

Multiyear Expert Meeting on

**Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade  
Facilitation, Seventh session:  
Trade facilitation and transit in support  
of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable  
Development**

7 to 9 May 2019

**Non-Tariff Measures and Trade Facilitation**

Presentation by

**Ralf Peters**

Chief

Trade Information Section  
UNCTAD

This expert paper is reproduced by the UNCTAD secretariat in the form and language in which it has been received.  
The views expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the UNCTAD.



Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation

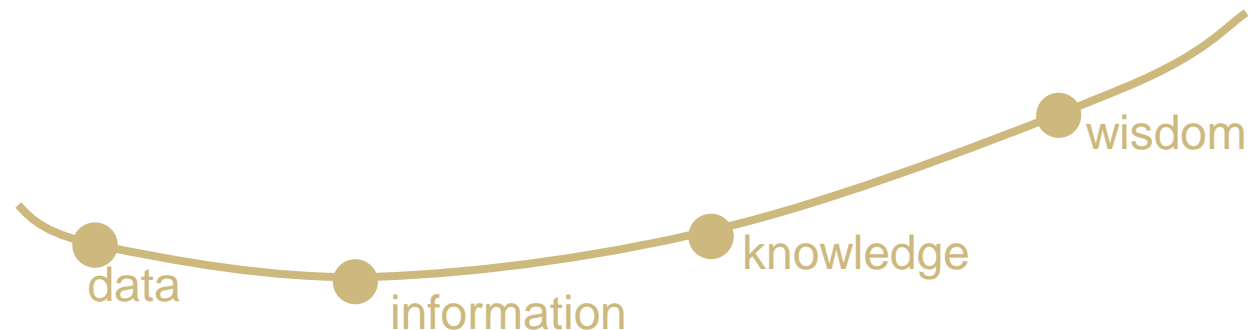
# Border Agency cooperation in Trade Facilitation

## Non-Tariff Measures and Trade Facilitation

Geneva, 8 May 2019

Ralf Peters, Chief Trade Information Section

UNCTAD



---

## Challenge to comply with requirements



Bringing dried mangoes into the EU is duty-free for all countries. However, exporters need to comply with

- tolerance limits for pesticide residues,
- hygienic practices during production,
- processing methods, microbiological criteria of the final product,
- certification, ...



