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# Introduction of the IMPACT project

## Non-Tariff Measures

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# IMPACT project - Overview

- Under the EU funded Pacific Regional Integration Support Programme (PRISE)
- Improving Pacific Islands Customs and Trade (IMPACT) project
- NTM as one of the components
- Until January 2025
- 15 Pacific islands countries
  - 7 countries for NTM : Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Vanuatu

# Before moving on…
# What was NTM?

### 3.4 Moisture

Dried kava products shall have a moisture content not exceeding 12%.

### 3.5 Quality criteria

Kava products shall be:

- Of known Noble kava varieties, based on meeting the criteria of 'Absorbance of acetonic extracts' (less than or equal to 0.9 Absorbance units) and with a suitable total kavalactone;
- Have no intentional adulteration;
- Free of leaves, bark, and/or stems;
- Practically free from pests;
- Practically free from damage caused by pests;
- Free of visible mould;
- Free from soil and foreign materials;
- Free from foreign odour.

### 3.6 Packaging and storage

Kava products shall be packaged in such a manner as to safeguard the hygienic and organoleptic quality of the products.

Kava products shall be stored in such a manner as to avoid pest access or harborage, protected from contamination, and under conditions of temperature and humidity that minimize deterioration and minimize mould growth.

Fresh kava products shall be quick frozen and maintained at < -18°C.

Dried kava products shall be stored in a sealed container and the moisture content shall not exceed 12%.

### 3.7 Preparation of kava for use as a beverage

If prepared from dried kava, the powder is mixed with potable water and may be filtered prior to consumption.

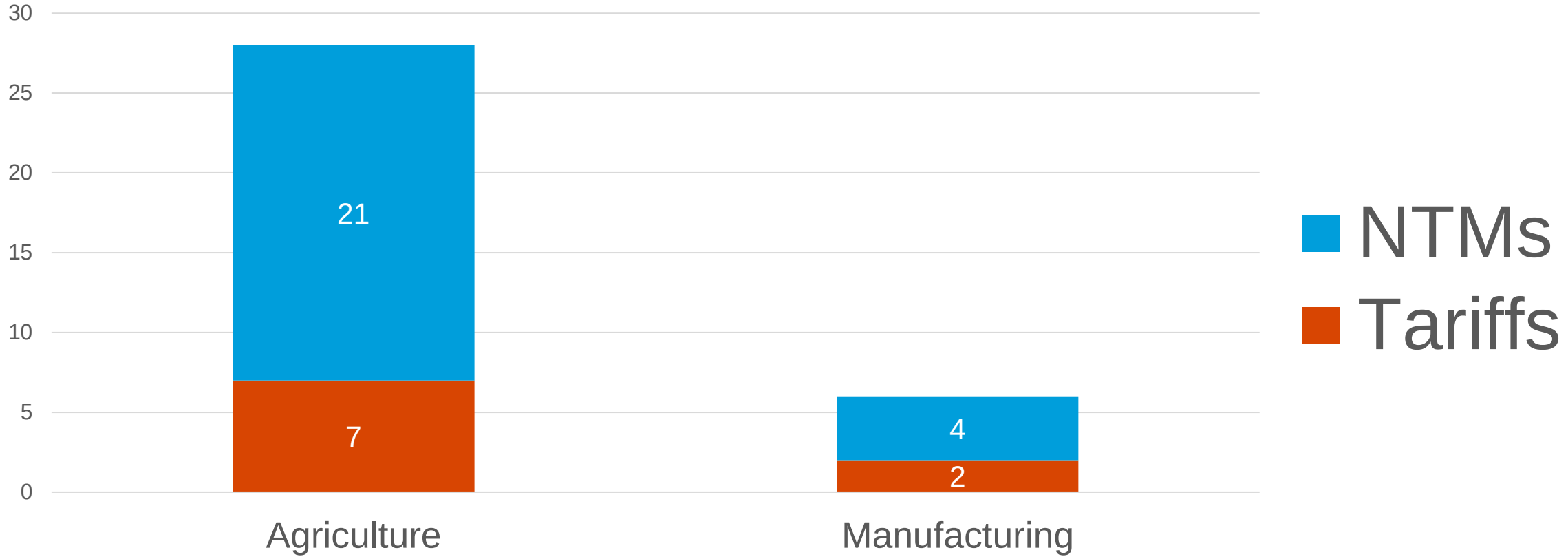
# Non-Tariff Measures (NTM)

