

How communication between Enquiry Points can be used to reduce, clarify, and resolve specific trade concerns

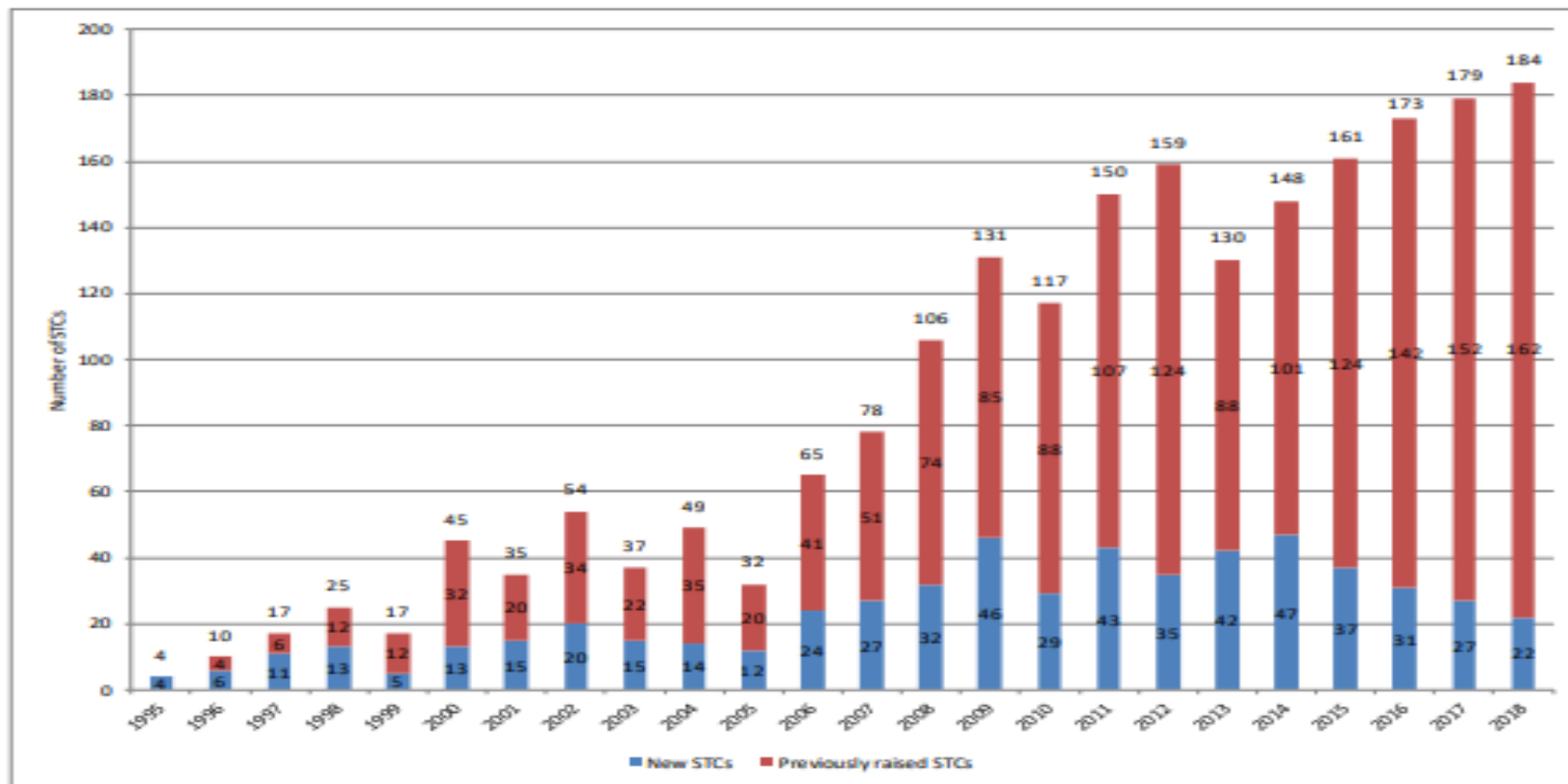
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Article 10 under the TBT Agreement: Establishment of Enquiry Points

10.1 Each Member shall ensure that an enquiry point exists which is able to answer all reasonable enquiries from other Members...

Rise in Specific Trade Concerns (STCs)

Chart 19: STCs raised, 1995-2018



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TBT Enquiry Points as Official Communication Channels

Use Enquiry Points to Communicate Between Meetings

- to comment on new notifications
- to follow up on STCs from previous meetings (many STCs are essentially enquiries)

Use Enquiry Points to Facilitate Information Exchange on (Notified) Measures Still in Draft:

- to work informally before measure becomes an STC
- to seek clarification on scope and intent

Develop Internal, Domestic Communication with Regulators and Trade Representatives to Facilitate Awareness and Use of EPs



Thank You

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