---

## Non-Tariff Measures

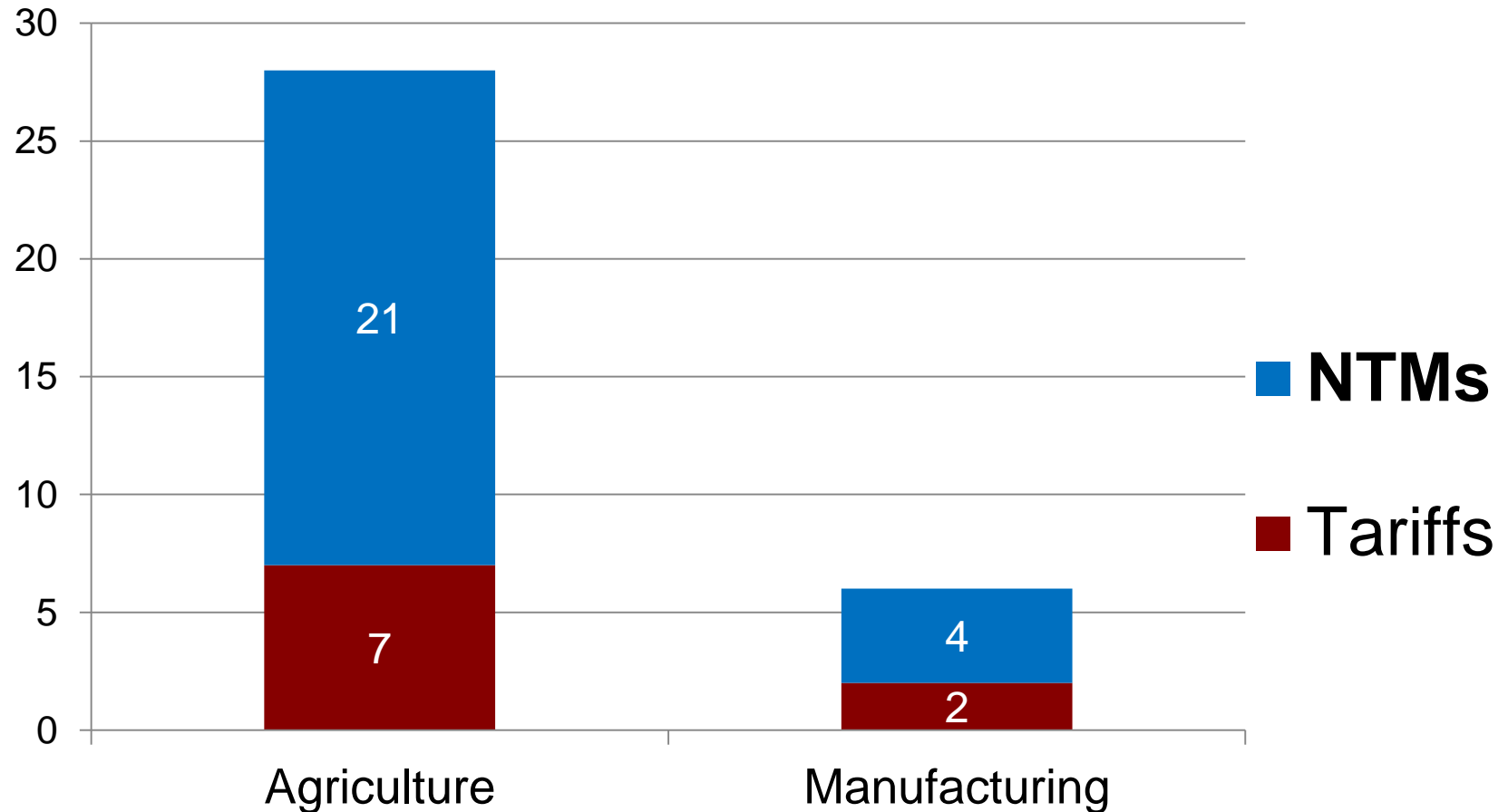
- “Non-Tariff Measures are policy measures, other than ordinary customs tariffs, that can potentially have an economic effect on international trade in goods, changing quantities traded, or prices or both” (UNCTAD Group of Eminent Persons on NTBs)

### → neutral concept!

- NTMs include a broad range of policy instruments including
  1. **traditional trade policy instruments**, such as quotas and price controls, and rules of origin as well as
  2. **regulatory and technical measures** that stem from important non-trade objectives related to health and environmental protection
    - Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures and
    - Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)



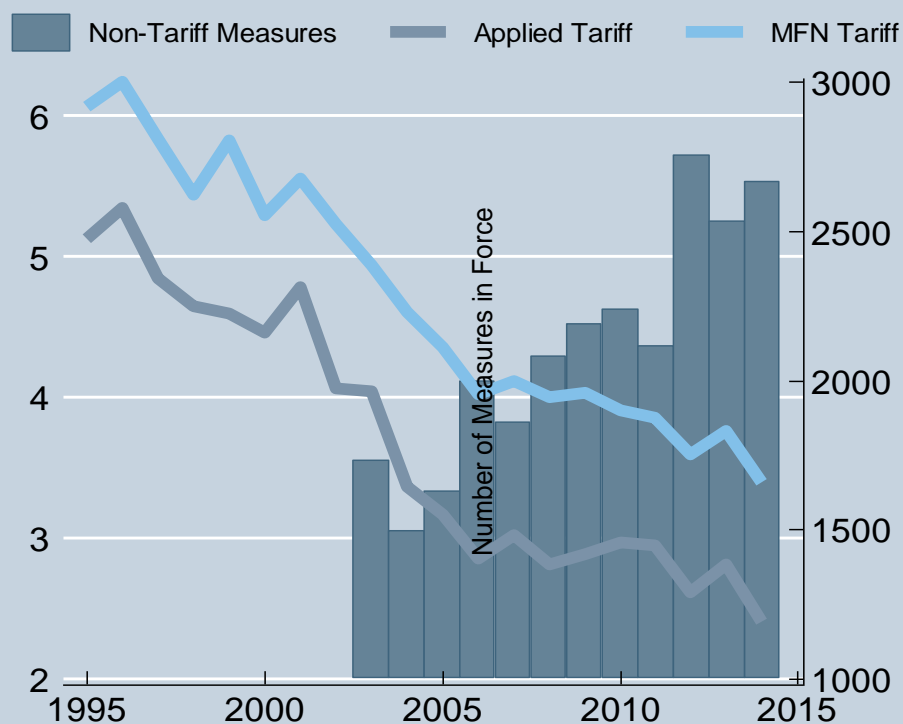
## Estimated *average* ad-valorem equivalents



