Overview of Timor-Leste's NTMs

Results of NTM data collection under the IMPACT project

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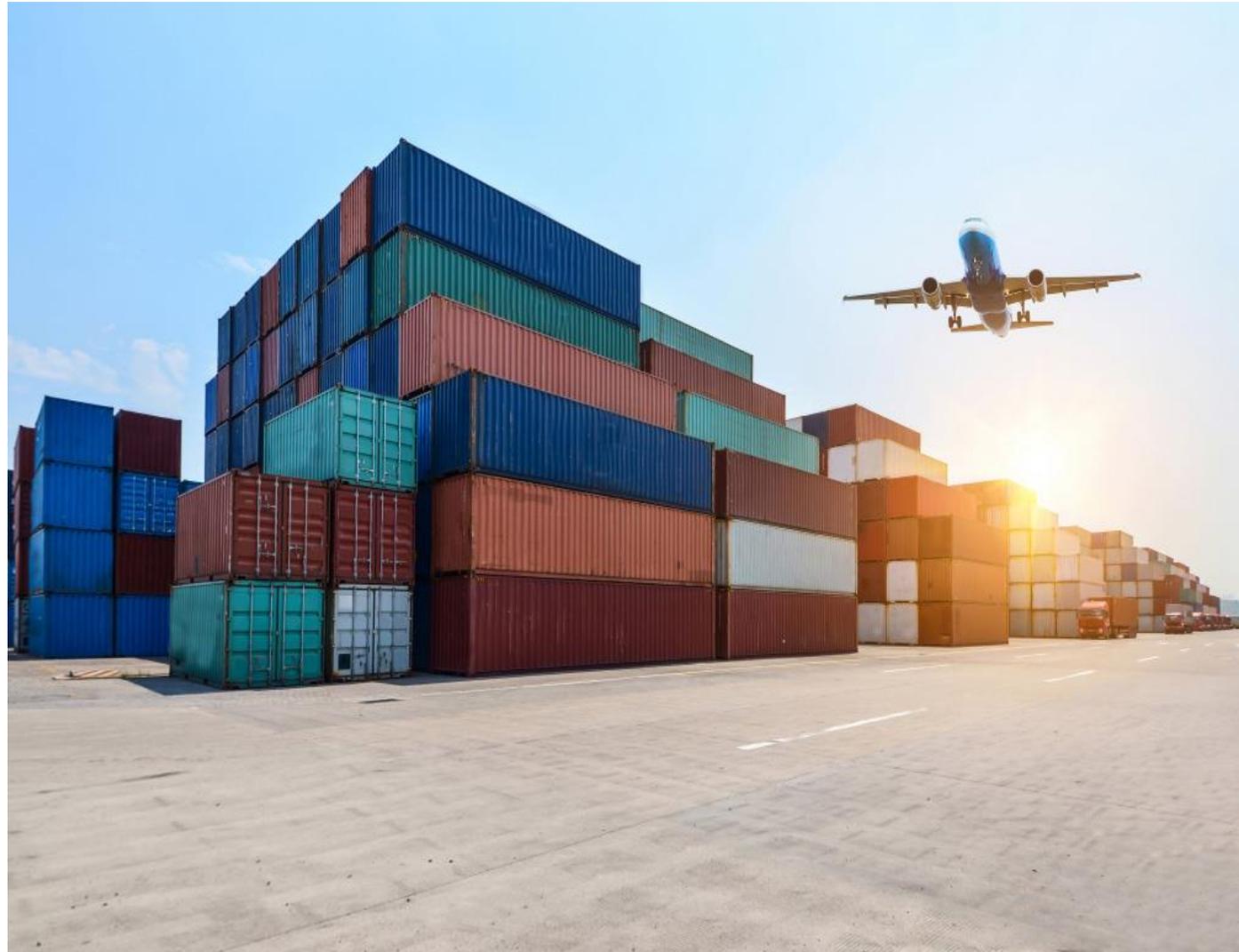
Definition and Methodology

- **"Non-tariff measures (NTM)** are:

    "Policy measures other than ordinary customs tariffs that can potentially have an economic effect on international trade in goods, changing quantities traded, or prices or both." – UNCTAD.

