

Non-Tariff Measures for Papua New Guinea

Data collection for Papua New Guinea NTMs, initial findings and the way forward.

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What are Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) and why are they relevant?

Non – tariff measures (NTMs) are generally defined as “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”.

- Bottom - up approach to understanding NTMs;
- Top – down approach to understanding NTMs.



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How are NTMs collected and classified?

- Data collection involves usage of gazetted, legal documents only issued by the government of a nation state.
- NTMs are classified according to the “*International Classification of Non-tariff Measures*” that was developed by several international organizations forming the Multi-Agency Support Team, commonly known as the MAST group.



Initial findings for Papua New Guinea

- First exercise for PNG was conducted in 2016 and 155 legislations have been collected and coded in TRAINS database.
- Papua New Guinea Consolidated Legislation Index from PACLII website used as a reference source. Last update was on 5th April 2019.
- From 2019 to 2021, legislations that may contain relevant NTMs will be identified from National Parliament of Papua New Guinea website.

Way forward:

- List of all legislations that may contain NTMs for Papua New Guinea for international trade in goods have been identified.
- PDF versions of all applicable legislations up to cut off date – **31st December 2021**, require collection for study.
- Coding of all applicable legislations into TRAINS database.
- Review of NTMs coded and HS coding of all products affected by the legislations.
- Further research and study of linkages.



Thank you.

