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The Joint SDG Programme entitled “Food Security and Livelihoods Resilience Through Analytical, Capacity Building and Policy Support in Response to the Global Crisis on Food, Energy and Finance”

“Assessing the ‘grains’ value chain for Barbados”

Validation Workshop

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Project Overview



- The conflict between the Russian Federation and Ukraine has triggered a new food systems crisis on top of existing challenges causing significant disruptions in global food markets. Russia and Ukraine are among the top three exporters of wheat, maize and sunflower oil.
- Global prices of food and other key commodities have experienced a sharp rise over the last two years.

Steps being taken

- Trade data collection and analysis using UNCTAD's cost-effectiveness assessment tool-kit to analyse trade related regulations and consumer protection policies with the aim to protect the most vulnerable from external shocks impacting on food security and build resilient business environment.

Project Outputs

Output 1.3: Trade data collection and analysis with cost-effectiveness assessment of trade related regulations and consumer protection policies with the aim to protect the most vulnerable from external shocks impacting on food security and build resilient business environment.

UNCTAD - Cost-effectiveness assessment of trade related regulations and consumer protection policies for one selected important staple food product (selection of product based on criteria incl. importance for food security and domestic economy in coordination with JP partners and RCO).



What are Non-tariff Measures and Why Review them?

What are NTMs?

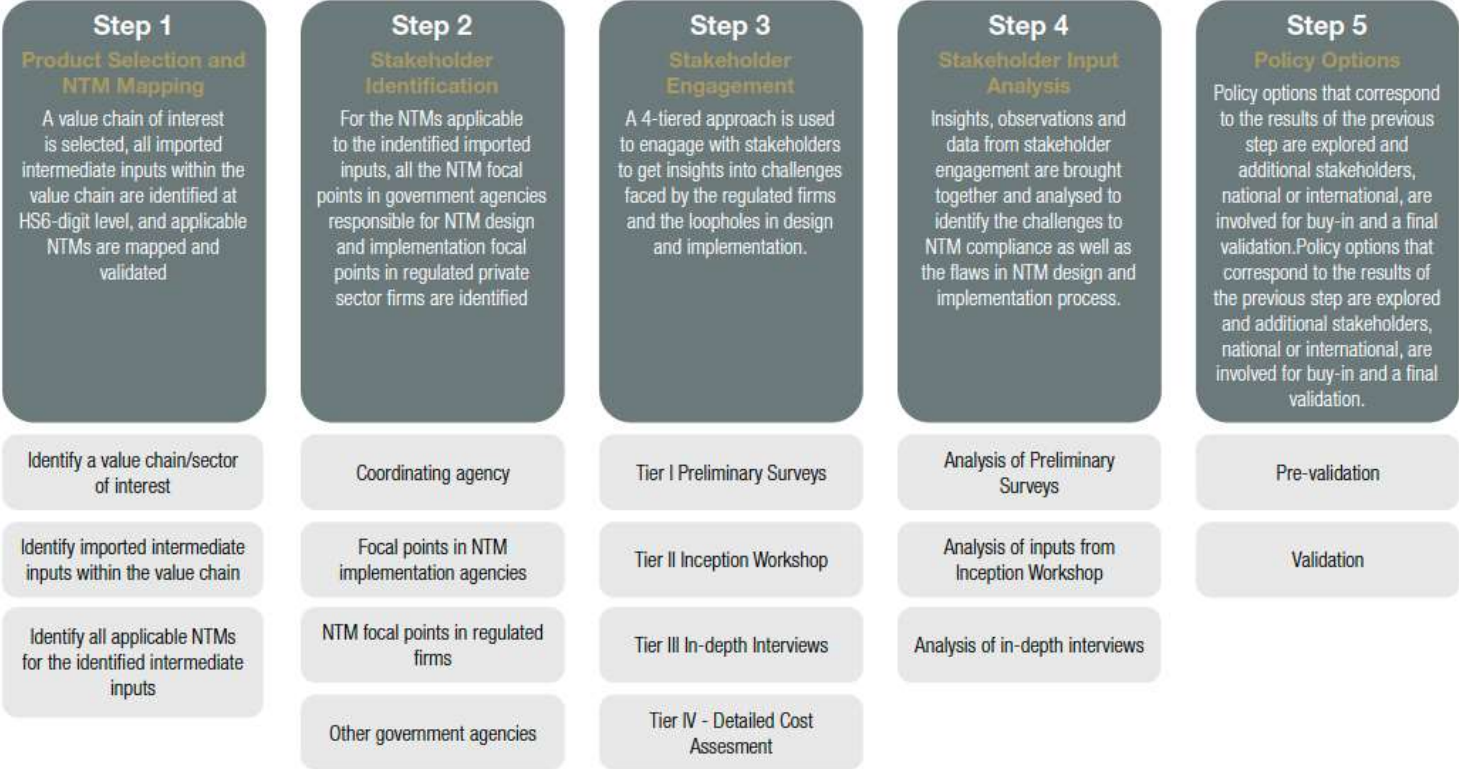
- *Non-tariff measures (NTMs) are policy measures, other than ordinary customs tariffs, that can potentially have an economic effect on international trade in goods by changing quantities traded, or prices or both (UNCTAD, 2019). Most NTMs are designed to achieve public policy objectives, such as food safety, consumer protection, or protection of the environment.*

Why review them?