## Trend: NTMs on the rise

Figure 5: Contrasting Trade Policies

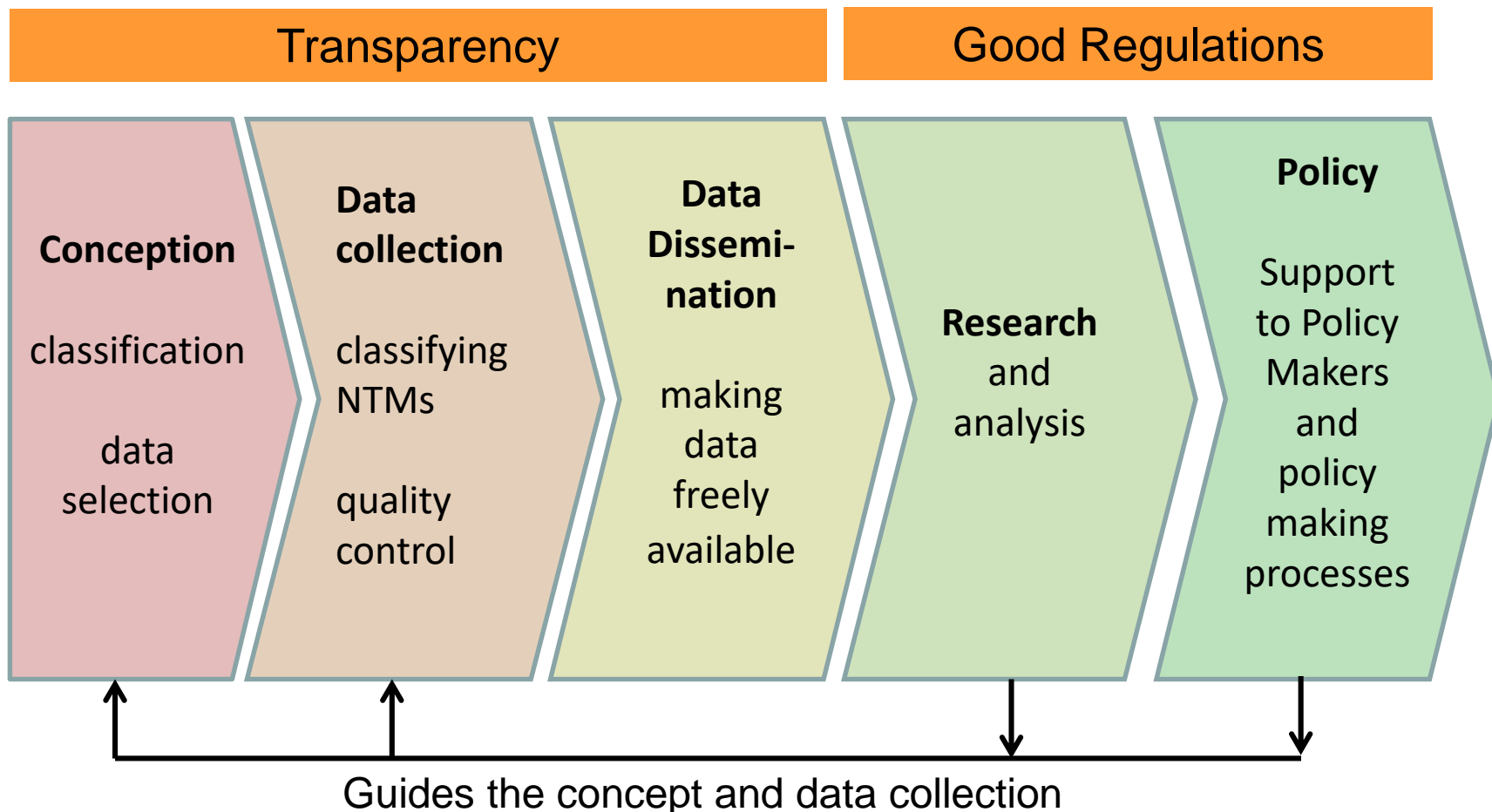
Tariffs have gone down, non-tariff measures not so



