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NTMs streamlining in Rwanda

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Rwanda is one of the fastest growing economies in Central Africa with a GDP growth of around 7% per year .

- ▶ Vision 2020 strategy
- ▶ The Millennium Development Goals that have been translated into the Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategies (EDPRS I & II)
- ▶ Trade liberalization and export promotion approaches



Put in place internal clear policies and legislation to foster a competitive, liberalised environment for business enterprises,

- ❑ The Competition and Consumer Protection Policy (2010),
- ❑ Rwanda Industrial Policy and Master Plan (2010)
- ❑ Rwanda SME Policy and Strategy (2010)



FREE TRADE ZONE

PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS
TREATMENT

EAC

COMESA

AUCFTA

NTMs

SPS

Pre-shipment
inspection

TBT

IPR

Rules of origin

NTM STREAMLINING PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

REGIONAL APPROACH

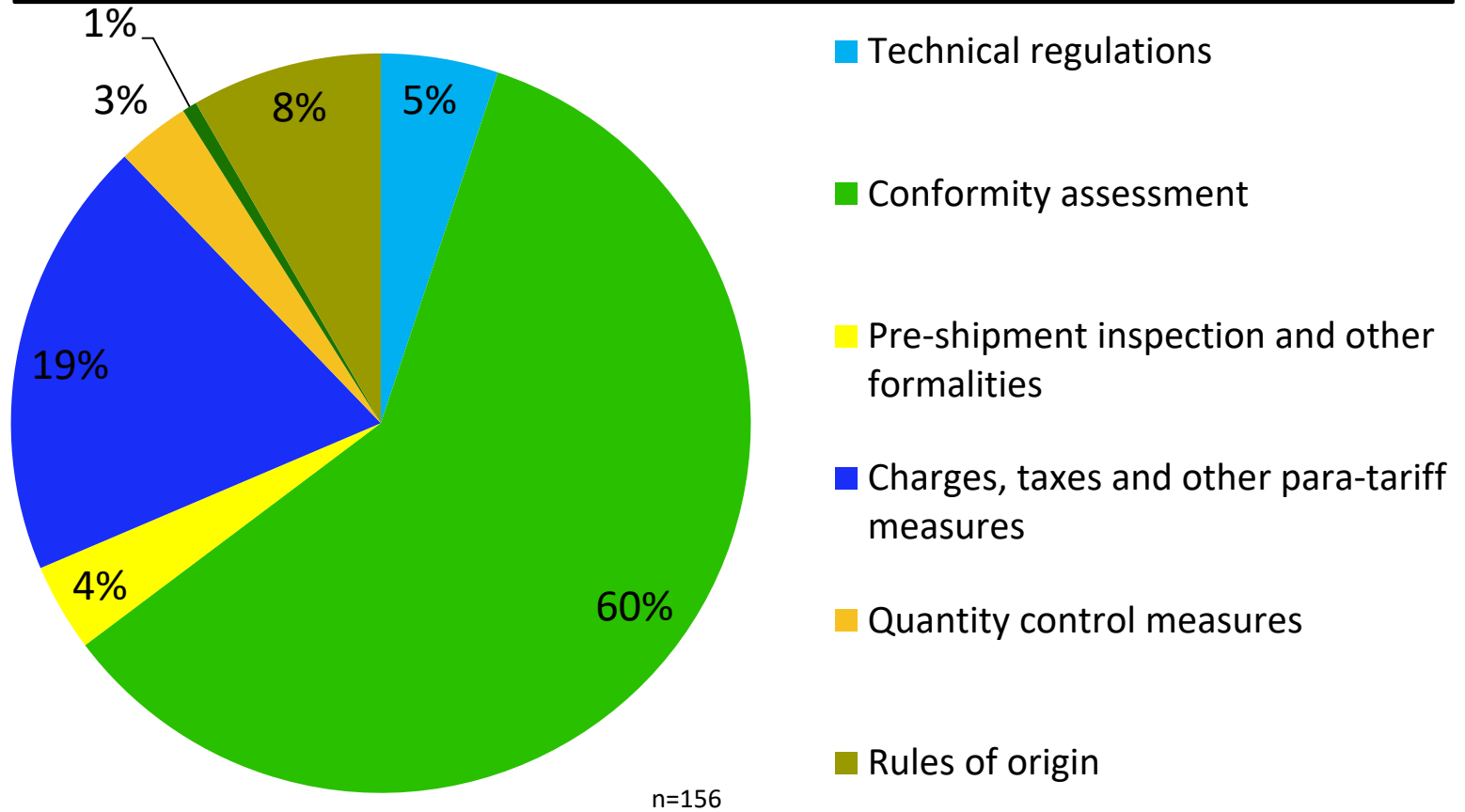


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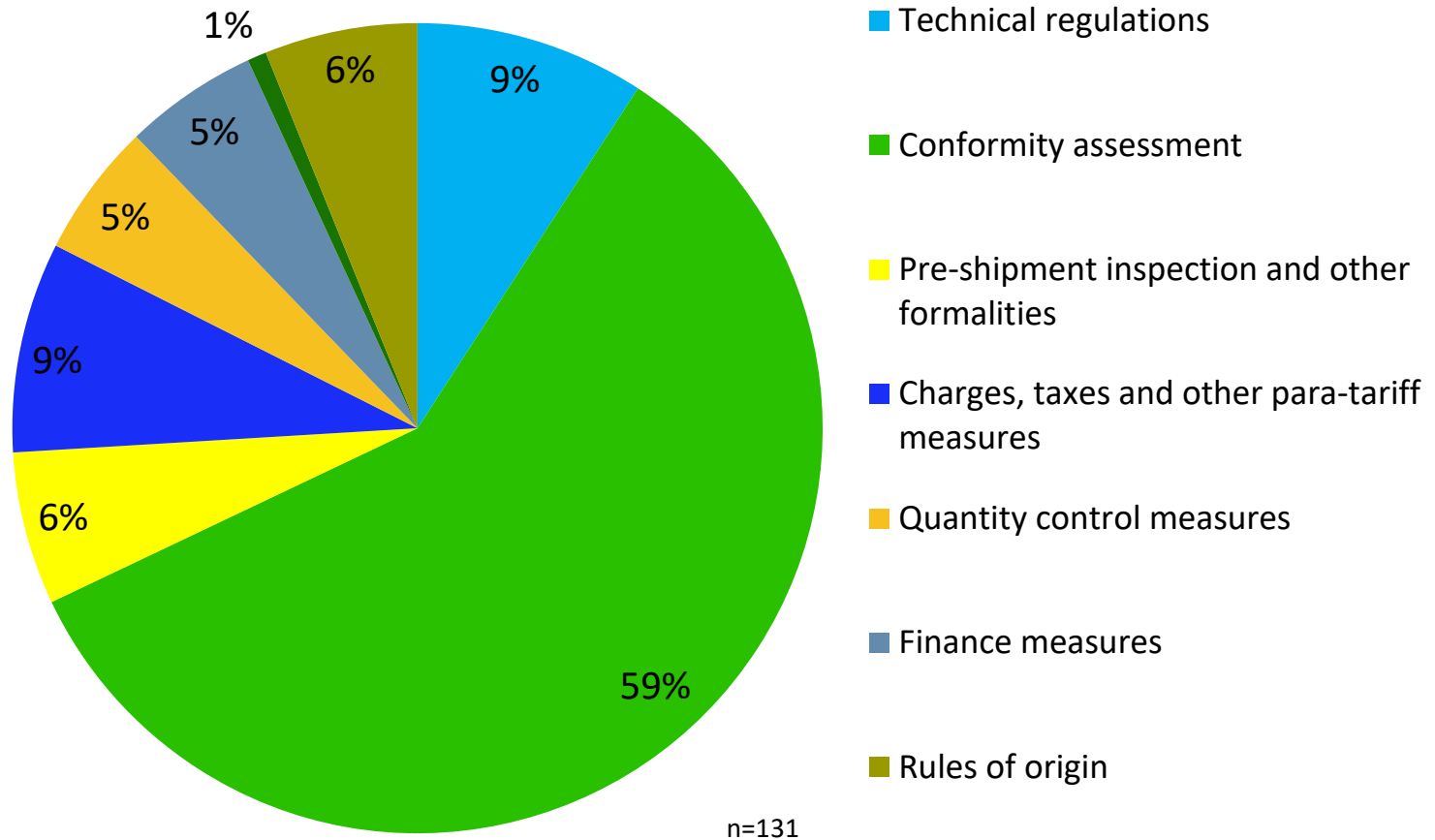
ESTABLISHING THE BASELINE

