

DIAGNOSTIC STUDY ON SPS/TBT IN SASEC: TBT ISSUES FOR BANGLADESH

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Outline

- **Definition -Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)**
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- **TBTs in SASEC Countries**

Definition of TBT

- The 2012 classification of non-tariff measures (NTMs) developed by the Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST), a working group of eight international organizations, classifies TBTs as one of 16 non-tariff measures (NTMs) chapters.
- In this classification, TBTs are classified as chapter B and defined as "Measures referring to technical regulations, and procedures for assessment of conformity with technical regulations and standards, excluding measures covered by the SPS Agreement"

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Definition of TBT

- TBTs refer to measures such as labeling requirements, standards on technical specifications and quality standards, and other measures protecting the environment.
- TBTs also include all conformity-assessment measures related to technical requirements, such as certification, testing and inspection.
- Other examples of TBTs are rules for product weight, size, or packaging; ingredient or identity standards; shelf-life restrictions; and import testing and certification procedures.
- WTO has a separate Agreement on TBT, specifying how to use it, without creating, or minimizing trade restricting impacts.

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More on TBT

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Link to BSTI: [WTO-TBT activities in BSTI](#)

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Modalities of NTMs

- Quantitative restrictions and import licensing
- Embargoes and other restrictions of similar effect
- Export restraints
- Tariff quotas
- Requirements concerning marking, labelling and packaging
- Technical regulations and standards
- Testing and certification arrangements
- Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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Classification of NTMs

Import	Technical Measures	A	SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES
		B	TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE
		C	PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION AND OTHER FORMALITIES
	Non Technical Measures	D	CONTINGENT TRADE PROTECTIVE MEASURES
		E	NON-AUTOMATIC LICENSING & QUANTITY CONTROL MEASURES
		F	PRICE CONTROL MEASURES, ADDITIONAL TAXES AND CHARGES
		G	FINANCE MEASURES
		H	MEASURES AFFECTING COMPETITION
		I	TRADE-RELATED INVESTMENT MEASURES
		J	DISTRIBUTION RESTRICTIONS
		K	RESTRICTION ON POST-SALES SERVICES
		L	SUBSIDIES
		M	GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT RESTRICTIONS
		N	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
	O	RULES OF ORIGIN	
Export	P	EXPORTS MEASURES	

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Examples

HS 252390	- Other hydraulic cements	B81	Product registration requirement	BIS (India) marking is required
HS 78020090	Lead waste and scrap	B 14	Authorization requirement for TBT reasons	Special authorization requirement by National Environment Commission, Bhutan

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Examples

HS 151790	Other: Blended Edible Vegetable Oil	B7, B31	Product quality or performance requirement, Labeling requirements (Nepal)	Blended edible vegetable oil means admixture of any two refined edible vegetable oils where the proportion by weight of any refined edible vegetable oil used in the admixture is not less than 20 percent. The individual oils in the blend shall conform to the respective standards prescribed by the rules. The blend shall be free from rancidity, suspended or insoluble matter or any other foreign matter, separated water, added coloring matter, flavoring substances, mineral oil, or any other edible and non-edible oils
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TBTs in SASEC Countries (1/4)

- All SASEC countries maintain SPS and TBT measures.
- A few countries accept certificates from exporting countries, but most do not
- TBTs are implemented by various government agencies under various laws.

TBTs in SASEC Countries (2/4)

- **Bangladesh:** TBT related NTMs have been found for 218 product categories, mostly belonging to packaged food, household and consumer goods.
- **Bhutan:** TBT related NTMs have been found for 68 product categories, mostly belonging to chemicals and other raw materials having environmental concerns, processed food items, and household and consumer goods.

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TBTs in SASEC Countries (3/4)

- **India:** TBT related NTMs have been found for 228 product categories. Most of these products belong to machinery, equipment, and chemicals for industrial use; processed food items, and household & consumer goods.
- **Nepal:** TBT related NTMs found for 58 product categories, mostly belonging to chemicals, processed food items, and household & consumer goods.

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TBTs in SASEC Countries (4/4)

- **Maldives:** TBT related NTMs have been found for 7 product categories. Most of these products belong to pharmaceuticals, leather, processed food, publication and audio-visual materials, processed food items, and household & consumer goods.
- **Sri Lanka:** TBT related NTMs found for 110 product categories, mostly belonging to chemicals, processed food items, plastic, and household & consumer goods.

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Thank You

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