
Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

**NINTH ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND
OPERATION OF THE TBT AGREEMENT**

Note by the Secretariat

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1. The Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade¹ (the Committee) will conduct its ninth annual review under Article 15.3 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (the Agreement) at its meeting on 23 March 2004. This document contains information on developments in the Committee relating to the implementation and operation of the TBT Agreement from 1 January to 31 December 2003.

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¹ For general information on membership and documentation in the TBT Committee during the period of review, see Annexes A and B.

I. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

2. The Committee, pursuant to Article 13.1 of the Agreement and to the Rules of Procedure, elected Mr. Juan Antonio Dorantes-Sánchez (Mexico) as its Chairperson for the year 2003-2004.

3. Three meetings were held in 2003 (20 March, 2 July and 7 November 2003).² At these meetings, the Committee addressed issues relating to the implementation and administration of the Agreement, technical assistance, observer status and the preparation of the Third Triennial Review.

4. Several measures were brought to the attention of the Committee by Members who raised concerns about the potential adverse trade effects, or inconsistency with the Agreement of those measures. Five Members informed the Committee of measures in existence or taken to ensure the implementation and administration of the Agreement.³

5. At its March meeting, the Committee carried out its Eighth Annual Review of the Implementation and Operation of the Agreement under Article 15.3 as well as the Eighth Annual Review of the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards (Annex 3 of the Agreement).⁴

6. A special workshop on technical assistance was held on 18 March 2003.⁵ In that context, proposals were made on technical assistance which could contribute to the development of the TBT-related technical cooperation programme. Such proposals were also considered by the Committee in the context of the preparation of the Third Triennial Review of the Agreement under Article 15.4.

7. A Learning Event on Labelling was held on 21-22 October. This Event was based on real-life case studies, with a particular focus on developing countries' concerns. It was aimed at enhancing Members' understanding of the preparation, adoption and application of labelling requirements in the context of the implementation of the TBT Agreement, as well as the impact of such requirements on market access.⁶

8. The Committee carried out the annual transitional review mandated in the Protocol of Accession of the People's Republic of China.⁷

9. The Committee concluded the Third Triennial Review at its November meeting.⁸ Elements considered under the Review included the following: (i) the implementation and administration of the Agreement, (ii) good regulatory practice, (iii) transparency procedures, (iii) conformity assessment procedures, (iv) technical assistance and special and differential treatment, and (v) other elements. A number of recommendations were made by the Committee.

² G/TBT/M/29-31.

³ The full list of Members having submitted the statement on implementation and administration of the Agreement under Article 15.2 (since January 1995) is contained in document G/TBT/GEN/1. The five Members who did so in 2003 are: Israel (G/TBT/2/Add.72), Croatia (G/TBT/2/Add.73), Dominican Republic (G/TBT/2/Add.74), Armenia (G/TBT/2/Add. 75) and Ghana (G/TBT/2/Add. 76).

⁴ The Eighth Annual Review is contained in document G/TBT/12. Other relevant background documents to this review are: the list of standardizing bodies that had accepted the Code in 2002 (G/TBT/CS/1/Add.7) and the WTO TBT Standards Code Directory (eighth edition).

⁵ Annex A of G/TBT/M/29.

⁶ Ten real-life case studies were presented on different sectors such as forest, fruits, flowers and food labelling systems, efficiency requirements and voluntary energy programmes, and tobacco. Speakers were from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, the European Communities, Mexico, the People's Republic of China, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (Chinese Taipei) and the United States.

⁷ G/TBT/W/236.

⁸ G/TBT/13. The Second Triennial Review is contained in G/TBT/9.

10. During the review period, the Committee heard statements from various observers on their technical assistance activities and on ways in which they sought to ensure the effective participation of Members, in particular developing country Members, in their activities.⁹

II. TRANSPARENCY PROCEDURES¹⁰

11. In 2003, Members submitted 794¹¹ notifications. Since the entry into force of the Agreement on 1 January 1995, up to 31 December 2003, 5460 notifications were made by 80 Members.¹²

