD/68
30. China - Administration on the Control of Pollution Caused by Electronic Information Products	
In 2007, raised by	Japan
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 75-76)
First raised in	November 2005 (G/TBT/M/37, paras. 3-4)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/CHN/140 and Add.1
31. China – Revision of the list of toxic chemicals severely restricted in the People's Republic of China in the regulation for environmental management on the first import of chemicals and the import and export of toxic chemicals	
In 2007, raised by	Japan; European Communities
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41 paras. 72-74);
First raised in	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 25-31);
Relevant document(s)	-
32. China - Measures on the Environmental Management of New Chemical Substances	
In 2007, raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras 81-82)
First raised	November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 27-28)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/CHN/210
33. China - Domestic Gas Cooking Appliances	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 134-135)
First raised in	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 38-40)
Relevant document(s)	

34. European Communities - Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH)	
In 2007, raised by	Argentina; Australia; Brazil; Canada; Chile; China; Israel; Korea; Japan; Mexico; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; United States
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras. 23-59); July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 84-96 and G/TBT/M/42/Corr.1); November 2007 (G/TBT/M43, paras. 23-43)
First raised in	March 2003 (G/TBT/M/29, paras. 36-44)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/W/208; G/TBT/N/EEC/52, Add.1-3 and Add.3/Rev.1
35. European Communities – Draft Commission Decision regarding the Classification of the reaction to fire performance of construction products	
In 2007, raised by	Japan; Korea; Philippines; Thailand; United States
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras. 60-62); July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 79-80); November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 103-104)
First raised in	March 2006 (G/TBT/M/38 paras. 14-21)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/EEC/92 and Add.1
36. European Communities - Directive 2005/32 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2005 establishing a framework for the setting of Ecodesign requirements for energy-using products and amending Council Directive 92/42/EEC and Directives 96/57/EC and 2000/55/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council	
In 2007, raised by	China
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 81-83)
First raised in	November 2005 (G/TBT/M/37, paras. 11-13)
Relevant document(s)	
37. India - Pneumatic Tyres and Tubes for Automotive Vehicles	
In 2007, raised by	European Communities; United States
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras. 78-80); July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 129-133); November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 111-113)
First raised in	November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 15-18)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/IND/20
38. Korea - Import of Fish Heads	
In 2007, raised by	New Zealand; Norway; European Communities
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras. 63-66) July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 107-110); November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43/paras. 50-52)
First raised in	July 2003 (G/TBT/M/30, paras. 37-39)
Relevant document(s)	
39. New Zealand - Ban on the Importation of Trout	
In 2007, raised by	Canada
Dates raised	November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 70-72)
First raised in	May 2000 (G/TBT/M/19, paras. 14-16)
Relevant document(s)	-

40. Norway – Restrictions on the Use of deca-BDE	
In 2007, raised by	Japan; Israel; Jordan
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41 paras. 70-71); July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras.97-100); November 2007(G/TBT//M/43, paras. 65-66)
First raised in	March 2006 (G/TBT/M/38, paras. 5-10)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/NOR/6, Corr.1 and Add.1
41. Saudi Arabia - International Conformity Certification Programme (ICCP)	
In 2007, raised by	Japan, United States
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras. 86-87); July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 128)
First raised in	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 58-59)
Relevant document(s)	
42. Sweden – Restrictions on the Use of deca-BDE	
In 2007, raised by	Israel; Jordan; Japan; United States
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras. 67-69); July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42 paras. 101-102); November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 61-34)
First raised in	March 2006 (G/TBT/M/38, paras. 11-13)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/SWE/59
43. Switzerland - Draft Ordinance on measures to reduce particle emissions from diesel engines	
In 2007, raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, paras. 83-84); July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 104-106)
First raised in	November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 4-5)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/CHE/67, G/TBT/N/CHE/39
44. Uruguay - Decree on the enrichment of wheat flour and foods prepared with wheat flour	
In 2007, raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	March 2007 (G/TBT/M/41, para. 85); July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 136-137)
First raised in	November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 24-25)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/URY/2
45. United States – Country of origin labelling (COOL)	
In 2007, raised by	Mexico; Canada; New Zealand
Dates raised	July 2007 (G/TBT/M/42, paras. 67-74); November 2007 (G/TBT/M/43, paras. 53-55)
First raised in	June 2002 (G/TBT/M/27, paras. 19-20)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/USA/25; G/TBT/N/USA/83 and Corr.1, G/TBT/N/USA/281

D. NOTIFICATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS AND BY RELEVANT ARTICLES OF THE TBT AGREEMENT IN 2007 AND SINCE THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT

Members	Number of notifications made in 2007	Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 2007 ³⁴							Total number of notifications made since 1995
		2.9	2.10	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.2	Not specified	
Albania	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Argentina	23	22	0	0	3	0	0	0	284
Armenia	15	15	0	0	2	0	0	0	62
Australia	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	156
Austria	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Bahrain	21	21	0	0	1	0	0	0	30
Barbados	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Belgium	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	208
Benin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Bolivia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Botswana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Brazil	35	24	0	0	17	1	0	0	380
Brunei Darussalam	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cameroon	7	6	0	0	5	0	0	0	7
Canada	34	31	0	0	14	0	0	0	358
Central African Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Chile	10	9	0	0	6	0	0	0	139
China	90	90	0	0	15	0	0	0	329
Colombia	22	16	3	0	7	0	0	2	147
Costa Rica	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Cuba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Czech Republic	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	236
Denmark	11	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	228
Dominica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Dominican Republic	9	5	1	0	0	3	0	0	51
Ecuador	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Egypt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
El Salvador	11	11	0	0	6	0	0	0	168

³⁴ 121 notifications were made under more than one article.