- NTM Data Collection Period (December 2022 – March 2023)

- Methodology
    - Desktop Research (Jornal da Republica, TradeInvest, ANP, MoF, Customs)
    - In-Person Consultation
    - Expert Verification and validation

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NTM Data Collection Process

TOTAL REGULATIONS COLLECTED

494

205

61

Collected

Reviewed

Coded

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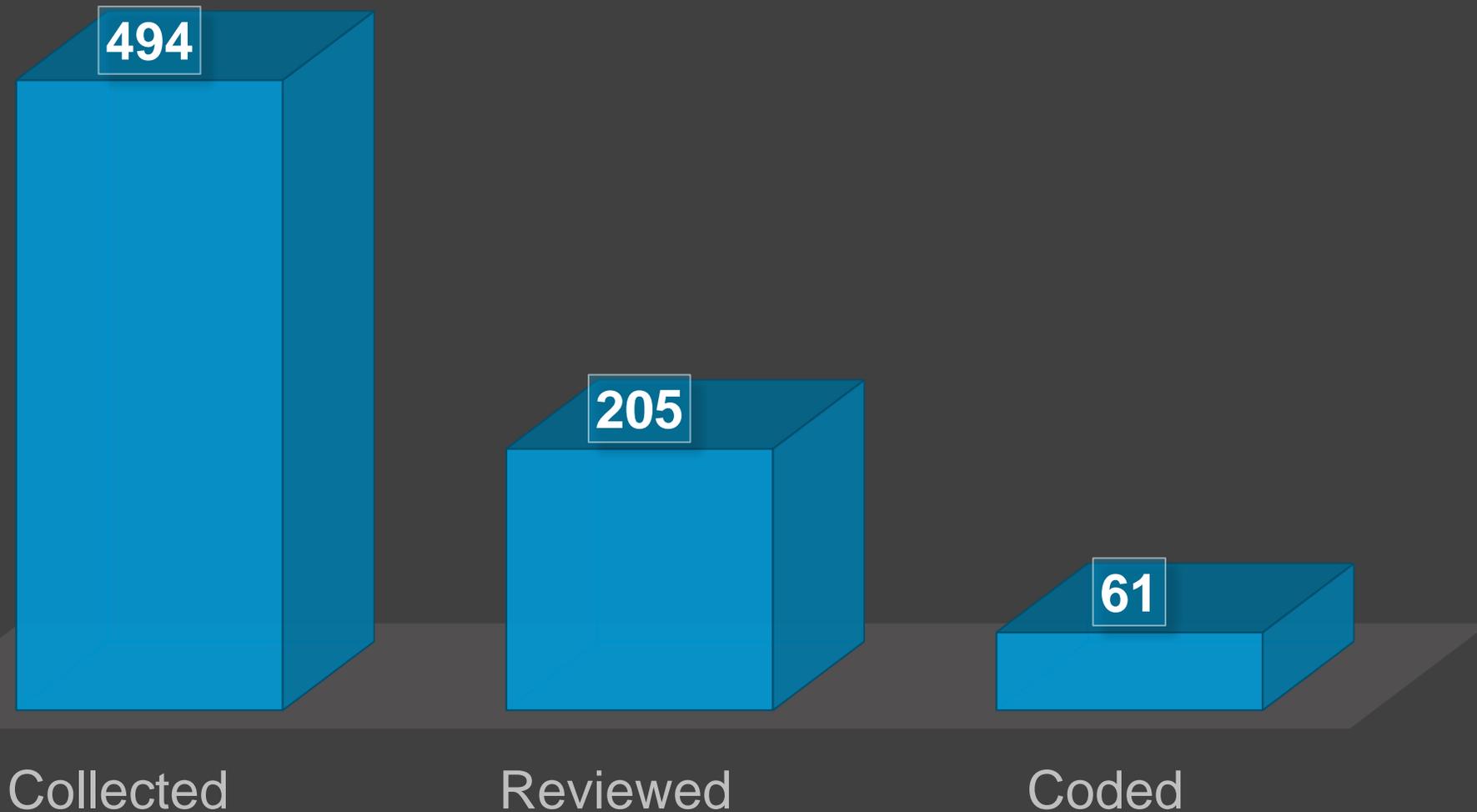
NTM data results: Initial findings

| 292 NTM measures were identified and coded	16 different ministries and agencies were involved	12 types of NTM are collected. Three most common NTM types are:
SPS Measures	TBT Measures	Price Control Measures including additional taxes charges