Figure 1: Total number of TBT notifications since 1995

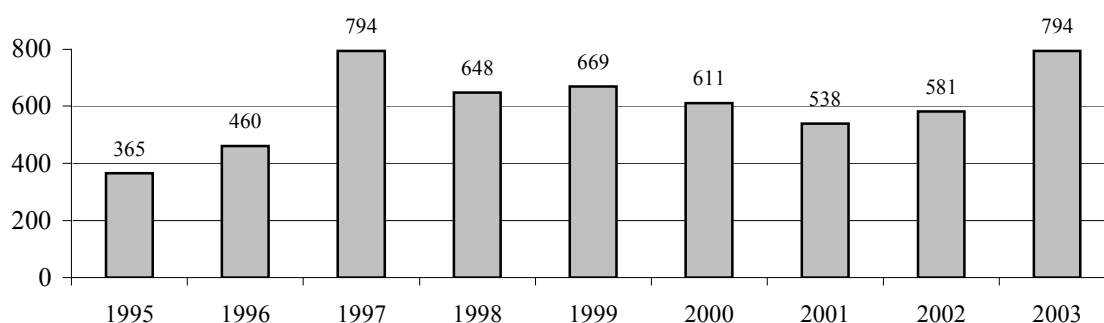
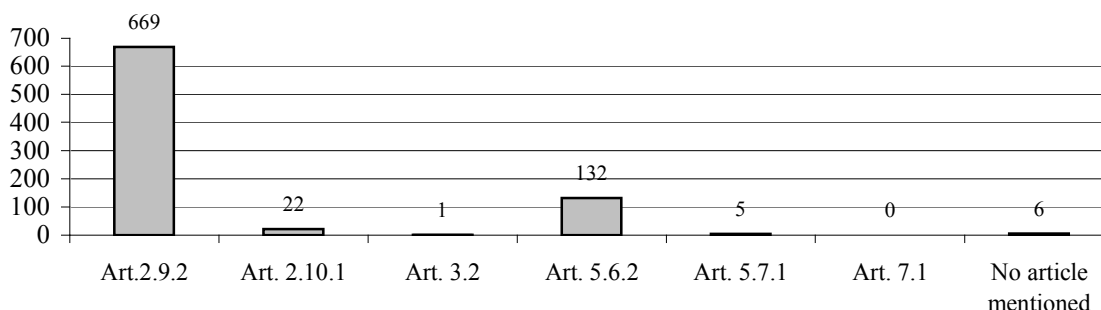


Figure 2: Notifications in 2003 by article



12. Amongst the 794 notifications received in year 2003, the following legitimate objectives and/or rationale have been mentioned by Members as the first objective: protection of human health (in 329 notifications); adoption of new domestic law (in 101 notifications); prevention of deceptive practices (in 97 notifications); consumer information and labelling (in 53 notifications); quality requirements (in 52 notifications); harmonization (in 51 notifications); protection of the environment (in 30 notifications); protection of animal or plant life or health (in 13 notifications); lowering or removal of trade barriers and trade facilitation (in 4 notifications). 39 notifications did not specify any legitimate objective and 24 notifications referred to other legitimate objectives.

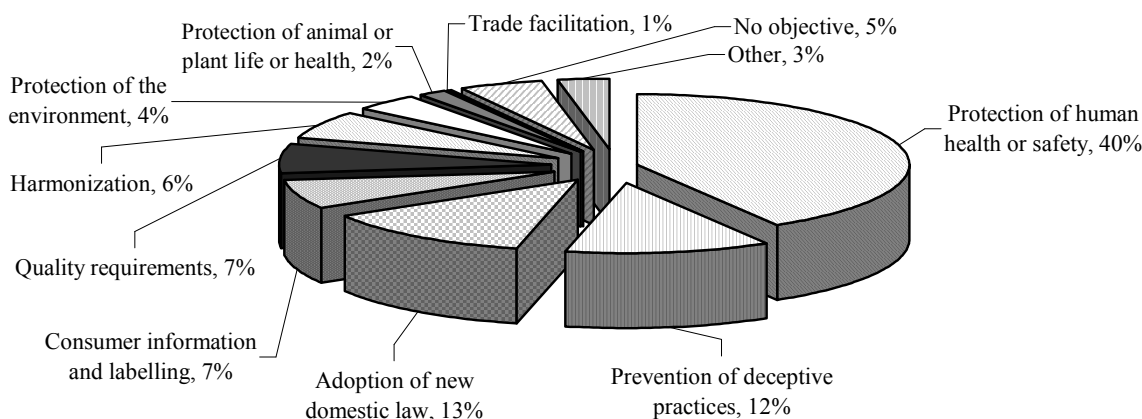
⁹ Statements were heard from the Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración (ALADI), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the World Bank.

¹⁰ The data for the graphs in this section are drawn from the tables in Annexes C, D and E.

¹¹ Notification G/TBT/N/CAN/62 has been withdrawn.

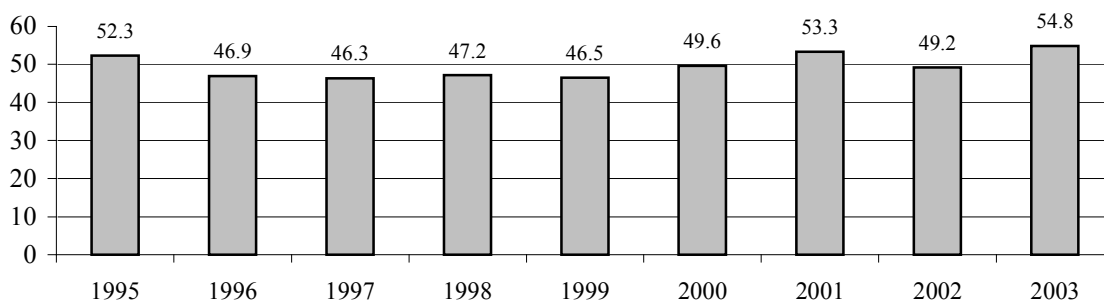
¹² Monthly lists of notifications for 2003 are contained in documents G/TBT/GEN/N/25-36.

