

# 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. Getting ready to export:

- **Summary by exporting destination:** provides conditions that apply only to the export of Virgin Coconut Oil. Vanuatu exporters must check with the VCO distributor/buyer in Australia or the European Union to determine which market requirements fall under the responsibility of the exporter.

### 3.2.1 Australia

#### a. Hygienic and quality requirements

- Requirement to be clean and free of contaminant seed, soil, animal and plant debris and other biosecurity risk materials
- Extraneous residue limit (DDT), 1 mg per kg, for edible vegetable oil
- Maximum level of natural toxicants (Erucic acid), 20,000 mg per kg, for edible oil
- Requirement to use permitted processing aids and food additives

#### b. Testing

- Microbiological Analysis
- Chemical analysis

#### c. Packaging

- Each consignment of goods to be packed in clean and new packaging

### 3.2.2 European Union

#### (1) Virgin coconut oil as food

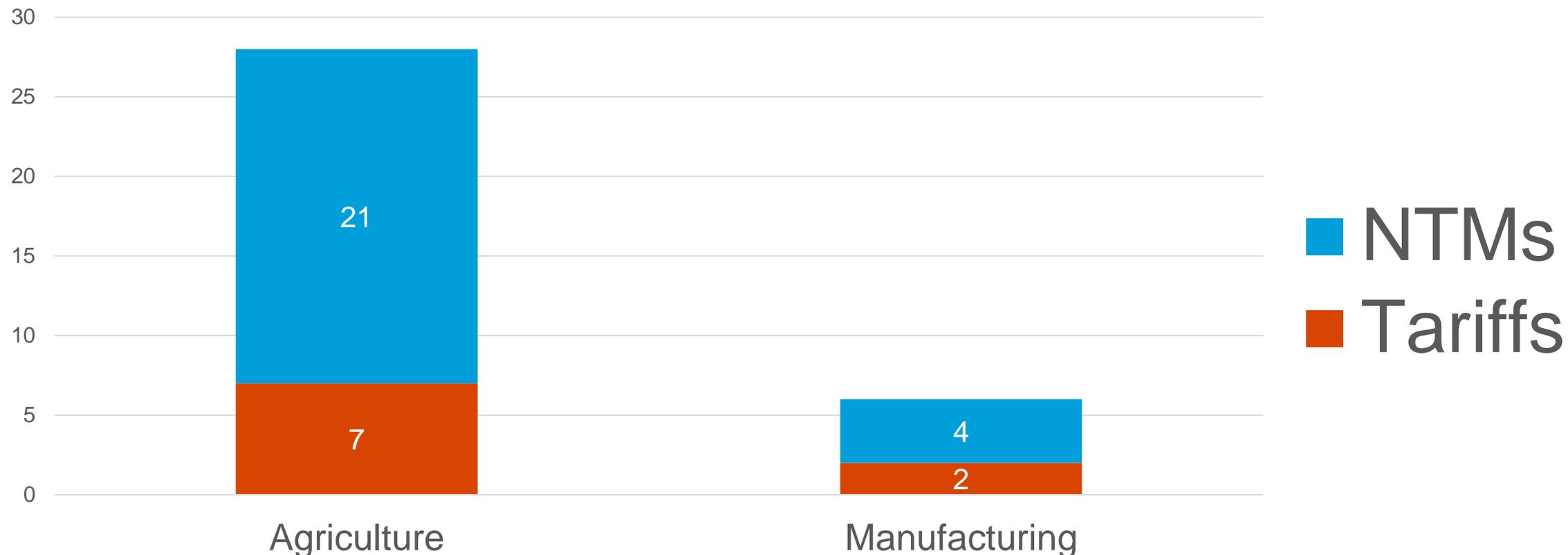
#### a. Hygienic and quality requirements

- Maximum level of contaminants
  - Metal, 0,10mg per kg wet weight for oils
  - Sum of dioxins (WHO-PCDD/F-TEQ) 0,75  $\mu\text{g}$  per g fat, for vegetable oils and fats
  - Sum of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs (WHOPCDD/F-PCBTEQ) 1,25  $\mu\text{g}$  per g fat, for vegetable oils and fats
  - Sum of PCB28, PCB52, PCB101, PCB138, PCB153 and PCB180 (ICES – 6) 40 ng per g fat, for vegetable oils and fats
  - Benzo(a)pyrene 2,0 $\mu\text{g}$  per kg, for coconut oil intended for direct human consumption or use as an ingredient in food
  - Sum of benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(a)anthracene, benzo(b)fluoranthene and chrysene 20,0 $\mu\text{g}$  per kg, for Coconut oil intended for direct human consumption or use as an ingredient in food