NTMs applied by partner states of EAC against Rwandan exports. ITC report 2010-2011





Number of NTMs on Imports applied by Rwanda





PROCESS TO STREAMLINE NTMS AND ADDRESS NTBS

- Harmonize regulations in the EAC (standards)
- Established focal points in the tripartite
- Training on classification and categorization of NTMs in 2015
- Collection of regulations
- 19 regulations (on exports and imports) were collected from which NTM measures were extracted and later uploaded on the tripartite EAC-COMESA-SADC online reporting system (www.tradebarriers.org).



Reporting and monitoring mechanism

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Non-Tariff Barriers

Reporting, Monitoring and Eliminating Mechanism

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Non-tariff Measures

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B31: Labelling requirements

Applied by Rwanda on the entire world for 2401: Unmanufactured tobacco; tobacco refuse., 2402: Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes, of tobacco or of tobacco substitutes. and 2403: Other manufactured tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes; [View more details](#)

The measure came into effect on 08 April 2013

Applied by Rwanda on the entire world for 3101.00.00: Animal or vegetable fertilisers, whether or not mixed together or chemically treated; fertilisers produced by the mixing or chemical treatment of animal or vegetable products., 3102: Mineral or chemical fertilisers, nitrogenous., 3103: Mineral or chemical fertilisers, phosphatic., 3104: Mineral or chemical fertilisers, potassic., 3105: Mineral or chemical fertilisers containing two or three of the fertilising elements nitrogen, [View more details](#)

It enables stakeholders to report and monitor resolutions of NTBs/NTMs as they conduct business in the region

STATISTICS ON COMPLAINTS
616 REGISTERED
532 RESOLVED
84 COMPLAINTS UNRESOLVED



UNCTAD classification of NTMs

Imports

<p>Technical measures</p>	<p>A SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES B TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE C PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION AND OTHER FORMALITIES</p>
<p>Non technical measures</p>	<p>D CONTINGENT TRADE-PROTECTIVE MEASURES E NON-AUTOMATIC LICENSING, QUOTAS, PROHIBITIONS AND QUANTITY-CONTROL MEASURES OTHER THAN FOR SPS OR TBT REASONS F PRICE-CONTROL MEASURES, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL TAXES AND CHARGES G FINANCE MEASURES H MEASURES AFFECTING COMPETITION I TRADE-RELATED INVESTMENT MEASURES J DISTRIBUTION RESTRICTIONS K RESTRICTIONS ON POST-SALES SERVICES L SUBSIDIES (EXCLUDING EXPORT SUBSIDIES UNDER P7) M GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT RESTRICTIONS N INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY O RULES OF ORIGIN</p>
<p>Exports</p>	<p>P EXPORT-RELATED MEASURES</p>