Figure 3: Percentage of notifications by stated legitimate objective



13. The Committee has recommended 60 days as a minimum length of time to be allowed for the presentation of comments from other Members.¹³ In 2003, Members allowed an average of 54.8 calendar days for comments. 242 Notifications did not specify a comment period, stated it as non applicable or had a comment period which had lapsed. Figure 4 shows the average time allowed for comments since 1995.

Figure 4: Average number of days allowed for comments since 1995.



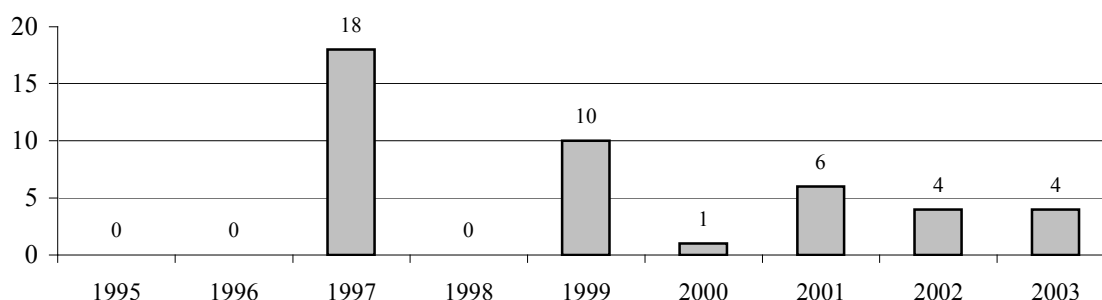
14. In 2003, four notifications were made under Article 10.7¹⁴, notifying respectively the Mutual Recognition Agreement reached by:

- INMETRO (Brazil), SCC (Canada) and A2LA (United States);
- INMETRO (Brazil), SCC (Canada) and EMA (Mexico);
- The European Communities and Switzerland; and,
- Japan and the Republic of Singapore

¹³ G/TBT/1/Rev.8.

¹⁴ G/TBT/10.7/N/42-45.

Figure 5: Number of notifications submitted under Art. 10.7 since 1995



15. The following information relevant to transparency is noted:

- (a) Information on publications used to announce that work is proceeding on draft technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures under Article 2.9.1 and 5.6.1 of the Agreement, and publications in which the final texts are published under Article 2.11 and 5.8 is contained in documents G/TBT/2 and addenda.
- (b) The list of WTO TBT Enquiry Points under Article 10.1 and 10.2 is contained in document G/TBT/ENQ/24.
- (c) In 2003, three standardizing bodies from three Members accepted the Code of Good Practice (Annex 3 of the Agreement).¹⁵
- (d) Since the entry into force of the Agreement, 142 standardizing bodies from 103 Members have adhered to the Code. Notifications of acceptance of the Code by standardizing bodies of Members are contained in documents G/TBT/CS/N/1-153.¹⁶
- (e) A list of standardizing bodies that adhered to the Code in 2003 is contained in document G/TBT/CS/1/Add.8. Document G/TBT/CS/2/Rev.10 contains the complete list, by Member, of standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code since 1 January 1995.
- (f) The Ninth Edition of the WTO TBT Standards Code Directory is published by the ISO/IEC Information Centre and will be available in March 2004.

¹⁵ These Members were Paraguay (G/TBT/CS/N/151), Mexico (G/TBT/CS/N/152) and Georgia (G/TBT/CS/N/153)

¹⁶ Notifications G/TBT/CS/N/118 and 138 have been cancelled.

III. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT

16. In 2003, the Secretariat organized six regional workshops in:

- (a) Namibia for English-speaking African countries;¹⁷
- (b) Lebanon for Arab and Mediterranean countries;¹⁸
- (c) Saint Kitts and Nevis for the Caribbean countries;¹⁹
- (d) Fiji for the Pacific Island countries;²⁰
- (e) Peru for Latin American countries;²¹ and,
- (f) Mozambique for SADC countries.²²

17. The last two workshops were organized pursuant to the mandate given to the Director General²³ to continue his cooperative efforts with international standards setting organizations to enhance the participation of developing countries in their activities. On these two occasions, the Secretariat cooperated with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and with the International Organization for Legal Metrology (OIML). The programmes for all regional workshops were designed to raise awareness of the TBT Agreement and to provide capital-based officials with updated information on the work and discussions in the TBT Committee. The workshops also provided opportunities for experience sharing among participants, as well as the identification of possible regional cooperation. Concerning their organization, cooperation was received from regional partners, such as ESCWA, CARICOM and the Pacific Forum Secretariat (FORSEC).

18. In response to requests received from individual Members, national workshops were organized in Georgia, Qatar, Yemen, Lebanon, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Gambia and India.²⁴ These workshops addressed issues such as adequate coordination between regulators, the importance of prioritizing technical assistance needs, the establishment of the enquiry points and the preparation of the statement on the implementation and administration of the Agreement under Article 15.2.