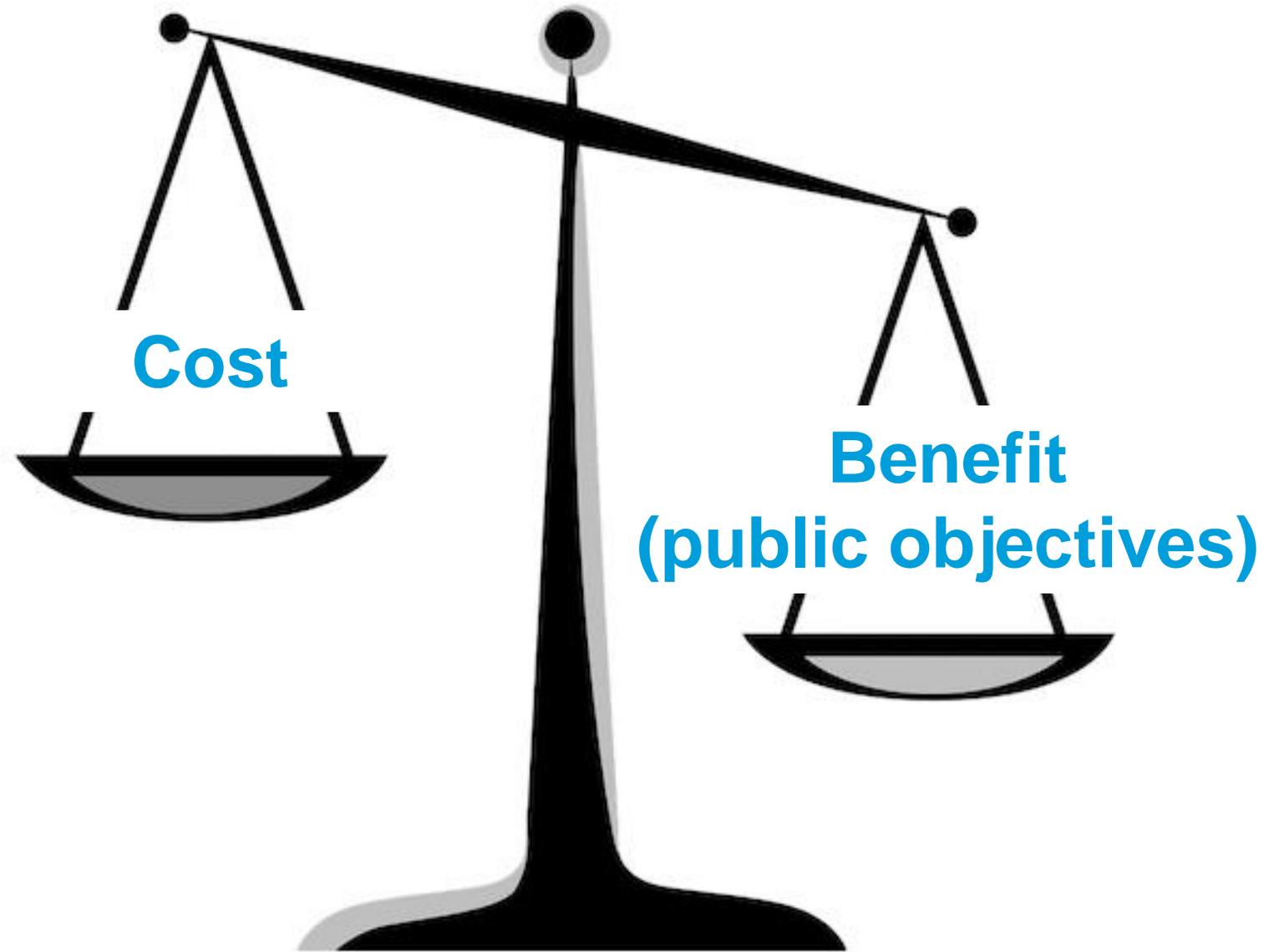
# Non-Tariff Measures (NTM)

- “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)



Source: UNCTAD, 2013



# 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

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

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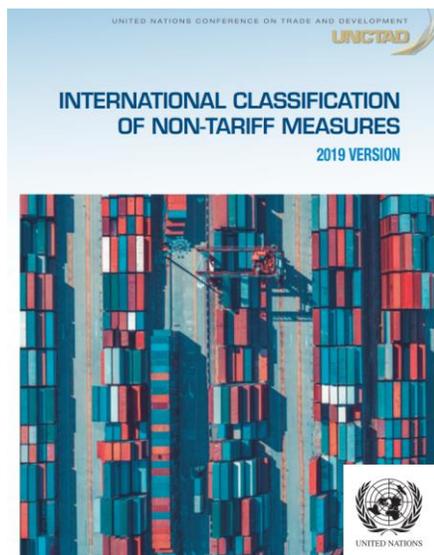
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# 1. NTM data collection - General