- “Policy measures other than ordinary customs tariffs that … have an economic effect on international trade in goods …”
- Neutral meaning. NTM ≠ NTB

- NTM has two sides
  - It has legitimate policy objectives, SDGs, …
  - It raises trade cost (information cost, compliance cost)

# Estimated *ad-valorem* equivalents

(Percentage)

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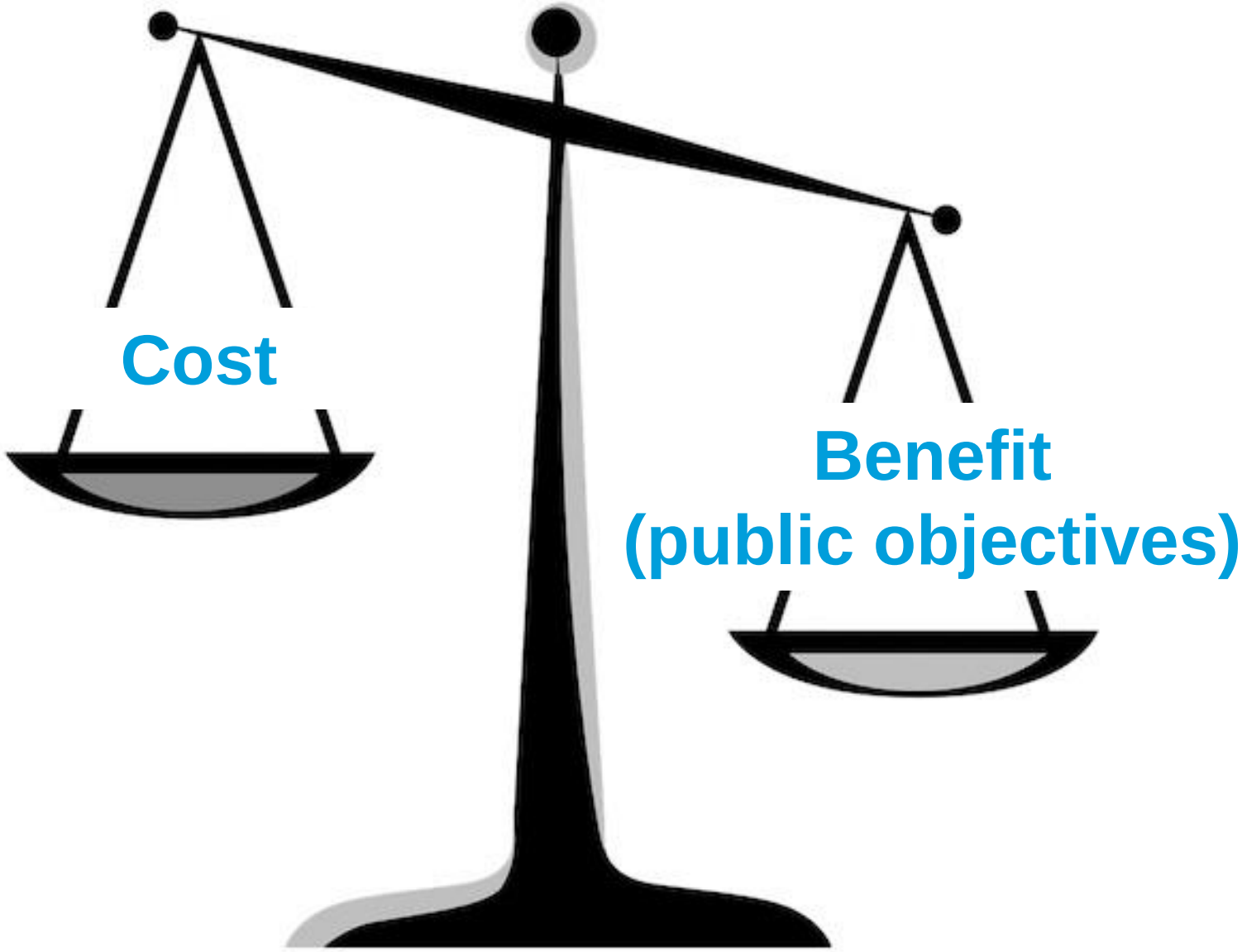