19. The WTO Secretariat participated in a regional workshop organized by UNIDO and UNCTAD for West African countries²⁵ and in a regional Workshop organized by UNIDO for LDCs of the SAARC region.²⁶ In these events, the role of the WTO Secretariat was to raise awareness of the importance of the implementation and administration of the TBT Agreement, to highlight and clarify the main principles and provisions of the Agreement, to provide guidelines and clarification on the TBT notification procedures and to explain how the TBT Agreement could be used as a tool for facilitating international trade.

¹⁷ Botswana, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

¹⁸ Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

¹⁹ Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Jamaica, Barbados, Guyana, Trinidad, Suriname, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Belize.

²⁰ Fiji Islands Republic, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Niue, Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands and Tuvalu.

²¹ Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela.

²² Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zimbabwe.

²³ WT/MIN(01)/17.

²⁴ The Georgia, Kyrgyz Republic, Lebanon and the Gambia workshops were joint TBT/SPS workshops.

²⁵ Benin, Burkina Faso, Capo Verde, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Togo, Côte d'Ivoire.

²⁶ Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and the Maldives.

20. The Secretariat also participated in a Standards Coordination Workshop for Southeast Europe organized by the United States Department of Commerce. This workshop took place in Geneva.

21. Moreover, the trade policy courses organized by the WTO Secretariat for English-speaking African countries and for Islamic countries, which included training on TBT issues, were also an opportunity to provide technical assistance. Other technical assistance activities included two Geneva-based events: a Special Workshop on TBT related Technical Assistance and a Learning Event on Labelling (referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7, above).²⁷ as well as advice to capital-based officials on various issues related to the operation of the Agreement and the Committee.

22. In 2003, the Secretariat created a web page dedicated to technical assistance in the TBT field.²⁸ This web page contains information related to: activities of the WTO and Observer Organizations; activities, approaches and experiences of Members; training materials; databases on TBT-related technical assistance, and a list of technical assistance-related documents. This web page will be updated periodically to reflect information received from Members and international organizations.

IV. DISPUTES INVOLVING PROVISIONS OF THE TBT AGREEMENT

23. The state of play during the year 2003 with regard to disputes involving provisions of the TBT Agreement is summarized below.

Case #	Case Name	Complaint By	State of Play	TBT Articles Invoked
1. Pending Consultations				
DS279	India – Import Restrictions Maintained under the Export and Import Policy 2002-2007	European Communities	On 23 December 2002, the European Communities requested consultations with India concerning import restrictions maintained by India under its Export and Import Policy 2002-2007 with respect to particular products of concern to the European Communities (WT/DS279/1). On 17 January 2003, the United States requested to join the consultations (WT/DS279/2). On 31 January 2003, India accepted the request of the United States (WT/DS279/3).	2
DS263	European Communities – Measures Affecting Imports of Wine	Argentina	On 4 September 2002, Argentina requested consultations with the European Communities regarding several EC regulations and other mandatory provisions on oenological practices and on trade in wine (WT/DS263/1).	2 and 12
DS233	Argentina – Measures Affecting the Import of Pharmaceutical Products	India	On 25 May 2001, India requested consultations with Argentina concerning Argentina's Law No. 24.766 and Decree No. 150/92. (WT/DS233/1).	2 (especially 2.2), 5 (especially 5.1 and 5.2) and 12
DS232	Mexico – Measures Affecting the	Chile	On 17 May 2001, Chile requested consultations with Mexico in respect of a series of Mexican laws and regulations which are alleged to constitute	1, 2 and 5

²⁷ Capital-based participants from developing country Members attended these workshops with resources from the Global Trust Fund; and, in the case of the labelling learning event, the EC contributed to the funding of the participation of developing country Members.

²⁸ http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tbt_e/tbt_tech_e.htm.

Case #	Case Name	Complaint By	State of Play	TBT Articles Invoked
	Import of Matches		unnecessary barriers to the import of Chilean matches (WT/DS232/1).	
DS203	Mexico – Measures Affecting Trade in Live Swine	United States	On 10 July 2000, the United States requested consultations with Mexico in respect of Mexico's 20 October 1999 definitive anti-dumping measure on live swine for slaughter (merchandise classified under tariff classification 0103.92.99 of the General Import Law) exported from the United States, independently from the country or origin, and actions by Mexico in the conduct of the anti-dumping investigation resulting in that measure (WT/DS203/1).	2 and 5
DS144	United States – Certain Measures Affecting the Import of Cattle, Swine and Grain from Canada	Canada	On 25 September 1998, Canada requested consultations with the United States in respect of certain measures, imposed by the US state of South Dakota and other states, prohibiting entry or transit to Canadian trucks carrying cattle, swine, and grain. (WT/DS144/1).	2, 3, 5 and 7
DS137	European Communities – Measures Affecting Imports of Wood of Conifers from Canada	Canada	On 17 June 1998, Canada requested consultations with the European Communities in respect of certain measures concerning the importation into the EC market of wood of conifers from Canada. The measures include, but are not limited to, Council Directive 77/93, of 21 December 1976, as amended by Commission Directive 92/103/EEC, of 1 December 1992, and any relevant measures adopted by EC Member states affecting imports of wood of conifers from Canada into the EC (WT/DS137/1).	2
DS134	European Communities – Measures Affecting Import Duties on Rice	India	On 28 May 1998, India requested consultations with the European Communities in respect of the restrictions allegedly introduced by an EC Regulation establishing a so-called cumulative recovery system (CRS), for determining certain import duties on rice, with effect from 1 July 1997 (WT/DS134/1).	2, in particular 2.1 and 2.2
DS100	United States – Measures Affecting Imports of Poultry Products	European Communities	On 18 August 1997, the European Communities requested consultations with the United States in respect of a ban on imports of poultry and poultry products from the European Communities by the US Department of Agriculture's Food Safety Inspection Service, and any related measures (WT/DS100/1).	2 and 5
DS61	United States – Import Prohibition of Certain Shrimp and Shrimp Products	Philippines	On 25 October 1996, the Philippines requested consultations with the United States in respect of a complaint by the Philippines regarding a ban on the importation of certain shrimp and shrimp products from the Philippines imposed by the United States under Section 609 of US Public Law 101-62 (WT/DS61/1).	2
DS41	Korea – Measures Concerning Inspection of Agricultural Products	United States	On 24 May 1996, the United States requested consultations with Korea concerning testing, inspection and other measures required for the importation of agricultural products into Korea. (WT/DS41/1).	2, 5 and 6
DS3	Korea – Measures Concerning the Testing and	United States	On 6 April 1995, the United States requested consultations with Korea involving testing and inspection requirements with respect to imports of	5 and 6