NTM data results: Initial findings

No. Regulations and Measures per Ministries involved

■ Number of Measures　■ Number of Regulations

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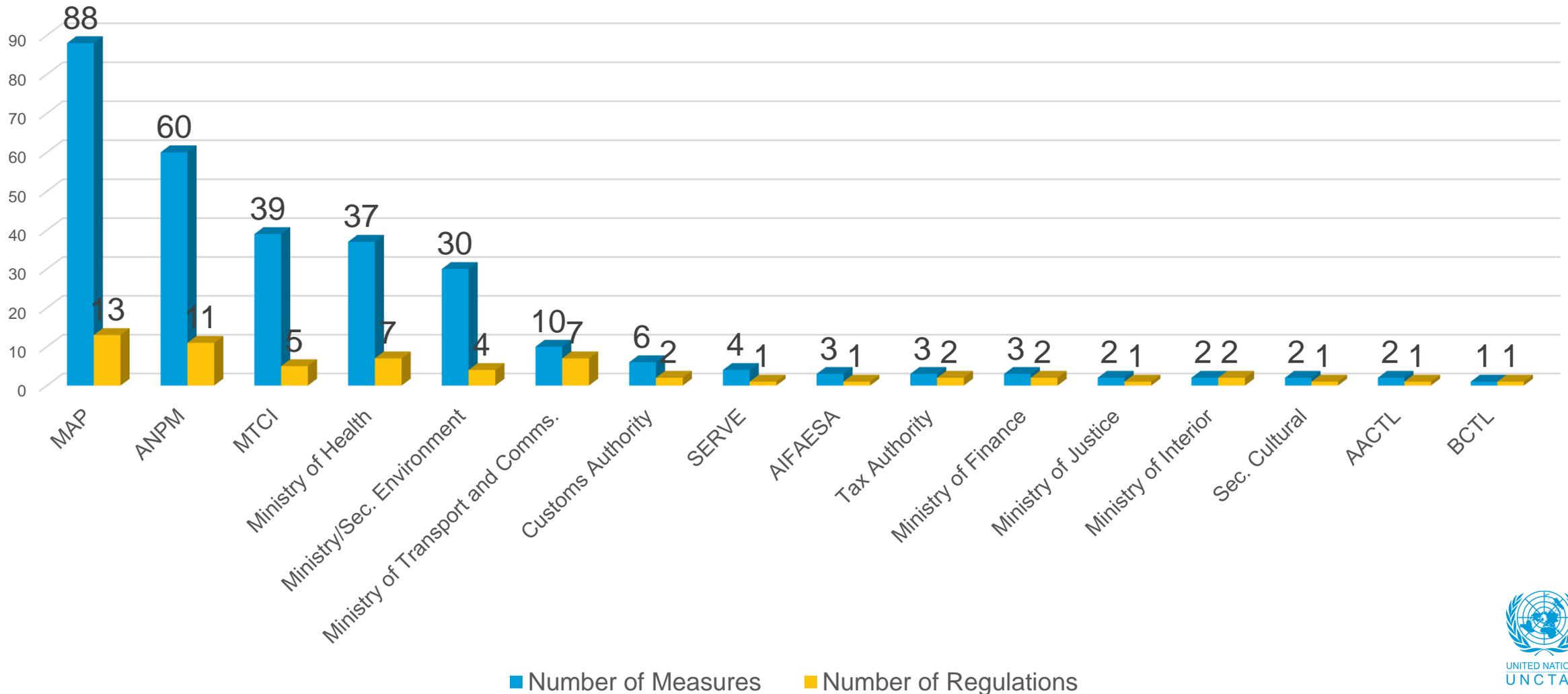
NTM Data Results: Compare to AMS