Source: UNCTAD calculations based on UNCTAD TRAINS and WTO I-TIP data

# UNCTAD NTM Programme

[unctad.org/ntm](http://unctad.org/ntm)



# Official NTM data collection

• From here...

...to here

## The Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka EXTRAORDINARY

අංක 1376/9 - 2005 ජනවාරි 19 වැනි බදාදා - 2005.01.19  
No. 1376/9 - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2005

(Published by Authority)

### PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL Government Notifications

L.D. - B. 11/80 II

#### FOOD ACT, No. 26 OF 1980

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under No. 26 of 1980.

NIMAL SIR  
Minister of Health  
Uva Weillas

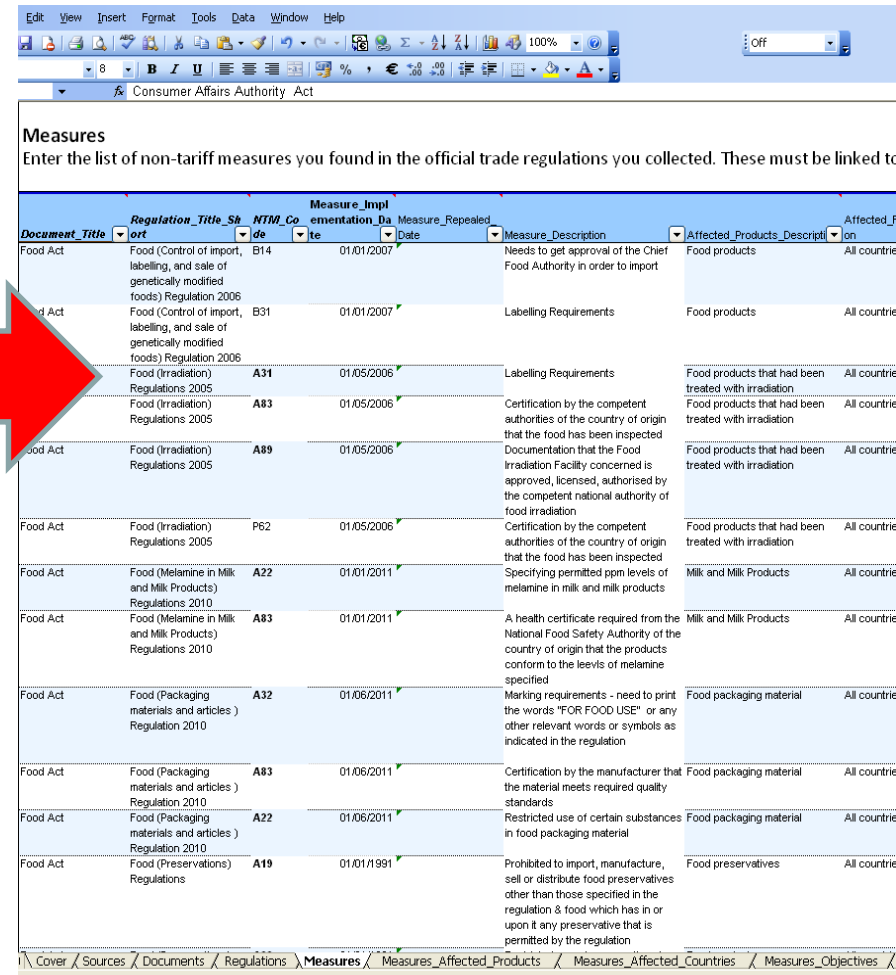
Colombo.  
17th January, 2005.