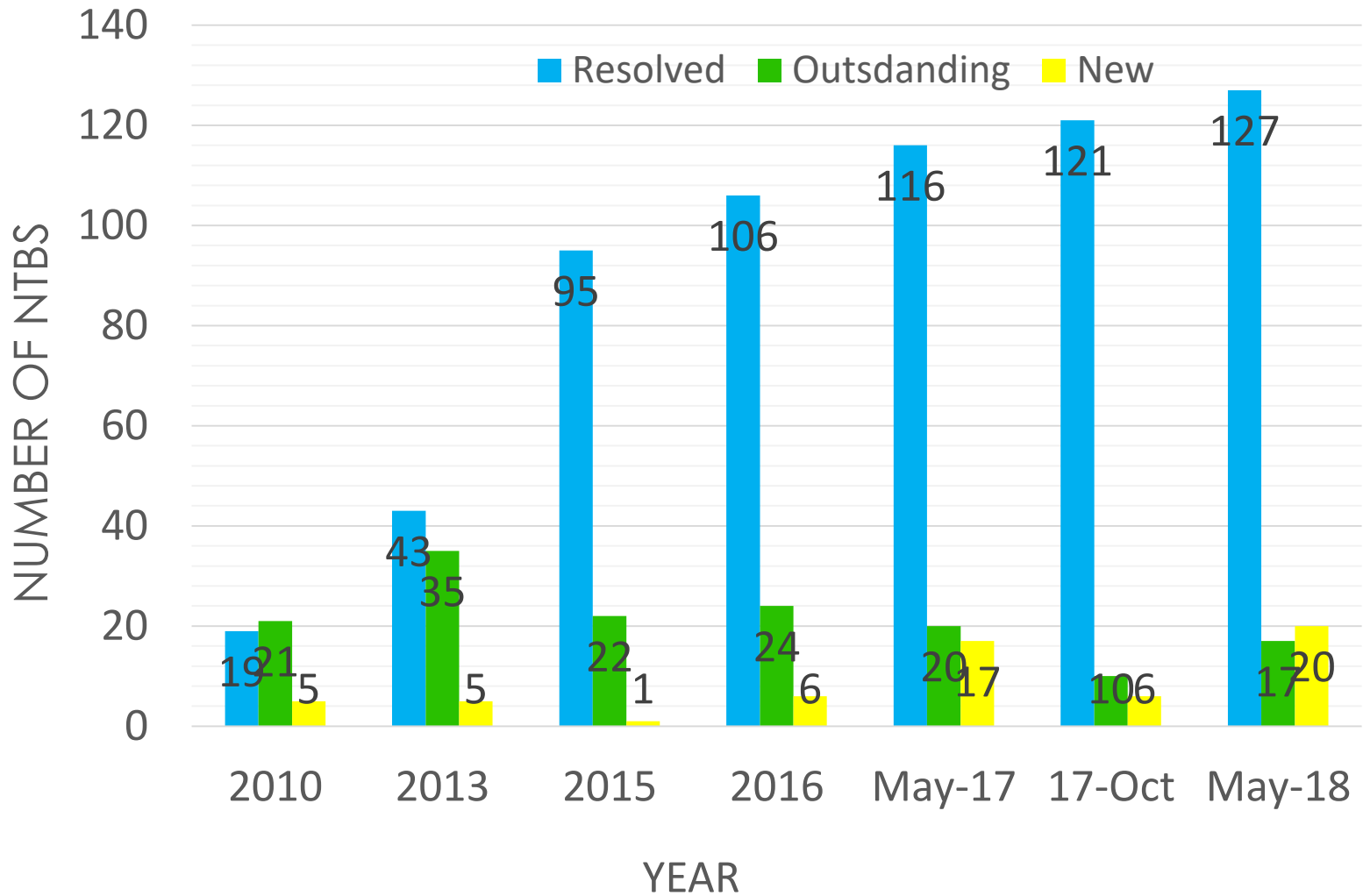


Status of classified NTMs as of 31ST March 2016

Category	Rwanda
A-SPS	44
B- TBT	47
C- Pre-shipment Inspection & other formalities	2
D- Trade protective measures	0
E- Non automatic licensing, quotas, prohibitions & quantity control measures other than for SPS or TBT	1
F- Price control measures, including additional taxes and charges	1
G- Finance measures	0
H- Measures affecting competition	0
I- Export related measures	39



Outcomes: Status of NTBs elimination in the EAC as of May 2018





Going forward...

1. Raise **awareness on TBT agreements** to help the private sector identify barriers related to its implementation
2. **Address TBT issues** that make difficult access to EAC markets
3. **Capacity building** and **technical assistance** needed to NMCs and private sector to better understand technical regulations and identify technical measures
4. Strengthen **notifications and sharing of information** by TBT inquiry points in EAC TBT inquiry points
5. **More involvement and assertiveness from the private sector** in identifying and streamlining of NTMs is needed to influence policy reforms



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