NTM measures

Country	NTM measures (approx.)
Thailand	~3400
Indonesia	~2550
Philippines	~1350
Vietnam	~1270
Malaysia	~880
Singapore	~620
Brunei	~560
Lao PDR	~520
Cambodia	~360
Timor leste	~290
Maynmar	~170
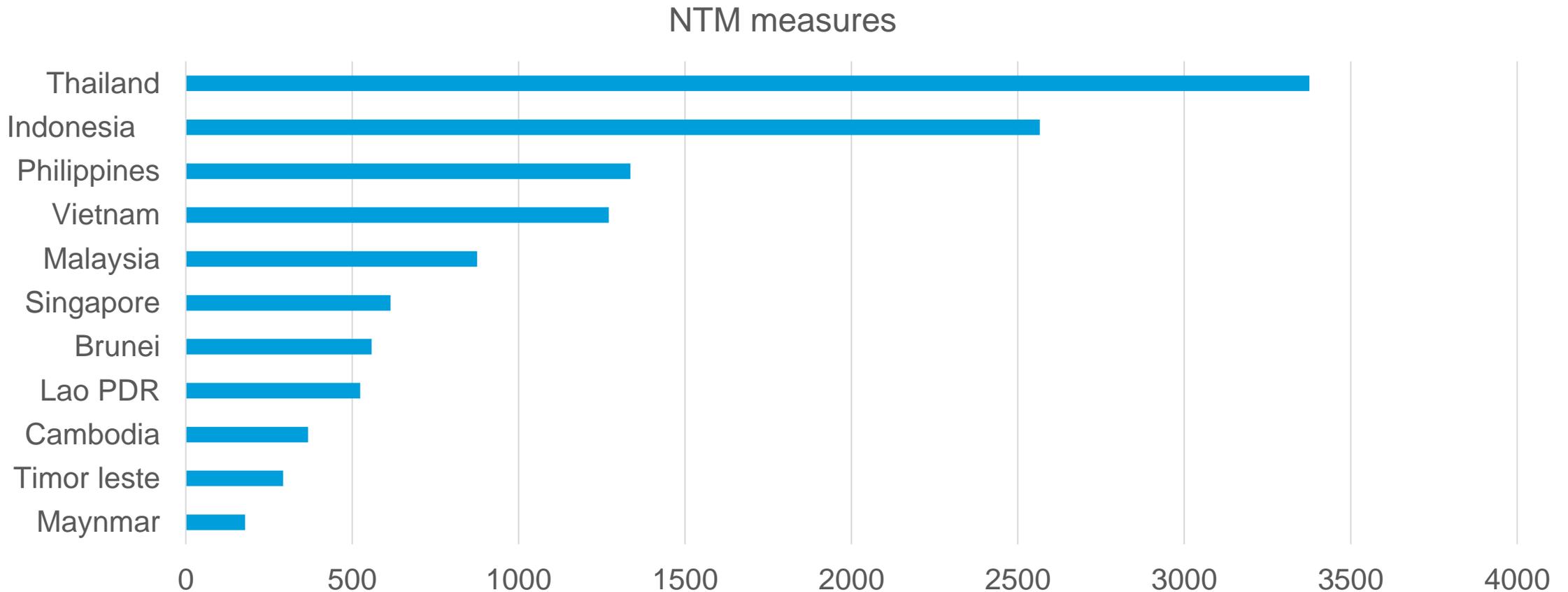
Timor-Leste has one of the lowest number of NTM measures in the ASEAN region

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NTM data results: Product coverage

- **Most regulated sectors (based on the number of regulations):**
  - Animal, plants, and their products
  - Pharmaceutical and health products
  - Oil and gas, & Minerals Products

- **Least regulated sectors (based on the number of regulations):**
  - Artefacts
  - Aircraft
  - Ozone Depleting substances, and
  - Plastic Materials

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NTM data results: Product coverage