#### Regulations

01. These Regulations may be cited as "Food (Labelling and Advertising) Regulations 2005."

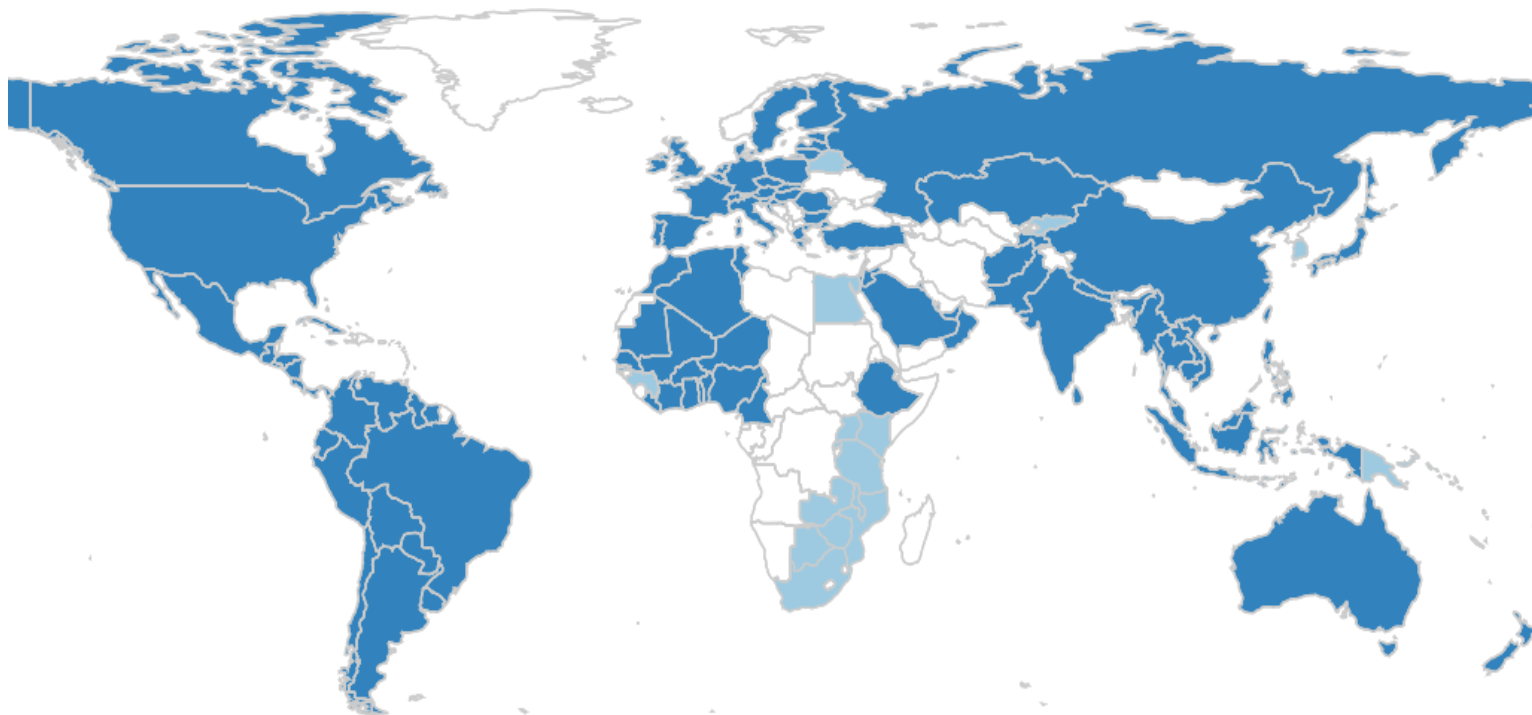
02. No person shall sell, offer for sale, expose or keep for sale, transport or advertise for sale, any food in a container unless such package or container is labelled in accordance with these regulations.