Case #	Case Name	Complaint By	State of Play	TBT Articles Invoked
	Inspection of Agricultural Products		agricultural products into Korea (WT/DS3/1). (See WT/DS41).	
2. Active panels				
DS174 DS290	European Communities – Protection of Trademarks and Geographical Indications for Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs	United States (DS174) and Australia (DS290)	<p>On 1 June 1999, the United States requested consultations with the European Communities in respect of the alleged lack of protection of trademarks and geographical indications (GIs) for agricultural products and foodstuffs in the European Communities (WT/DS174/1).</p> <p>On 4 April 2003, the United States sent an additional request for consultations concerning the protection of trademarks and GIs for agricultural products and foodstuffs in the European Communities (WT/DS174/1/Add.1).</p> <p>On 17 April 2003, Australia requested consultations with the European Communities concerning the protection of trademarks and to the registration and protection of geographical indications for foodstuffs and agricultural products in the European Communities (WT/DS290/1).</p> <p>On 18 August 2003, the United States and Australia requested separately the establishment of a panel (WT/DS174/20, WT/DS290/18). At its meeting on 2 October 2003, the DSB decided to establish a single panel.</p>	<p>United States: (none)</p> <p>Australia: 2</p>
DS291 DS292 DS293	European Communities – Measures Affecting the Approval and Marketing of Biotech Products	United States (DS291) Canada (DS292) and Argentina (DS293)	<p>On 13 May 2003, the United States and Canada requested consultations with the European Communities concerning certain measures taken by the European Communities and its member States affecting imports of agricultural and food imports from the United States and Canada (WT/DS291/1, WT/DS292/1). On 14 May 2003, Argentina requested consultations with the European Communities on the same matter (WT/DS293/1).</p> <p>On 7 August 2003, the United States, Canada and Argentina each requested the establishment of a panel (WT/DS291/23, WT/DS292/17, WT/DS293/17). At its meeting on 29 August 2003, the DSB decided to establish a single panel.</p>	<p>United States: 2 and 5</p> <p>Canada: 2.1, 2.2, 2.8, 5.1 and 5.2</p> <p>Argentina: 2, 5 and 12</p>
3. Mutually Agreed Solutions				
DS231	European Communities – Trade Description of Sardines	Peru	<p>On 20 March 2001, Peru requested consultations with the European Communities concerning Regulation (EEC) 2136/89 which, according to Peru, prevents Peruvian exporters from continuing to use the trade description "sardines" for their products (WT/DS231/1).</p> <p>The Appellate Body recommended that the DSB request the European Communities to bring the EC Regulation, as found to be inconsistent with</p>	2 and 12

Case #	Case Name	Complaint By	State of Play	TBT Articles Invoked
			<p>Article 2.4 of the TBT Agreement, into conformity with EC's obligations under that Agreement. On 23 October 2002, the DSB adopted the Appellate Body Report and the Panel Report, as modified by the Appellate Body Report (WT/DS231/R and WT/DS231/AB/R).</p> <p>On 19 December 2002, Peru and the EC informed the DSB that they had agreed that the reasonable period of time for the European Communities to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB, would expire on 23 April 2003 (WT/DS231/16). On 14 April 2003, the parties informed the DSB that they had reached an agreement to extend the reasonable period of time until 1 July 2003 (WT/DS231/17).</p> <p>On 25 July 2003, the European Communities and Peru informed the DSB that they had reached a mutually agreed solution pursuant to Article 3.6 of the DSU (WT/DS231/18).</p>	

V. ANNEXES

A. LIST OF WTO MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS

Members²⁹

Albania	El Salvador	Madagascar
Angola	Estonia	Malawi
Antigua and Barbuda	European Communities	Malaysia
Argentina	Fiji	Maldives
Armenia	Finland	Mali
Australia	Former Yugoslav Rep. of	Malta
Austria	Macedonia	Mauritania
Bahrain	France	Mauritius
Barbados	Gabon	Mexico
Bangladesh	Gambia	Moldova
Belgium	Georgia	Mongolia
Belize	Germany	Morocco
Benin	Ghana	Mozambique
Bolivia	Greece	Myanmar
Botswana	Grenada	Namibia
Brazil	Guatemala	Netherlands
Brunei Darussalam	Guinea	New Zealand
Bulgaria	Guinea Bissau	Nicaragua
Burkina Faso	Guyana	Niger
Burundi	Haiti	Nigeria
Cameroon	Honduras	Norway

²⁹Members on 31 December 2003.