- *NTMs can unduly increase the cost of doing business or simply fail to meet policy objectives. Poorly designed and inefficiently implemented NTMs create administrative and financial burden for the private sector and government agencies. This may negatively impact international trade and consumers in the form of higher product prices. It requires reviewing NTMs with the objective of minimizing compliance costs, improving design and making implementation processes more effective.*

Source: UNCTAD 2019

About the *Non-Tariff Measures Cost-Effectiveness Toolkit*



Key Pillars of the NTM Cost-Effectiveness Toolkit



NTM Design



NTM Implementation



NTM Compliance

Product Selection

- IMPORT DATA

'Grains – wheat, maize & soya beans' imports accounted for roughly \$27 million USD for 2021. The United States is the primary source for "grains" imports into Barbados accounting for approximately 99% of the total imports of the product

- DOMESTIC RELEVANCE

High inflation rates, which reached 9.1 % in December 2022 with food prices increasing by 19.5% during the same period

Relevance to the domestic poultry sub-sector and importance of 'bakery products'

- Regional Context

Commitment by CARICOM Heads to increase agri-food production by 25 % by 2025

Key NTMs Applicable to ‘Grains’ Imports

- Key NTMs applicable relate to:
- Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) such as import authorization and certification, fumigation and inspection requirements and;
- Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) such as labelling specifications, quality and quantity standards for the products.



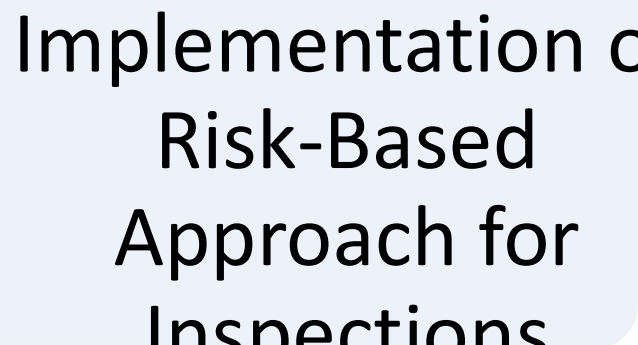
Research Findings- NTM Design

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process**

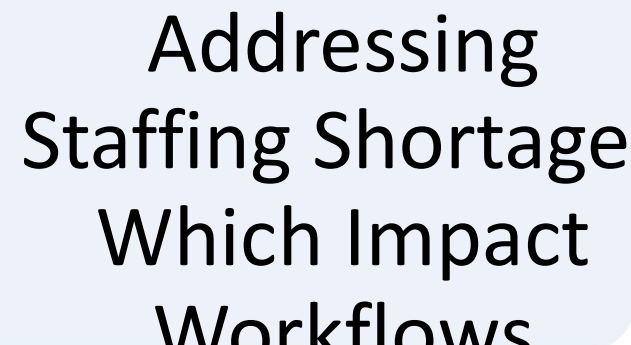
**Timely Review
and Updating of
NTM related
Legislation**



Research Findings-NTM Implementation



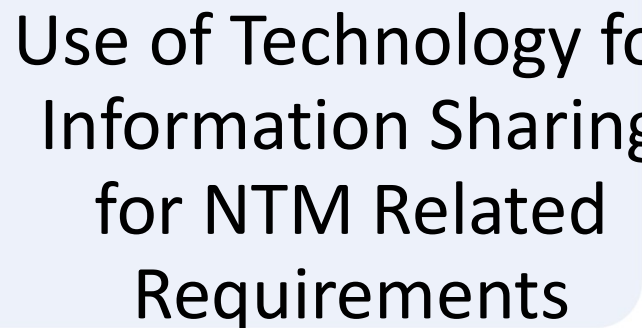
Implementation of
Risk-Based
Approach for
Inspections




Addressing
Staffing Shortages
Which Impact
Workflows



Research Findings-NTM Implementation



Use of Technology for
Information Sharing
for NTM Related
Requirements



Training of Staff on
Implementation
Procedures

Research Findings-NTM Compliance



Improvement in shipment
clearance procedures



Reduction of paperwork
requirements



Increase Digitization of
Information and Processes



Discussion & Validation of Findings



Policy Recommendations

1. Continue Improvements with Implementation of Key Trade Facilitation Commitments

Ensure that the requirements of the private sector are adequately captured in the design of the National Single Window. More frequent and structured meetings of the National Task Force on Trade and Business Facilitation

A Trade Information Portal can be useful in serving as a one stop shop to importers for all of the relevant trade and import related requirements from the various entities

TFA commitments such as articles *7.4- Risk Management, 7.5 Post-Clearance Audits, and 7.7- Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorised Economic Operators*

Policy Recommendations

2. Staff Resourcing and Training with the updating of NTM related Legislation

Allocation of additional human resources

Training for current and any potential new staff to ensure that best practices for the various compliance procedures are adapted



Policy Recommendations

3. Implementation of Risk-Based Approach for Inspections

Risk management is a critical feature to ensuring the efficient use of resources and managing potential risks through product specific risk profile development

Agencies to further development risk management profiles within ASYCUDA World



Policy Recommendations

4. Joint Agency Inspections and Cross-Agency Training

Setting up of a joint inspection agency

Cross-agency training

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Discussion and Validation of Recommendations

Action Plan for Implementation

Policy Recommendation 1.

Continue Improvements with Implementation of Key Trade Facilitation Commitments

Policy Option 1.	What specifically needs to be done?	How could this be done?	What is the overall benefit?	Who needs to be involved in the plan?	What to do next?
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Action Plan for Implementation

Policy Recommendation 2.

Staff Resourcing and Training with the updating of NTM related Legislation

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Action Plan for Implementation

Policy Recommendation 3. of Risk-Based Approach for Inspections

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Action Plan for Implementation

Policy Recommendation 4. Joint Agency Inspections and Cross-Agency Training

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Closing Remarks

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