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

# 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
      - A852 Processing 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
- C PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION AND OTHER FORMALITIES
- D CONTINGENT TRADE PROTECTIVE MEASURES
- E NON-AUTOMATIC LICENSING, QUOTAS, PROHIBITIONS ...
- F PRICE CONTROL MEASURES INCLUDING ADDITIONAL TAXES ...
- G FINANCE MEASURES
- H MEASURES AFFECTING COMPETITION
- I TRADE-RELATED INVESTMENT MEASURES

NTM classification has about 500 measure types

# 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

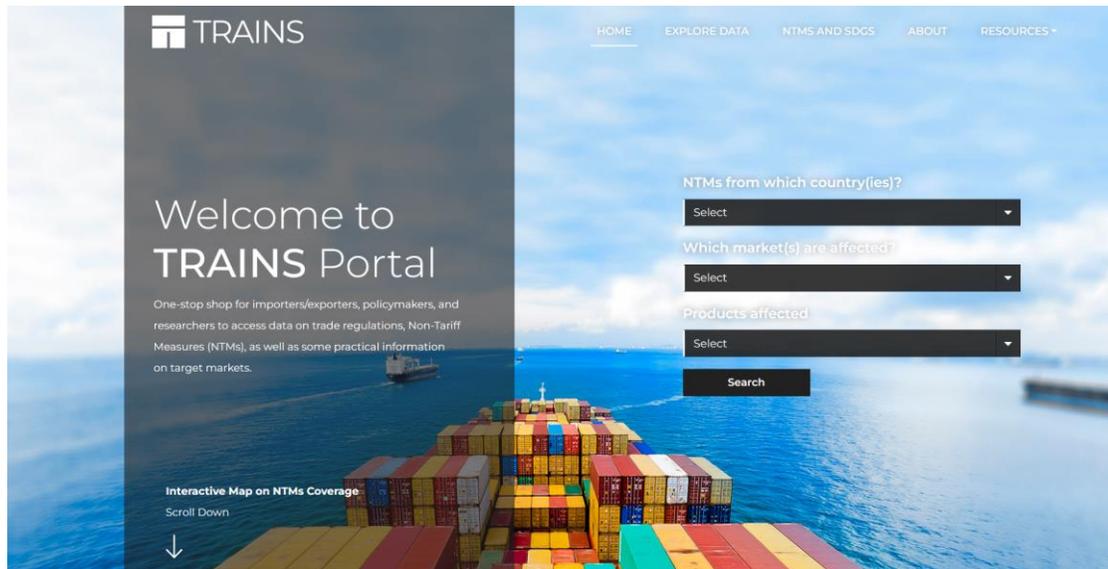
# 1. NTM data collection - Vanuatu

- 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.

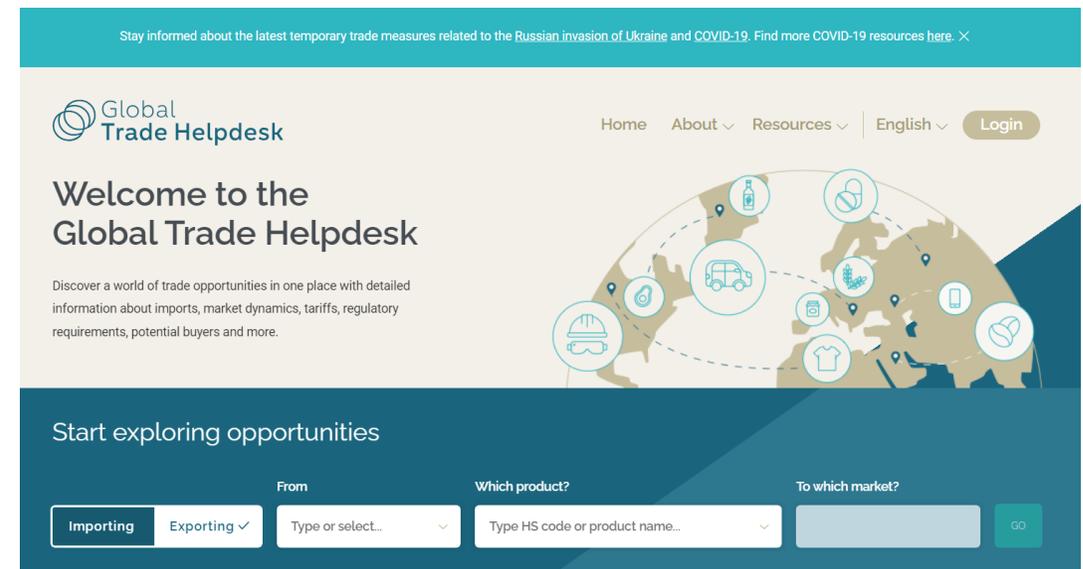
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## 2. NTM data dissemination