Canada	Hong Kong, China	Oman
Central African Republic	Hungary	Pakistan
Chad	Iceland	Panama
Chile	India	Papua New Guinea
China	Indonesia	Paraguay
Chinese Taipei	Ireland	Peru
Colombia	Israel	Philippines
Congo	Italy	Poland
Congo, Democratic Rep. of the	Jamaica	Portugal
Costa Rica	Japan	Qatar
Côte d'Ivoire	Jordan	Romania
Croatia	Kenya	Rwanda
Cuba	Korea, Rep. of	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Cyprus	Kuwait	Saint Lucia
Czech Republic	Kyrgyz Republic	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Denmark	Latvia	Senegal
Djibouti	Lesotho	Sierra Leone
Dominica	Liechtenstein	Singapore
Dominican Republic	Lithuania	Slovak Republic
Ecuador	Luxembourg	Slovenia
Egypt	Macau, China	Solomon Islands
South Africa	Tanzania	United Arab Emirates
Spain	Thailand	United Kingdom
Sri Lanka	Togo	United States
Suriname	Trinidad and Tobago	Uruguay
Swaziland	Tunisia	Venezuela
Sweden	Turkey	Zambia
Switzerland	Uganda	Zimbabwe

Observer Governments³⁰

Algeria	Ethiopia	Sudan
Andorra	Kazakhstan	Tonga
Azerbaijan	Lao	Ukraine
Bahamas	Lebanon	Uzbekistan
Belarus	Nepal	Vanuatu
Bhutan	Russian Federation	Viet Nam
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Samoa	Yemen
Cambodia	Saudi Arabia	
Cape Verde	Seychelles	

Observer Organizations

African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP)*
Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración (ALADI)*
European Free Trade Association (EFTA)*
Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)

³⁰ Observers on 31 December 2003.

* Observer status on an *ad hoc* basis

International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
International Monetary Fund (IMF)
International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
International Trade Centre (ITC)
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Office International des Epizooties (OIE)
International Organization for Legal Metrology (OIML) *
United Nations Conference on trade and Development (UNCTAD)
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE)
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) *
World Health Organization (WHO)
WHO/FAO Codex Alimentarius Commission
The World Bank

B. LIST OF WORKING DOCUMENTS AND SPECIAL DOCUMENTS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 2003

Document Reference	Date of Issue	Title and Content of Documents	Number of Pages
G/TBT/W/193	10 February 2003	An Analysis of the Priorities Identified by Developing Country Members in their Responses to the Questionnaire for a "Survey to Assist Developing Country Members to Identify and Prioritize their Specific Needs in the TBT-Field (Note by the Secretariat)	9
G/TBT/W/194	10 March 2003	A Policy Framework for the Acceptance of Results of Conformity Assessment Procedures (Submission by Japan)	6
G/TBT/W/195	12 March 2003	Implementation of Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (Submission by The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu)	6
G/TBT/W/196	13 March 2003	Main Objectives for the Third Triennial Review of the Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement - General Concept Paper (Submission by Canada)	4
G/TBT/W/197	14 March 2003	Third Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement (Submission by the European Communities)	4
G/TBT/W/198	17 March 2003	TBT-Related Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (Submission from Australia)	11
G/TBT/W/199	17 March 2003	Korea's Experience in the Implementation of the WTO/TBT Agreement (Submission by Korea)	3
G/TBT/W/200	17 March 2003	Korea's Experience of Technical Assistance in the Area of the TBT (Submission by Korea)	2
G/TBT/W/201	18 March 2003	Technical Assistance Activities in the TBT Field: Japan (as of 11 March 2003) (Submission by Japan)	4
G/TBT/W/202	31 March 2003	Canadian Technical Assistance and Cooperation Activities in the TBT Field (Submission from Canada)	8
G/TBT/W/203	4 April 2003	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building in the TBT Field (Submission by New Zealand)	5
G/TBT/W/204	15 April 2003	Communication from Mexico	1
G/TBT/W/205	19 May 2003	Third Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement (Submission by the People's Republic of China)	1
G/TBT/W/206	19 May 2003	Communication from Mexico	1
G/TBT/W/207	22 May 2003	Overview of the Existing Databases on TBT-Related Technical Assistance (Note by the Secretariat)	5
G/TBT/W/208	22 May 2003	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation of Chemicals under Article 2.9.1 of the Agreement (Communication from the European Communities)	1
G/TBT/W/209	28 May 2003	Third Triennial Review of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (Communication from Mexico)	5
G/TBT/W/210	20 June 2003	Canada's Approach to Voluntary Conformity Assessment (Submission by Canada)	4
G/TBT/W/211	25 June 2003	Third Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement (Submission by New Zealand)	5