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		2.9	2.10	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.2	Not specified	
Estonia	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
European Communities	35	33	1	0	5	0	0	0	356
Fiji	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Finland	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
France	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	136
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Germany	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Ghana	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Grenada	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Guatemala	5	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	66
Guyana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Honduras	12	12	0	0	1	0	0	0	54
Hong Kong, China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
Hungary	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	21
Iceland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
India	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	77
Indonesia	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Israel	42	28	0	0	21	0	0	0	246
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Jamaica	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
Japan	45	44	1	0	6	0	0	0	471
Jordan	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kenya	31	29	2	0	0	0	0	0	116
Korea, Republic of	37	37	0	0	5	0	0	0	258
Kuwait	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
Kyrgyz Republic	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	8
Latvia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Lithuania	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	9
Macao, China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Malaysia	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	174
Mauritius	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mexico	12	11	0	0	2	0	0	0	314
Moldova	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Mongolia	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Morocco	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Netherlands	7	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	609
New Zealand	9	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	68

Members	Number of notifications made in 2007	Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 2007 ³⁴							Total number of notifications made since 1995
		2.9	2.10	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.2	Not specified	
Nicaragua	5	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	88
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Norway	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Oman	15	14	0	0	2	0	0	0	26
Pakistan	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Panama	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Paraguay	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Peru	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	17
Philippines	18	18	0	0	1	0	0	0	149
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Qatar	20	17	0	0	7	0	0	0	34
Romania	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
Rwanda	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Saint Lucia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Senegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Singapore	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Slovak Republic	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
Slovenia	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
South Africa	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
Spain	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
Sri Lanka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Sweden	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	183
Switzerland	15	15	0	0	1	0	0	0	166
Chinese Taipei	11	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	54
Thailand	37	34	0	0	27	0	0	0	362
Trinidad and Tobago	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
Tunisia	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Turkey	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Uganda	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
United Arab Emirates	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
United Kingdom	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
United States	101	71	0	30	0	0	0	0	530
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Venezuela	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Zambia	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	44

Members	Number of notifications made in 2007	Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 2007 ³⁴							Total number of notifications made since 1995
		2.9	2.10	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.2	Not specified	
TOTAL	1030	930	18	30	162	4	0	7	8774

E. OBJECTIVES AND RATIONALES STATED IN TBT NOTIFICATIONS IN 2007

Objectives and Rationales	First objective stated in the notifications received in 2007	Number of times that the objective was mentioned as the first, second or third objective in the notifications received in 2007 ³⁵
National security requirements	1	2
Consumer information, labelling	49	75
Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection	106	184
Protection of human health or safety	592	678
Protection of animal or plant life or health	10	29
Protection of environment	94	173
Quality requirements	60	74
Harmonization	19	28
Adoption of new domestic law and technology	67	68
Lowering or removal of trade barriers	1	3
Trade facilitation	4	5
Cost saving and increasing productivity	4	4
Others	21	32
Not specified	2	2
Total	1030	1357

³⁵ Among the 1030 notifications received, 263 indicate two or more objectives.

F. OBSERVATION OF THE RECOMMENDED COMMENT PERIOD BY MEMBERS IN 2007

Number of notifications made with comment period						
Members	Less than 45 days	45-59 days	60 days or more	Not specified, lapsed or stated as non-applicable	Of which notified under Articles 2.10 and 5.7	Total
Albania	0	0	19	0	0	19
Argentina	11	4	0	8	0	23
Armenia	4	2	6	3	0	15
Australia	2	1	1	1	1	5
Austria	0	1	1	0	0	2
Bahrain	2	0	0	19	0	21
Belgium	0	0	1	0	0	1
Brazil	16	2	10	7	1	35
Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	1	0	1
Cameroon	0	0	0	7	0	7
Canada	3	11	19	1	0	34
Chile	0	6	4	0	0	10
China	2	1	86	1	0	90
Colombia	0	1	16	5	3	22
Costa Rica	0	0	12	0	0	12
Czech Republic	4	2	0	1	0	7
Denmark	2	0	4	5	3	11
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	9	4	9
Ecuador	0	0	18	0	0	18
El Salvador	0	0	11	0	0	11
Estonia	0	0	1	0	0	1
European Communities	2	1	29	3	1	35
Finland	0	0	4	1	0	5
France	2	0	7	4	0	13
Germany	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ghana	0	0	1	0	0	1
Grenada	0	0	4	0	0	4
Guatemala	0	0	5	0	0	5
Honduras	0	0	11	1	0	12
Hungary	0	0	1	0	0	1
India	0	3	7	0	0	10
Indonesia	0	0	2	0	0	2
Israel	0	0	42	0	0	42
Jamaica	1	2	0	0	0	3
Japan	11	6	28	0	0	45
Jordan	0	0	1	0	0	1
Kenya	0	1	28	2	2	31
Korea, Republic of	10	6	18	3	0	37
Kuwait	0	0	1	1	0	2
Kyrgyz Republic	0	0	0	8	0	8
Lithuania	0	0	2	0	0	2
Malaysia	0	0	4	3	0	7
Mexico	2	7	0	3	0	12

