Overview of Timor-Leste’s NTMs

Results of NTM data collection under the IMPACT project

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Presentation Outline

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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
NTM Data Collection Process

TOTAL REGULATIONS COLLECTED

- Collected: 494
- Reviewed: 205
- Coded: 61
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

- MAP: 88 Regulations, 3 Measures
- ANPM: 60 Regulations, 1 Measure
- MTCH: 39 Regulations, 5 Measures
- Ministry of Health: 37 Regulations, 7 Measures
- Ministry/Sec. Environment: 30 Regulations, 4 Measures
- Customs Authority: 107 Regulations, 6 Measures
- SERVE: 6 Regulations, 2 Measures
- AIFAESA: 4 Regulations, 1 Measure
- Tax Authority: 3 Regulations, 1 Measure
- Ministry of Finance: 3 Regulations, 2 Measures
- Ministry of Justice: 3 Regulations, 2 Measures
- Ministry of Interior: 2 Regulations, 2 Measures
- Sec. Cultural: 2 Regulations, 1 Measure
- AACTL: 2 Regulations, 1 Measure
- BCTL: 1 Regulation, 1 Measure

Number of Measures (blue) and Number of Regulations (yellow)
Timor-Leste has one of the lowest number of NTM measures in the ASEAN region.
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
NMT data results: Product coverage

Share between Import and Export Measures

- 70% Imports
- 30% Exports
Across ASEAN and Timor-Leste over 62% of the measures are related to Imports and for TLS alone it’s 70%
NTM data results: Regulatory instruments

Share of Measure Types

- SPS and TBT: 74.90%
- Quantitative Restriction: 11.30%
- Price Control Measures: 7.50%
- Other: 6.30%
Example of NTM Code on TRAINS

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.
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.

NTM Code: P31 - Export prohibition

Location(s) in the Regulation (reference): Article 37.1
WAY FORWARD

- Assigned Custodian
- Regular Update
- Public Awareness
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