Document Reference	Date of Issue	Title and Content of Documents	Number of Pages
G/TBT/W/212	27 June 2003	Follow-up to the Workshop on TBT Related Technical Assistance (Communication from New Zealand)	3
G/TBT/W/213	27 June 2003	Contribution to the Third Triennial Review of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade. Labelling (Communication from Chile)	3
G/TBT/W/214	27 June 2003	Third Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement Notification Procedures Related to Amended Regulations Previously Notified to the WTO – Proposal (Submission from Brazil)	1
G/TBT/W/215	27 June 2003	Third Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement (Submission from Brazil)	6
G/TBT/W/216	30 June 2003	Follow-up to the Workshop on TBT-Related Technical Assistance: Proposal from New Zealand for an Information Coordination Mechanism (Submission by New Zealand)	2
G/TBT/W/217	30 June 2003	Conformity Assessment: A Framework to Improve the Application of the TBT Agreement (Submission by the European Communities)	3
G/TBT/W/218	30 June 2003	Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (Submission by the European Communities)	4
G/TBT/W/219	30 June 2003	Recent European Commission Developments in the Field of Better Regulation (Submission by the European Communities)	2
G/TBT/W/220	30 June 2003	Third Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement (Submission by the United States)	4
G/TBT/W/221	1 July 2003	Overview of Technical Cooperation Activities Regarding Metrology, Standardization and Conformity Assessment – Received and Tendered by Brazil (1995-2003) (Submission from Brazil)	10
G/TBT/W/222	1 July 2003	Third Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement (Submission by Japan)	2
G/TBT/W/223	1 July 2003	The Introduction of Discussions on Good Regulatory Practice in APEC (Submission by Japan)	3
G/TBT/W/224	7 July 2003	Third Triennial Review: Conformity Assessment and Transparency (Submission from Egypt)	4
G/TBT/W/225	14 July 2003	Follow-up of the Workshop on Technical Assistance: Outlines for a Database and Task Force to Enhance Delivery of Technical Assistance Activities (Submission by Egypt)	3
G/TBT/W/226	29 August 2003	Gradual Introduction of Upper Limits for Cadmium in Phosphate Fertilizers as an Early Notice under Article 2.9.1 of the Agreement (Communication by the European Communities)	1
G/TBT/W/227	6 October 2003	Transitional Review Mechanism pursuant to Paragraph 18 of the Protocol on the Accession of The People's Republic Of China ("China") (Submission by the European Communities to the TBT Committee)	4
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G/TBT/W/230 and Corr.1	17 and 23 Oct. 2003	The Third Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement (Submission by Thailand)	3 and 1
G/TBT/W/231	20 October 2003	Transitional Review Mechanism pursuant to Section 18 of the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China Questions from the United States to China	2
G/TBT/W/232	21 October 2003	Technical Cooperation and Assistance Programme Management Model (Submission from Brazil)	6
G/TBT/W/233	20 October 2003	The Third Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement Proposed Outcome on Technical Assistance (Joint Proposal by Canada and New Zealand)	3
G/TBT/W/234	21 October 2003	Enhancing Transparency for New or Changed Regulations/CA Procedures which Arise as a Result of Implementation of a Recommendation of the DSB (Submission by Canada)	3
G/TBT/W/235	6 November 2003	Annual Transitional Review mandated in Paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of the People's Republic of China: Information required in Annex 1A of WT/L/432 (Submission by the People's Republic of China)	5
G/TBT/W/236	11 Nov. 2003	Second Annual Transitional Review mandated in Paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of the People's Republic of China. Report (2003)	3
G/TBT/W/237	13 Nov. 2003	Second Annual Transitional Review mandated in Paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of the People's Republic of China: Statement by the Head of Chinese Delegation at the Meeting of the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade, 7 November 2003	3
G/TBT/W/238	5 December 2003	Communication from Mexico	1
JOB(03)/188	23 Sept. 2003	Compilation of information available to the Committee for the preparation of the Third Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement (Non-paper by the Secretariat)	56
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G/TBT/12 and Corr.1	21 Feb. and 11 Mar 2003	Eighth Annual Review of the Implementation and Operation of the Agreement (Background Document by the Secretariat)	16 and 1
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G/TBT/CS/2/Re v.9	19 February 2003	List of standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code of Good Practice for the preparation, adoption and application of standards since 1 January 1995 (Note by the Secretariat - Revision)	9
G/TBT/SPEC/21	18 June 2003	Report (2002) of the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (Update)	1
G/TBT/SPEC/22	16 October 2003	Report of the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (2003)	1