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# IMPACT project – 2 NTM objectives

1. **To increase transparency in trade-related regulations and NTMs**
   - Reduce the information and compliance cost

2. **To help the countries to make good NTMs that**
   - Meet policy objectives, while not restricting trade too much
   - Support economic integration to the region and the world

# IMPACT project – 5 NTM activities

1. NTM data update
2. NTM data dissemination
3. Support for WTO transparency provisions
4. NTM data analysis
5. Capacity building and training

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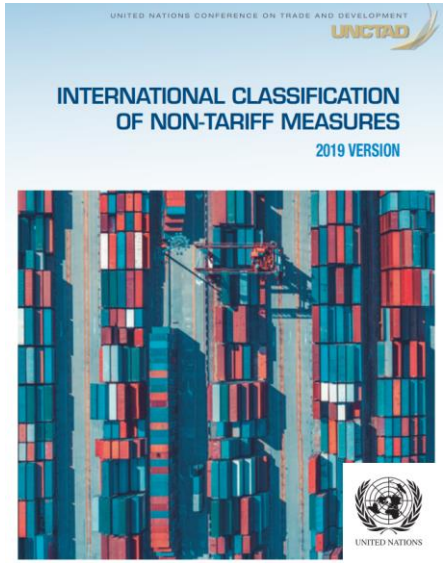
# 1. NTM data collection - General

- *In the Food Safety Act 2022, sanitary certificate (A83) on poultry meat (HS 0207) imported from New Zealand*

- NTM code is based on the **International Classification of Non-tariff Measures (so called NTM Classification)**

# NTM Classification

- FAO, ITC, OECD, UNCTAD, UNIDO, World Bank, WTO
- Initiated by UNCTAD
- Updated NTM classification

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|---|---|---|
| Imports | Technical measures | **A** SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES |
| | | **B** TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE |
| | | **C** PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION AND OTHER FORMALITIES |
| | Non technical measures | **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 |
| | Exports | **P** EXPORT-RELATED MEASURES |

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# NTM Classification - Tree structure

A SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES
- A1 Prohibitions /restrictions of imports for SPS reasons
- A2 Tolerance limits for residues and restricted use of substances
- (…)
- A8 Conformity Assessment related to SPS
  - A81 Product registration requirement
  - A82 Testing requirement
  - A83 Certification requirement
  - A84 Inspection requirement
  - A85 Traceability requirement
    - A851 Origin of materials and parts
    - A8 52 Proces sing history
    - A853 Distribution and location of products after delivery
    - A859 Traceability requirements n.e.s.
  - A86 Quarantine requirement
  - A89 Conformity assessments related to SPS n.e.s
- A9 SPS Measures n.e.s.

B TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

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NTM classification has about 500 measure types

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# 1. NTM data collection - General

1. Collect **official national legislation** (Acts, Regulations, Orders, etc.)
2. Read the text and identify information
3. Classify NTM type according to the **NTM Classification**
4. Classify HS according to the **HS Classification**
5. Review internally
6. Validate with the government

# 1. NTM data collection - Solomon islands

- Under the MSG Green Trade Project, NTM data up to 2021.
- Under the IMPACT Project, NTM data correction and update up to 2023.
- Support from the government officials is essential to collect the regulations and HS codes.