Provided however that, these regulations shall not apply to any package of food if the food is of the national brand requested by the purchaser and is weighed, counted or measured in the presence of the purchaser.



Document Title	Regulation Title, Short	NTM Code	Measure Implementation Date	Measure Repeated	Measure Description	Affected Products Description	Affected Countries
Food Act	Food (Control of import, labelling, and sale of genetically modified foods) Regulation 2006	B14	01/01/2007		Needs to get approval of the Chief Food Authority in order to import	Food products	All countries
Food Act	Food (Control of import, labelling, and sale of genetically modified foods) Regulation 2006	B31	01/01/2007		Labelling Requirements	Food products	All countries
Food Act	Food (Irradiation) Regulations 2005	A31	01/05/2006		Labelling Requirements	Food products that had been treated with irradiation	All countries
Food Act	Food (Irradiation) Regulations 2005	A83	01/05/2006		Certification by the competent authorities of the country of origin that the food has been inspected	Food products that had been treated with irradiation	All countries
Food Act	Food (Irradiation) Regulations 2005	A89	01/05/2006		Documentation that the Food Irradiation Facility concerned is approved, licensed, authorised by the competent national authority of food irradiation	Food products that had been treated with irradiation	All countries
Food Act	Food (Irradiation) Regulations 2005	P62	01/05/2006		Certification by the competent authorities of the country of origin that the food has been inspected	Food products that had been treated with irradiation	All countries
Food Act	Food (Melamine in Milk and Milk Products) Regulations 2010	A22	01/01/2011		Specifying permitted ppm levels of melamine in milk and milk products	Milk and Milk Products	All countries
Food Act	Food (Melamine in Milk and Milk Products) Regulations 2010	A83	01/01/2011		A health certificate required from the National Food Safety Authority of the country of origin that the products conform to the levels of melamine specified	Milk and Milk Products	All countries
Food Act	Food (Packaging materials and articles) Regulation 2010	A32	01/06/2011		Marking requirements - need to print the words "FOR FOOD USE" or any other relevant words or symbols as indicated in the regulation	Food packaging material	All countries
Food Act	Food (Packaging materials and articles) Regulation 2010	A83	01/06/2011		Certification by the manufacturer that the material meets required quality standards	Food packaging material	All countries
Food Act	Food (Packaging materials and articles) Regulation 2010	A22	01/06/2011		Restricted use of certain substances in food packaging material	Food packaging material	All countries
Food Act	Food (Preservations) Regulations	A19	01/01/1991		Prohibited to import, manufacture, sell or distribute food preservatives other than those specified in the regulation & food which has in or upon it any preservative that is permitted by the regulation	Food preservatives	All countries

# Map of Data Availability – A global initiative led by UNCTAD



● Data is available    ● In progress



ED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

**UNCTAD**

For policy  
makers:


[trains.unctad.org](http://trains.unctad.org)









(in cooperation  
with WTO)

- Tables by
  - Products
  - Measures
  - Members
- Graphs over time

# TRAINS

The global database on Non-Tariff Measures

Through  
  
Developed by WTO  
Adapted for TRAINS data by  
UNCTAD

[Home](#) | [TABLES by PRODUCTS](#) | [TABLES by MEASURE](#) | [TABLES by COUNTRIES](#) | [DETAILED QUERY](#) | [ANALYSIS](#) | [About](#)

**TRAINS: Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) based on official regulations**

TRAINS NTMs, the global non-tariff measures database, provides comprehensive and systematic information on a broad range of policy instruments that can have an effect on international trade in goods. The information includes traditional trade policy instruments, such as quotas or price controls, as well as regulatory and technical measures that stem from important non-trade objectives related to health and environmental protection (Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)). The objective of the database is to increase transparency and understanding about trade regulations and trade control measures.