Number of notifications made with comment period						
Members	Less than 45 days	45-59 days	60 days or more	Not specified, lapsed or stated as non-applicable	Of which notified under Articles 2.10 and 5.7	Total
Moldova	1	0	1	4	0	6
Mongolia	0	0	0	2	2	2
Morocco	0	0	2	0	0	2
Netherlands	1	1	4	1	1	7
New Zealand	2	2	4	1	1	9
Nicaragua	0	0	5	0	0	5
Norway	0	0	3	1	0	4
Oman	0	1	14	0	0	15
Pakistan	0	0	25	0	0	25
Panama	1	1	0	0	0	2
Paraguay	0	0	6	6	0	12
Peru	0	0	0	1	1	1
Philippines	1	12	3	2	0	18
Qatar	2	0	18	0	0	20
Romania	6	4	15	0	0	25
Rwanda	0	0	0	8	0	8
Singapore	1	0	0	0	0	1
Slovak Republic	0	1	1	0	0	2
Slovenia	0	0	12	0	0	12
South Africa	2	6	3	1	0	12
Spain	0	0	1	0	0	1
Sweden	0	0	14	0	0	14
Switzerland	0	3	12	0	0	15
Chinese Taipei	1	0	9	1	0	11
Thailand	0	0	35	2	0	37
Trinidad and Tobago	1	1	0	0	0	2
Tunisia	1	0	0	1	0	2
Turkey	0	0	1	0	0	1
Uganda	0	0	14	0	0	14
United Arab Emirates	0	0	5	0	0	5
United Kingdom	0	0	1	0	0	1
United States	27	19	35	20	0	101
Zambia	5	0	0	0	0	5
TOTAL	127	108	647	148	20	1030

G. TBT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDERTAKEN BY THE WTO SECRETARIAT IN 2007

1. Geneva-Based Events

Date	Activity	Participants	Venue	Organized by
7-8 November 2007	TBT Fifth Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange	All Members	Geneva	WTO

2. Regional Workshops

Date	Region	Venue	Organized by	Other participating organizations
24-26 April 2007	Arab and Middle East countries	Bahrain	WTO	Codex, IEC, ISO, OIML, UNIDO
19-21 June 2007	Africa (English)	Botswana	WTO	Codex, IEC, ISO, OIML, SADC, UNIDO, Botswana Bureau of Standards, and Standards South Africa
20-22 November 2007	Asia and Pacific	Malaysia	WTO	IEC, ISO, OIML, UNIDO

3. Member Workshops

Date	Venue	Organized by	Other participating organizations
25-26 April 2007	Niger (TBT/SPS)	WTO	
10-11 May 2007	Paraguay	WTO	Codex, ISO
21-22 June 2007	Gabon	WTO	
25-26 September 2007	El Salvador (TBT/SPS)	WTO	ISO
18 October 2007	Chile	Ministry of Economy in Chile ³⁶	
25-26 October 2007	Nigeria	WTO	
13-15 November 2007	Nicaragua (TBT/SPS)	WTO	
23 November 2007	Malaysia	WTO	

³⁶ Private sector briefing organized at the initiative of the Ministry of Economy in Chile (back-to-back with the RTPC under 4(b)).

4. Trade Policy Courses covering, *inter alia*, the TBT Agreement

(a) Geneva-Based

Date	Name of course (language)	Organized by
January-April 2007	39 th Trade Policy Course (English)	WTO (ITTC)
January-April 2007	40 th Trade Policy Course (English)	WTO (ITTC)
April-July 2007	41 st Trade Policy Course (French)	WTO (ITTC)
Sept.-December 2007	42 nd Trade Policy Course (English)	WTO (ITTC)

(b) Regional

Date	Region	Venue	Organized by
March-June 2007	Asia and Pacific	Singapore	WTO (ITTC)
June-August 2007	Africa (English)	Namibia	WTO (ITTC)
Sept.-December 2007	Latin America	Chile	WTO (ITTC)

5. eTraining: Online Courses

Date	Name of course (language)	Organized by
February-March 2007	Introduction to Technical Barriers to Trade (English)	WTO (ITTC)
April-May 2007	Introduction to Technical Barriers to Trade (Spanish)	WTO (ITTC)
June –July 2007	Introduction to Technical Barriers to Trade (French)	WTO (ITTC)
November – December 2007	Introduction to Technical Barriers to Trade (English)	WTO (ITTC)