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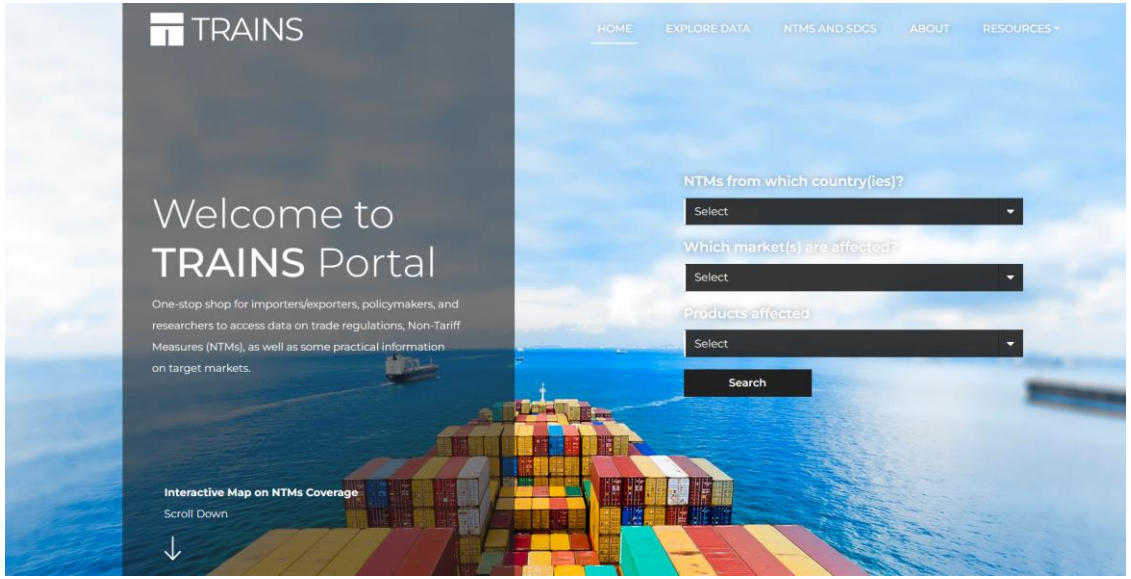


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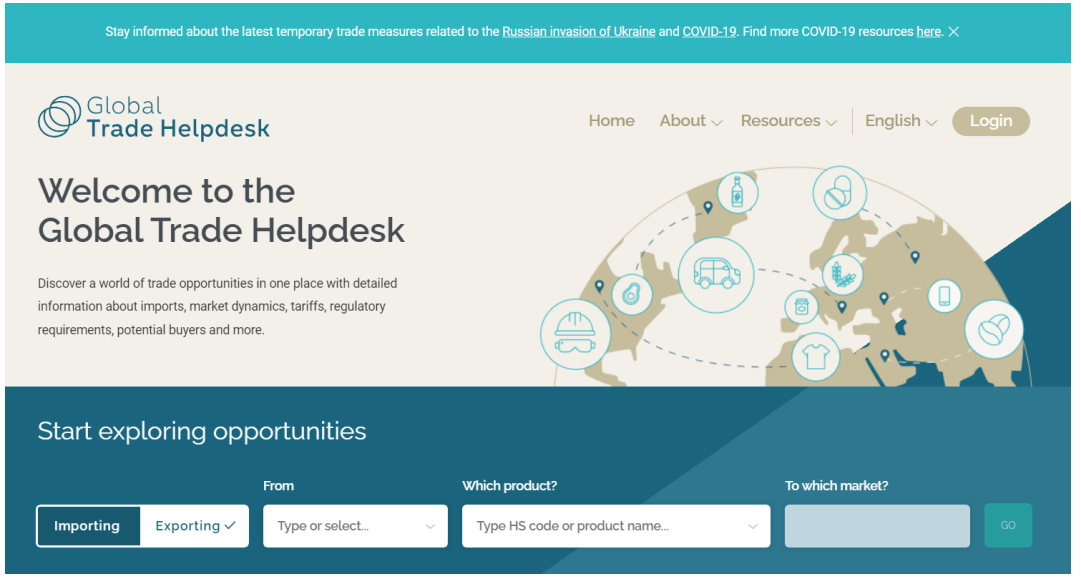