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- TRAINS for researchers / Global Trade Helpdesk for private sector
- 100+ countries covering approximately 90% of international trade, including EU, US, ASEAN, South Korea, Japan, and China

# 2-1. Update of Trade Portal



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## LEGISLATION (7)

CATEGORY	NAME	PRODUCT	COUNTRY	INSTITUTION(S)	ENTRYINTOFORCE
All	<input type="text" value="Search legislation"/>	<input type="text" value="meat"/>	<input type="text" value="Search Country"/>	All x ▼	All
OTHER; SPS;	Agricultural Fees Regulation (A...	01,02,1802.00,1801.00,0403.10,0...	All countries	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestoc...	29/05/2013
OTHER; SPS;	Agricultural Fees Regulation, 20...	02.06,0204.50,0204.10,0203.19,0...	All countries		
SPS; IMPO...	Animal Import Condition	04.09,2309.90,04.07,04.06,04.05,...	All countries		
OTHER; TB...	Cattle (Export) Act, 1977	0206.29,0206.22,0206.21,0206.1...	All countries		
QUOTA / ...	Customs Prohibited Export Reg...	2106.90,1602.90,1803.20,1803.1...	All countries		

## LEGISLATION

<b>Name</b>	<b>Commencement date</b>	<b>Expiry date</b>
Meat Industry Act, 1991	17/06/1991	
* min. 6 months interval between publication and entry into force <a href="#">D</a>		
<b>Description</b>		
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].		
<b>Institution(s) in charge</b>	<b>Document</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> DOCUMENT FROM URL?
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity	mia1991178.rtf	

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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.

### iEPA

*Article 40*

#### Transparency and exchange of information

- WTO SPS and TBT notifications session on 7 June

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.

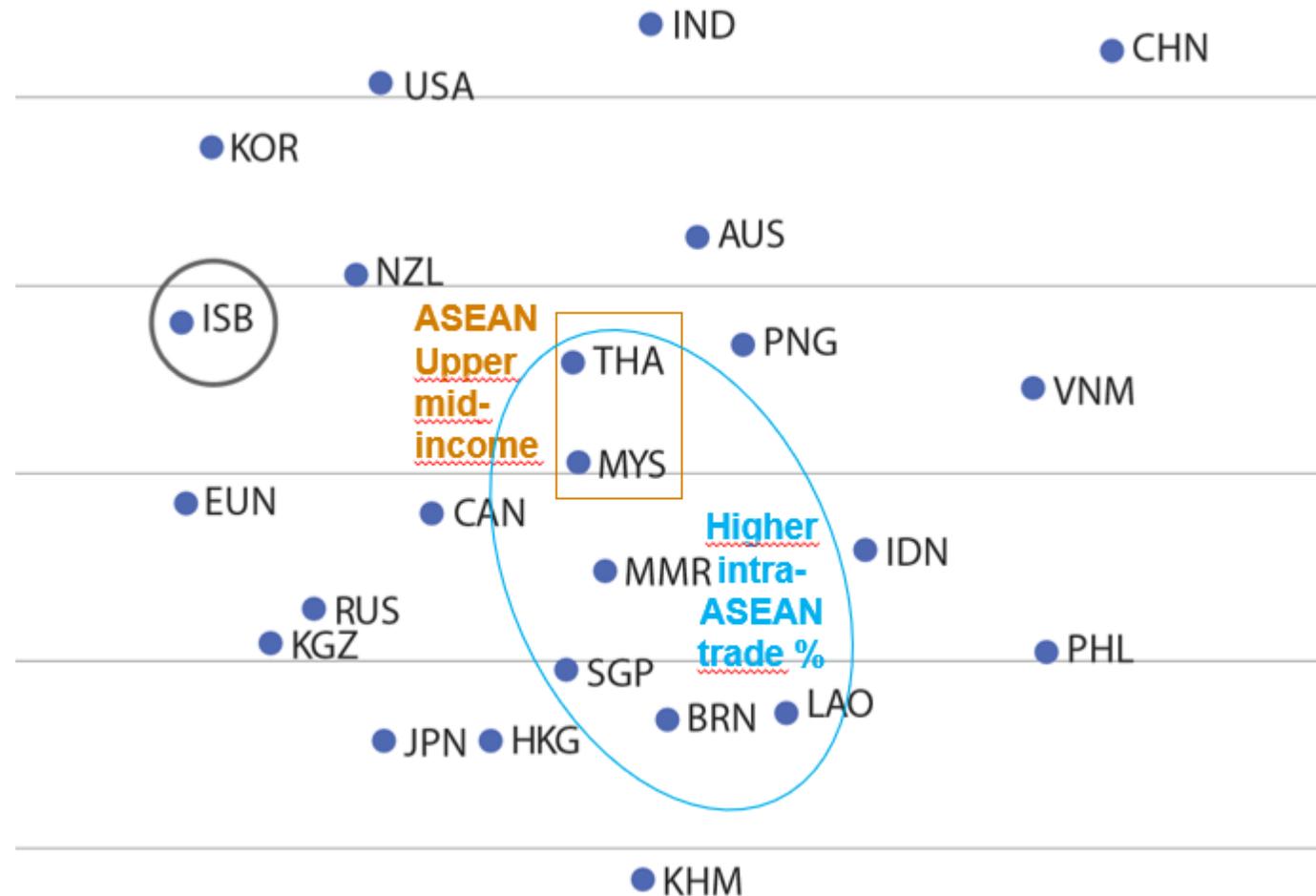
3. The Parties shall endeavour to inform each other at an early stage of proposals to modify or introduce TBT or SPS measures that may affect trade between the Parties, where appropriate making use of existing systems.

