



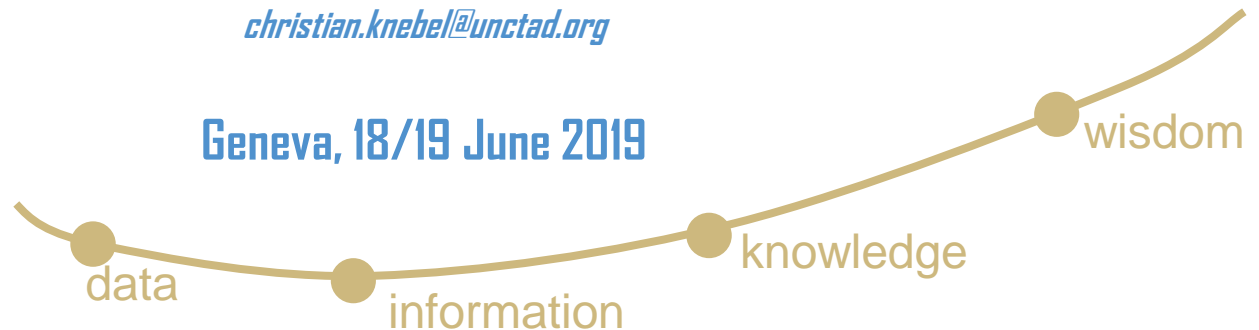
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Transparency on Non-Tariff Measures and Technical Barriers to Trade