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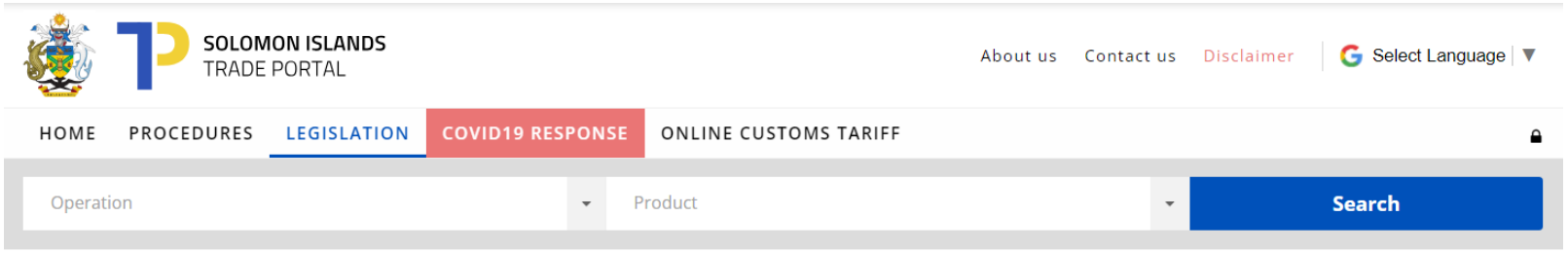
- TRAINS for researchers / Global Trade Helpdesk for private sector
- 100+ countries covering approximately 90% of international trade, including EU, US, Australia, New Zealand, China, etc.

# 2-1. Update of Trade Portal




**LEGISLATION** (90)

| CATEGORY | NAME | PRODUCT | COUNTRY | INSTITUTION(S) | ENTRYINTOFORCE |
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| All | Search legislation | Search Product | Search Country | All | All |
| SERVICE; | Accountants Act, 2010 | Accounting services. | All countries | Institute of Solomon Islands A... | 20/04/2010 |
| SPS; OTH... | Agriculture and Livestock Act, ... | Goods: All types of plants; nox... | All countries | Ministry of Agriculture and Liv... | 14/08/1935 |
| SPS; SERV... | Bee Industry Act, 1994 | 04.09,04.10,0106.41 Goods: B... | All countries | | |
| SPS; OTH... | Biosecurity Act, 2013 | Goods: Regulated articles; ani... | All countries | | |
| SPS; IMP... | Biosecurity Regulations, 2015 | 02,6802.21,68.03,9403.60,940... | All countries | | |
| SERVICE; | Broadcasting Act, 1977 | Broadcasting services. | All countries | | |

LEGISLATION

Name: Meat Industry Act, 1991

Commencement date: 17/06/1991

Expiry date:

* min. 6 months interval between publication and entry into force

Description:

This legislation states that application

Additionally, the following legislations are repealed by this Act (Clause 29) - The following legislations are repealed - Meat Supply Act; Abattoirs Act; Butcheries Act [CAP. 100].

Institution(s) in charge: Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity

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# 3. Support for WTO transparency provisions

## Article 7 Transparency

**WTO SPS Agreement**

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Members shall notify changes in their sanitary or phytosanitary measures and shall provide information on their sanitary or phytosanitary measures in accordance with the provisions of Annex B.

- WTO SPS and TBT notifications session (TBD)

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*Article 40*

**Transparency and exchange of information**

1. The Parties confirm their commitments to implement the transparency provisions set out in the SPS Agreement and the TBT Agreement to facilitate access to relevant information on TBT or SPS measures.

2. The EC Party agrees to cooperate with initiatives of the Pacific States to establish a mechanism to permit efficient notifications of TBT and SPS measures at a regional level.

3. The Parties shall endeavour to inform each other at an early stage of proposals to modify or introduce TBT or SPS measures that may affect trade between the Parties, where appropriate making use of existing systems.