The measures have been retrieved from official sources, mainly national trade laws and regulations. Measures are classified according to the [International Classification of NTMs](#) and affected products are classified at the most detailed level of the [Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System \(HS\)](#). The global data collection, a joint effort by UNCTAD, AfDB, ALADI, ERIA, ITC, the World Bank, WTO and financial support from the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation, follows the [UNCTAD's Guidelines for NTMs data collection](#).

**QUICK SEARCH**

Country imposing:

Partner affected:

Product affected:

Choose one of the following options:

**TABLES by PRODUCTS**

- Look at the incidence of NTMs by HS sections and chapters, and by country imposing the measure.
- See individual measures by simply clicking on any number in the tables!
- This option does not allow a selection of products.

**ABOUT**

- [How To](#)
- [Available Countries](#)
- [Map of the Application](#)
- [Classification used in the application](#)
- [Partners and Donors](#)
- [Disclaimer](#)

---

## Non-tariff *measures* or *procedures*?

Non-tariff measures  
(incl. SPS/TBT)  
*regulations*



related *procedures*

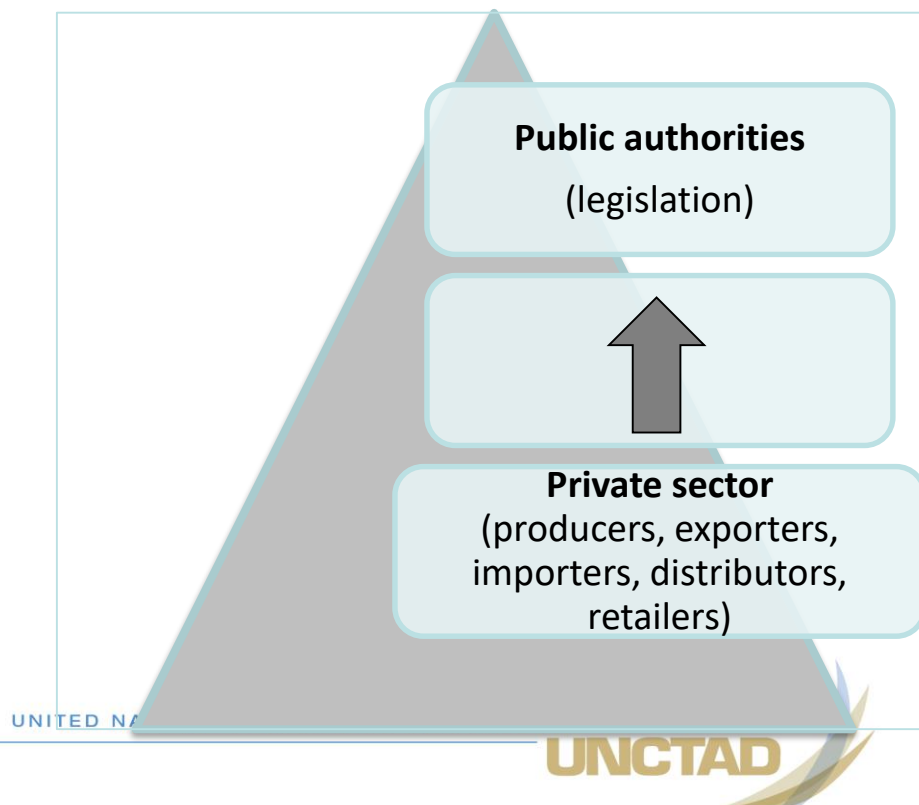


# Regional Value Chain Facilitation Tool

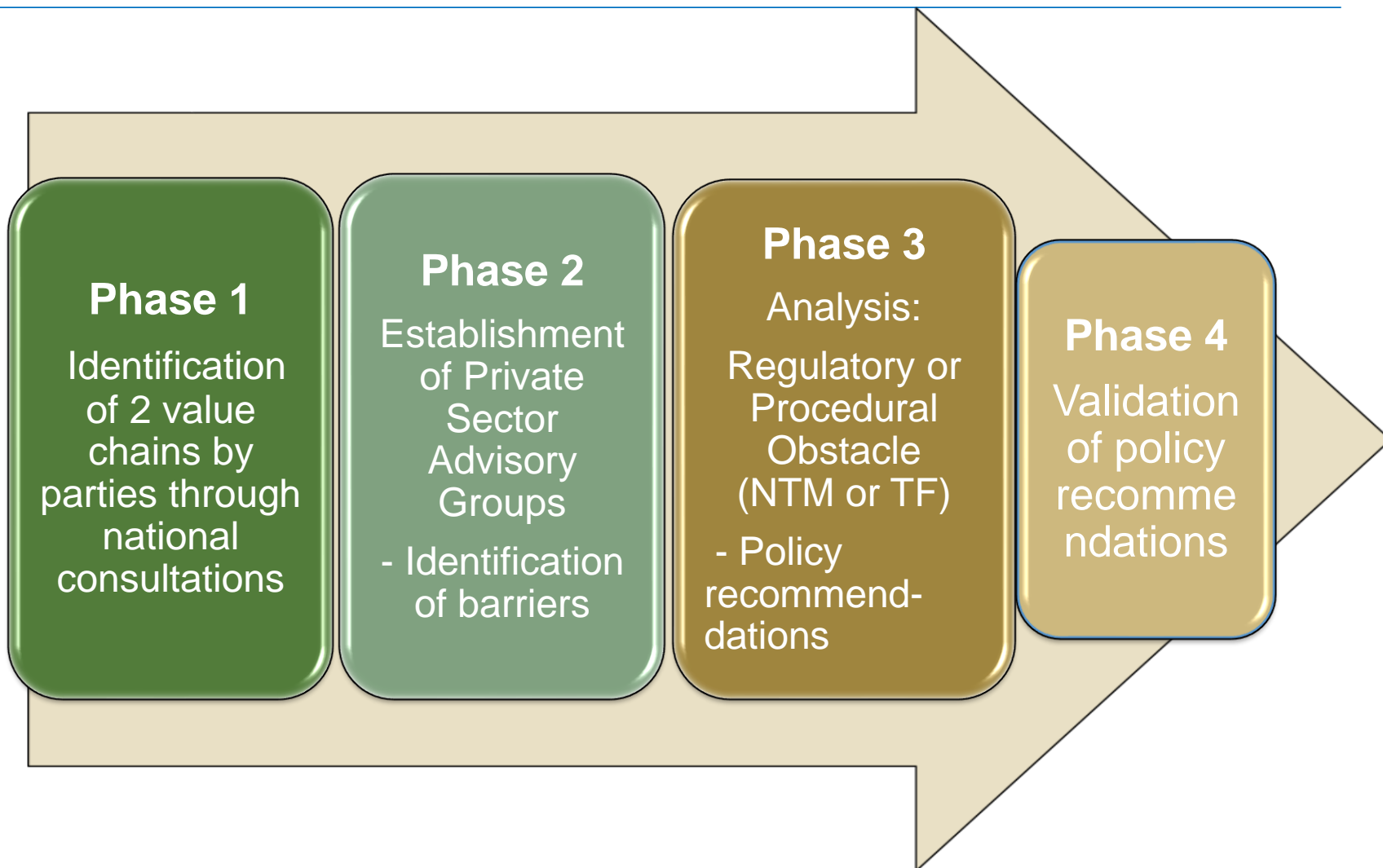
---

To contribute to regional integration through the elimination of market access barriers, focusing on selected products and supply chains

- **Bottom up approach:** from private sector concerns to policy and regulations
- Integrated **trade facilitation and NTM** approach: before, at and behind the border measures
- **Sector-specific approach:** beverages and auto-parts sector



# Regional Value Chain Facilitation Tool: Phases



**Thank you**

**UNCTAD**  
PROSPERITY FOR ALL

**[www.unctad.org /ntm](http://www.unctad.org/ntm)**

**[Ralf.Peters@unctad.org](mailto:Ralf.Peters@unctad.org)**