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# 4. NTM data analysis

- How different/similar are Vanuatu NTMs?

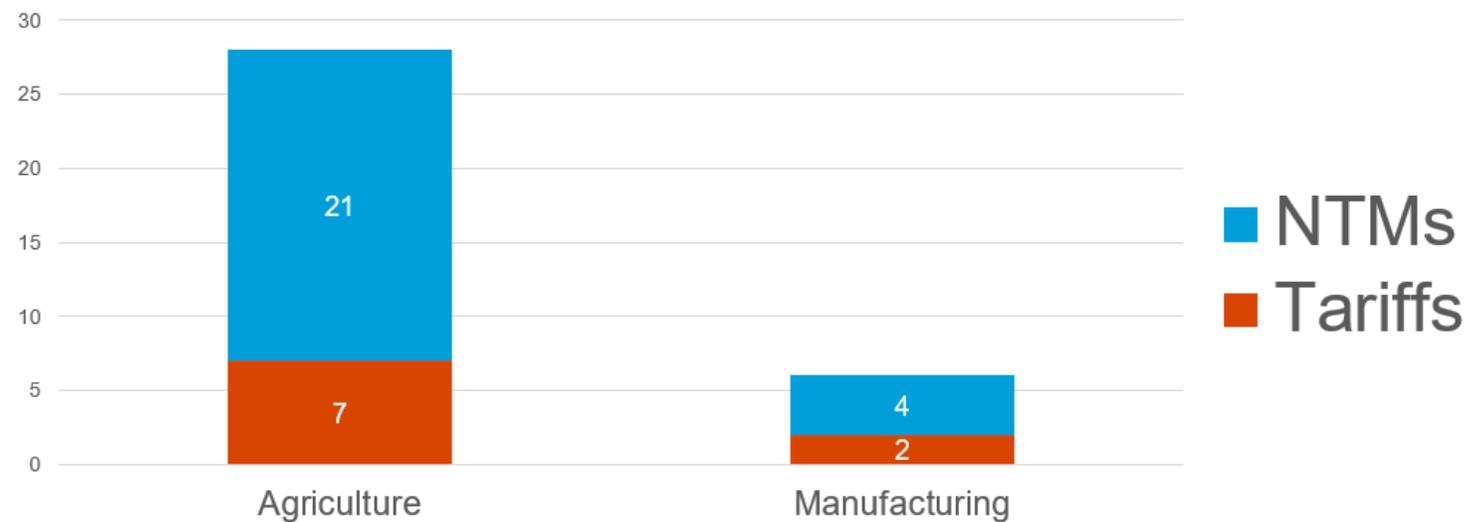


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## 4. NTM data analysis

- How costly are Vanuatu 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)

# IMPACT project – Timeline

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

# Thank you.

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