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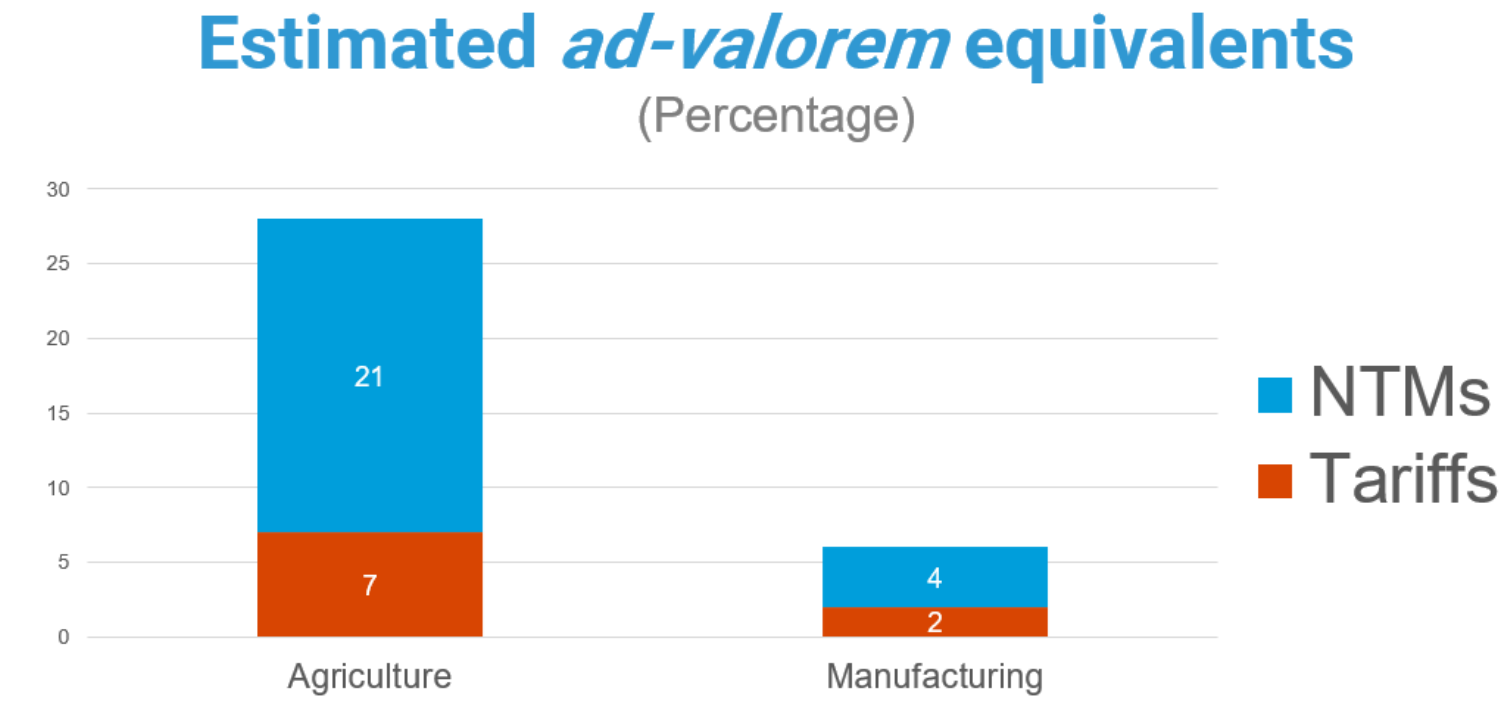
# 4. NTM data analysis

- How costly are Solomon islands NTMs?