Share between Import and Export Measures

30%

70%
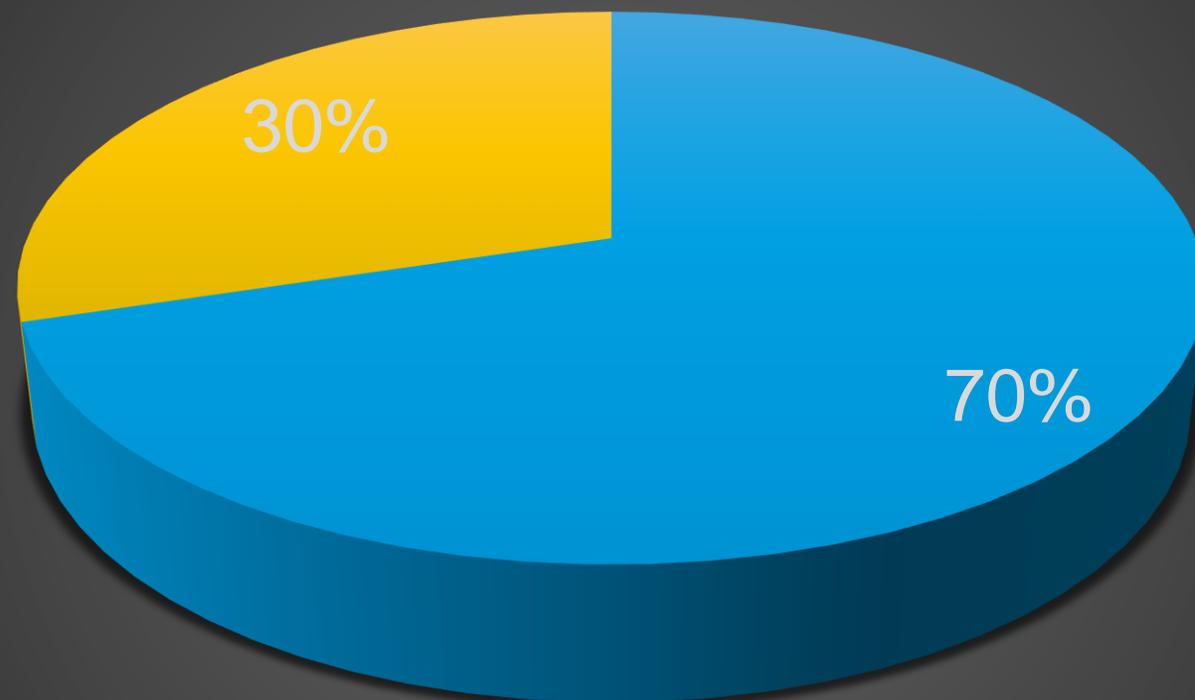
Imports Exports

Share between Import and Export
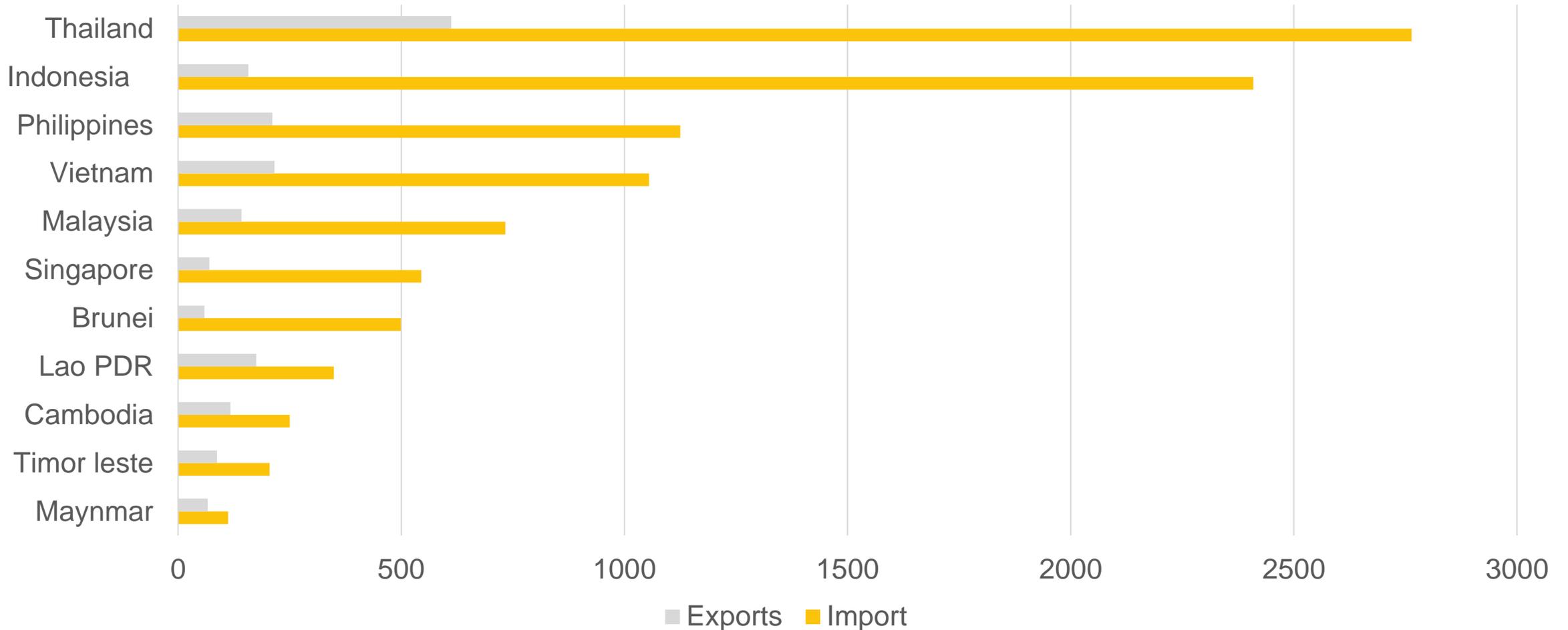
Exports   Import

Across ASEAN and Timor-Leste over 62% of the measures are related to Imports and for TLS alone it`s 70%

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NTM data results: Regulatory instruments

Share of Measure Types

- Other — 6.30%
- Price Control Measures — 7.50%
- Quantitative Restriction — 11.30%
- SPS and TBT — 74.90%

(x-axis: 0.00%, 20.00%, 40.00%, 60.00%, 80.00%)