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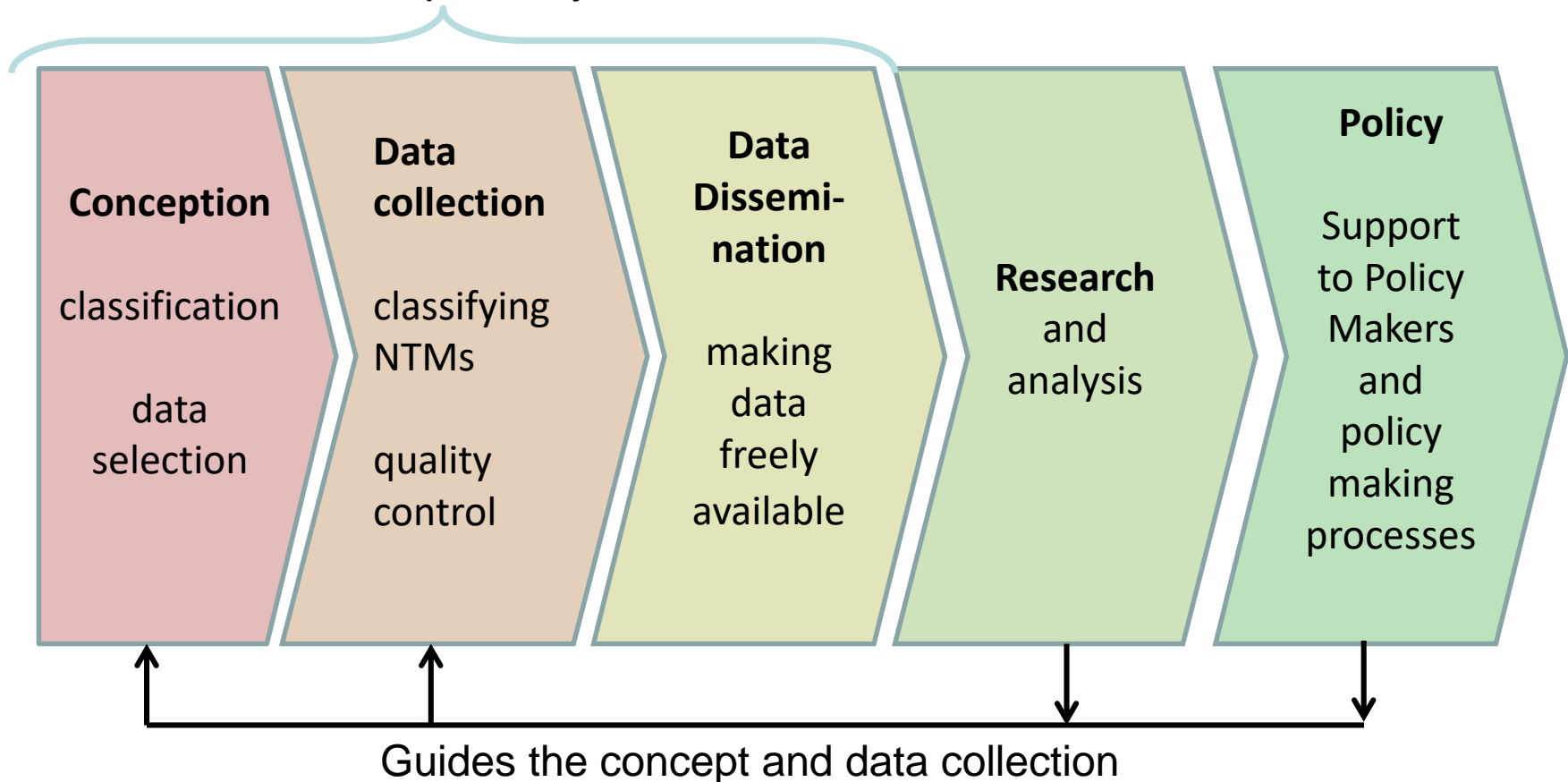
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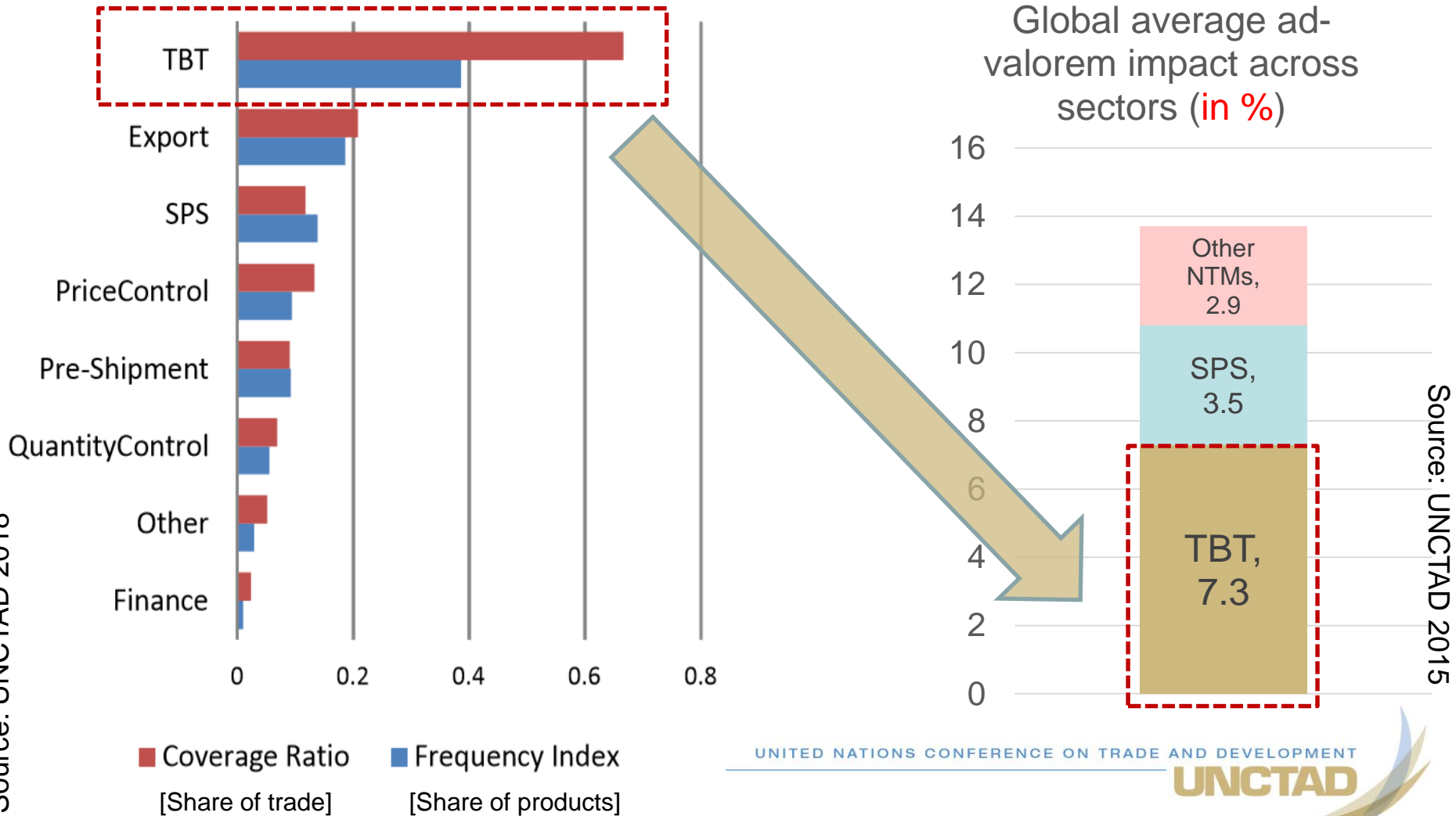
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Transparency



TBT: the most common and costly NTMs



Lack of *transparency* is a major cost factor → NTM data collection

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No. 1376/9 - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2005

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14 561 different regulations...

Government Notifications

On several millions of pages

from numerous agencies,

various websites or offline

Food Act, No. 26 OF 1980

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 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.