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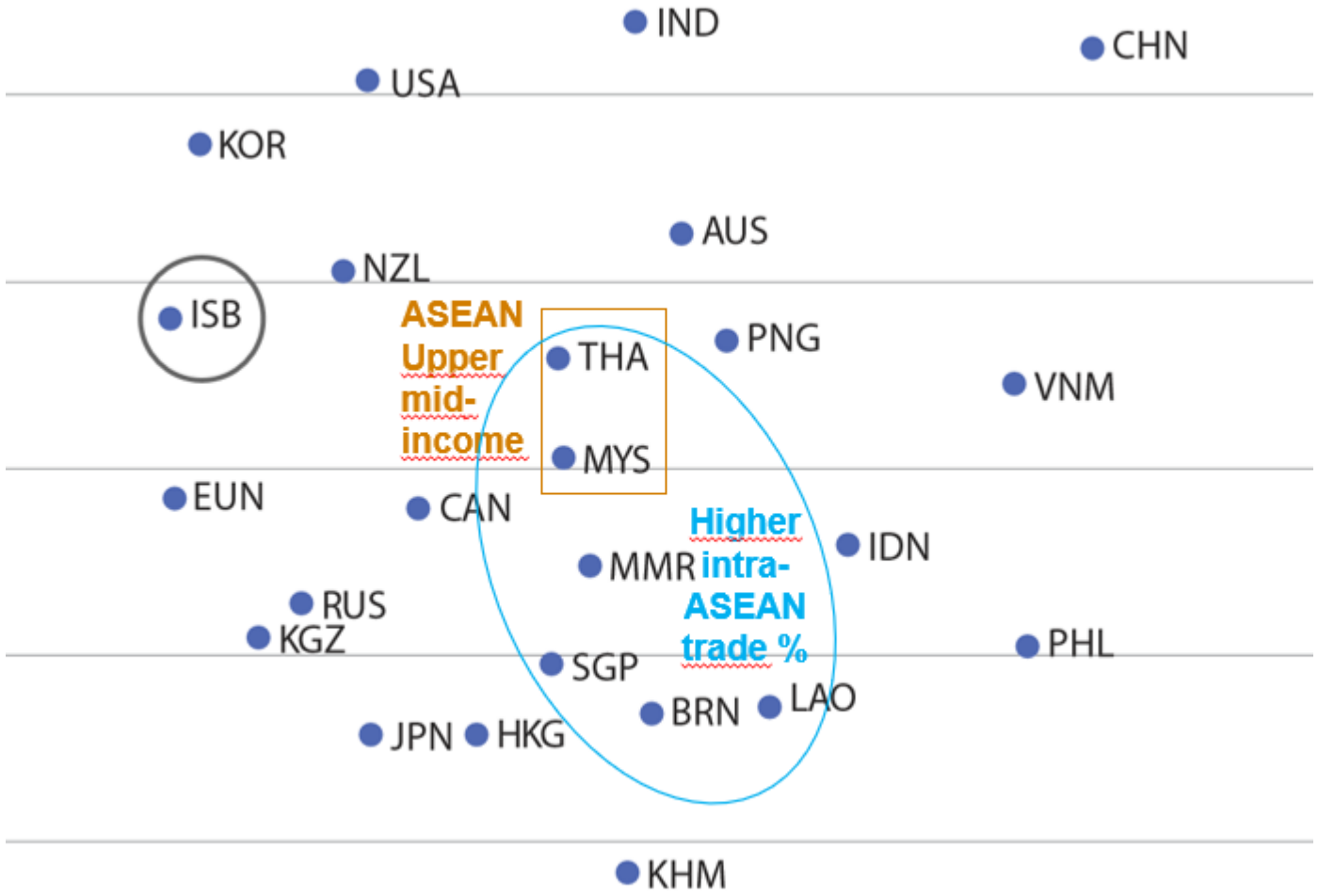
# 4. NTM data analysis

- How different/similar are Solomon islands NTMs?

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# 5. Capacity building and training

- Offline training: today's workshop!

- Online courses:
  - Introduction to NTM (2 hours, for any stakeholders to sensitize the issue)
  - Economic analysis of NTMs (20 hours, for researchers)
  - NTMs and data collection (20 hours, to continue NTM data collection)

# IMPACT project – Timeline

| | 2023 | | | 2024 | | | | 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | Jan |
| 1. NTM update | | | | | | | | |
| 2. NTM dissemination + Trade Portal update | | | | | | | | |
| 3. WTO transparency | | | | | | | | |
| 4. NTM analysis | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Capacity building | | | | | | | | |

# Thank you.

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1. NTM data update: 2023~
2. NTM data dissemination: 2024~
3. Support for WTO transparency provisions: 2023
4. NTM data analysis: 2024~
5. Capacity building and training
    - Offline training: Done
    - Online course: 2024~