Members	Number of notifications made in 2003	Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 2003							Total number of notifications made since 1 January 1995
		2.9	2.10	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.2	Not specified	
Grenada	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Guatemala	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Guyana	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Hong Kong, China	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	47
Hungary	12	11	0	0	9	0	0	0	17
Iceland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
India	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
Indonesia	9	0	7	0	0	0	0	2	16
Israel	23	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	86
Italy	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
Jamaica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Japan	45	42	0	0	8	0	0	0	343
Jordan	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Korea, Republic of	19	19	0	0	2	0	0	0	157
Kuwait	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Latvia	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Lithuania	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Macau, China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Malaysia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	164
Mexico	47	41	2	0	4	0	0	0	271
Netherlands	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	589
New Zealand	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
Nicaragua	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Norway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
Oman	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Panama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
Peru	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Philippines	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	89
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Saint Lucia	19	18	0	0	1	0	0	0	21
Senegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Singapore	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	18
Slovak Republic	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	38
Slovenia	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
South Africa	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
Spain	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
Sri Lanka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Sweden	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	127

Members	Number of notifications made in 2003	Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 2003							Total number of notifications made since 1 January 1995
		2.9	2.10	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.2	Not specified	
Switzerland	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	105
Thailand	27	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	231
The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (Chinese Taipei)	5	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	10
Trinidad and Tobago	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Tunisia	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
United Kingdom	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	28
United States	26	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	255
Uruguay	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Venezuela	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
TOTAL	794	663	22	1	132	5	0	6	5460

D. OBJECTIVES AND RATIONALES STATED IN NOTIFICATIONS IN 2003

Objectives and Rationales	Notifications received in 2003 First Objective	Number of times that the objective was mentioned as the first, second or third objective in the notifications received in 2003
Consumer Information, Labelling	53	93
Prevention of Deceptive Practices and Consumer Protection.	97	126
Protection of Human Health or Safety	329	384
Protection of Animal or Plant Life or Health	13	23
Protection of Environment	30	89
Quality Requirements	52	71
Harmonization	51	60
Adoption of New Domestic Law and Technology	101	103
Lowering or Removal of Trade Barriers	2	3
Trade Facilitation	2	4
Cost Saving and Increasing Productivity	1	1
Others	24	29
Not Specified	39	0
Total	794	986³¹

³¹ In 2003, 196 Notifications referred to more than one objective.

E. OBSERVATION OF THE RECOMMENDED COMMENT PERIOD BY MEMBER IN 2003

Number of notifications made with comment period						
Members	Less than 45 days	45-59 days	60 days or more	Not specified, lapsed or stated as non-applicable	Of which notified under Articles 2.10 and 5.7	Total
Argentina	3	4	0	76	0	83
Armenia	1	0	0	0	0	1
Australia	3	4	2	6	2	15
Barbados	0	1	0	0	0	1
Belgium	0	0	1	0	0	1
Brazil	22	12	8	29	6	71
Canada	2	9	17	1	1	29
Chile	0	1	1	1	1	3
China, People's Rep. of	0	0	25	3	2	28
Colombia	0	0	23	2	1	25
Croatia	12	1	0	25	0	38
Czech Republic	7	6	8	0	0	21
Denmark	4	3	9	0	0	16
Dominican Rep.	0	0	0	22	0	22
El Salvador	1	0	23	2	1	26
European Communities	2	0	18	1	0	21
France	1	1	8	4	0	14
Georgia	0	0	0	2	0	2
Grenada	0	5	0	0	0	5
Guatemala	1	5	1	0	0	7
Guyana	0	0	0	17	0	17
Hong Kong, China	0	2	2	0	0	4
Hungary	2	0	0	10	0	12
Indonesia	0	0	9	0	0	9
Israel	0	0	23	0	0	23
Italy	0	0	2	0	0	2
Japan	7	18	20	0	0	45
Jordan	1	0	0	0	0	1
Korea, Rep. of	10	8	0	1	0	19
Latvia	2	2	0	3	0	7
Lithuania	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mexico	12	33	0	2	2	47
Netherlands	1	1	2	0	0	4
New Zealand	0	0	4	0	0	4
Nicaragua	0	0	22	0	0	22
Oman	0	1	0	0	0	1
Peru	0	0	2	1	0	3
Philippines	0	2	3	0	0	5

Number of notifications made with comment period						
Members	Less than 45 days	45-59 days	60 days or more	Not specified, lapsed or stated as non-applicable	Of which notified under Articles 2.10 and 5.7	Total
Saint Lucia	2	0	0	17	0	19
Singapore	0	0	1	0	0	1
Slovak Republic	0	0	0	2	1	2
Slovenia	0	0	3	2	0	5
South Africa	12	3	1	0	0	16
Spain	1	2	2	0	0	5
Sweden	0	5	4	0	0	9
Switzerland	3	1	6	0	0	10
Thailand	1	0	14	12	0	27
The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (Chinese Taipei)	1	1	3	0	0	5
Trinidad and Tobago	2	0	0	0	0	2
Tunisia	1	0	0	0	0	1
United Kingdom	0	1	3	0	0	4
United States	7	6	12	1	1	26
Uruguay	0	0	1	0	0	1
Venezuela	2	0	4	0	0	6
TOTAL	126	139	287	242	18	794