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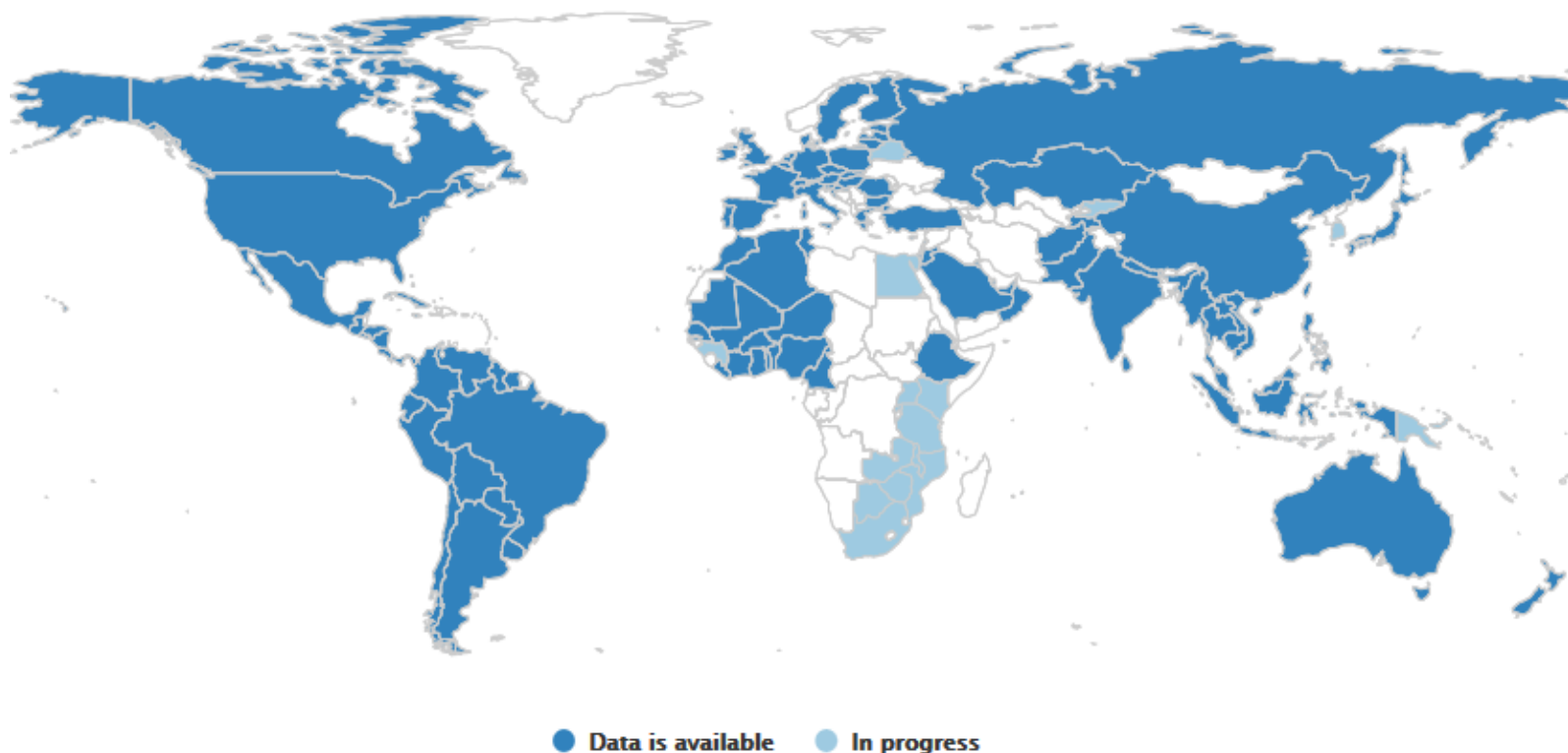
Consumer Affairs Authority Act

Measures
Enter the list of non-tariff measures you found in the official trade regulations you collected. These must be linked to

Document Title	Regulation Title	NTAR Code	Measure Implementation Date	Measure Repealed	Measure Description	Affected Products Description	Affected Countries
Food Act	Food (Control of Import, Labelling, and Sale of Food) Regulations 2005	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 Food) Regulations 2005	B31	01/01/2007		Labeling Requirements	Food products	All countries
Food Act	Food (Irradiation) Regulations 2005	A81	01/05/2006		Labeling Requirements	Food products that had been treated with irradiation	All countries
Food Act	Food (Irradiation) Regulations 2005	A83	01/05/2006		Documentation that the Food products family concerned in the country 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 products family concerned in the country has been inspected	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		Specifying 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 (Preservatives) 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

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Global NTM transparency initiative



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→ and soon: *ITC-UNCTAD-WTO Global Trade Helpdesk!*



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