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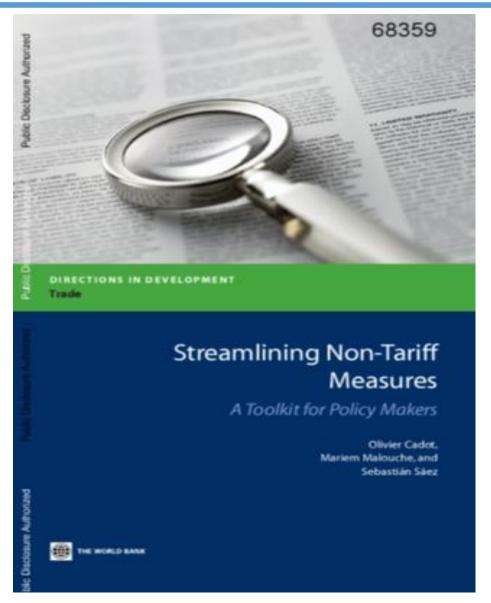
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How many ways are there to streamline NTMs?



Of course, we don't want to get rid of them all. Some have a legitimate purpose.

But we would like to streamline those that are more traderestrictive than necessary, especially if they do not appear to have a legitimate purpose, or people have forgotten what it was.

In 2012, the World Bank prepared a toolkit for policymakers on streamlining NTMs.

We came up with a typology of NTM streamlining methods. What will we hear about today?

	Prevalence / severity of NTMs				
Political commitment		Few NTMs		Many NTMs	
		Relatively innocuous	Severe	Relatively innocuous	Severe
	Strong		Full review with institutional setup	Systematic, light review	Guillotine (place burden of proof on regulator) Bulldozer (have private sector target them)
	Weak				Ad hoc – start with low-hanging fruit