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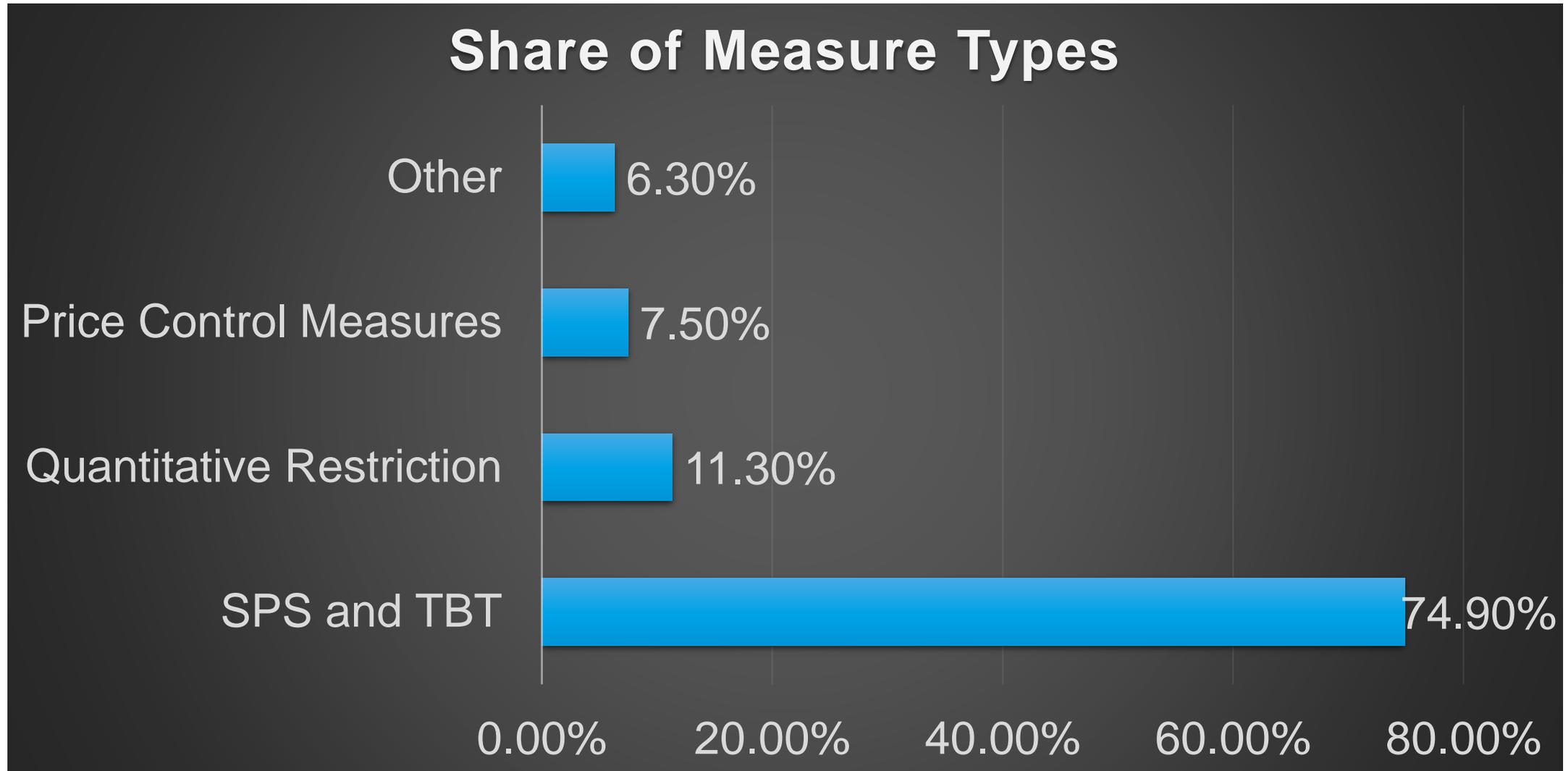
Example of NTM Code on TRAINS

DECREE-LAW No 36 /2012 - Control of imports and exports of ozone-d ▾

Measure Classification

Description

English *   Original Language

The import or export of Hydrochlorofluorocarbons and products, materials, equipment, or vehicles that have been designed to use substances that deplete the ozone layer is subject to prior registration and licensing by the government department responsible for the environment.

NTM Code *

B14 - Authorization requirement for importin ▾

also Domestic

◯ Yes   ◯ No   ⦿ Not Specified

Location(s) in the Regulation (reference) *

Article 9

Affected Products

Description

English *   Original Language

i. Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
ii. Halons;
iii Carbon tetrachloride;
iv. Methyl Chloroform;

Regulation files

TLS_serie1_no25a-ozone substances-NTM.pdf

Find and select products ⑦

⦿ EN   ◯ FR   ◯ ES   HS Version   H5 ▾

Search by Product name/Product group ... 🔍 ✕

Affected Countries

Description

All countries

Affected Countries *   ➕ Assign Country/Regi

Name	Valid From
World	

Example of NTM Code on TRAINS

Legal Framework for Cultural Heritage ▼

Affected Products

Description

English *   Original Language

goods belonging to the movable cultural heritage

Measure Classification

Description   NTM Code *

English *   Original Language

P31 - Export prohibition ▼

Regulation files

TLS_SERIE_I_NO_35-patrimony cultural - NTM.pdf

The export of goods belonging to the movable cultural heritage, even if not entered in the patrimonial register of classification or inventory, is strictly prohibited, unless it is a temporary export for exhibition or other cultural purposes and authorized by the member of the Government responsible for culture.

also Domestic

○ Yes   ○ No   ◉ Not Specified

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Article 37.1

Assign HS Codes

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