

# Special Meeting of the TBT Committee on Procedures for Information Exchange

## Contribution from Thailand



**“Preparation and submission of notifications”**  
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# Thailand Enquiry Points and Notification Authorities

## 1. Industrial products (except food and agricultural products):

Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI)

Ministry of Industry

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Website : [www.tisi.go.th](http://www.tisi.go.th)

# Thailand Enquiry Points and Notification Authorities (cont.)

## 2. Food and agricultural products :

National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS)

Ministry of Agricultural and Cooperatives

3 Rajadamnern - Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200,

Thailand

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Thailand has no special  
legislation for the implementation  
of the TBT Agreement

# To ensure the fulfillment of the notification obligations



- Arrangements and co-ordination with relevant regulatory bodies have been put in place through the mechanism of National Committees

- National committees comprising representatives from relevant government organizations and private sectors have been established.
- All interested parties have been informed of their obligations under the TBT Agreement.



# Preparation of notification

# What to notify



- Technical regulations
- Conformity assessment procedures
- Mandatory labelling requirements



# Find out about new proposed measures



- reminders (every 3 months)
- monitor the cabinet web site
- advice from regulatory bodies
- the media

## Necessary to notify:

- relevant international standard does not exist
- technical content is not in accordance with international standard
- may have significant effect on trade of other Members

# TBT / SPS / Both

Objectives

Protect human or animal or plant life or health from risks arising from pest, diseases, additives, toxins, contaminants, etc.

Yes

SPS

No

Technical regulation, CAP ?

Yes

TBT

## When to notify:

### 1. Routine (Art.2.9):

notify at an early appropriate stage,  
when a draft with the complete text  
is available ;

when amendments can still be  
introduced and comments taken  
into account

## 2. Urgent problems (Art.2.10):



- Safety, health, environmental protection, national security
- notify immediately upon adoption

# How to fill in the notification form

- only one form for both routine and urgent
- detailed instruction in Section III :

Notification procedures, G/TBT/1/Rev. (latest)

- information
  - as complete as possible
  - no section should be left blank

# Submission of notifications



- E-mail and mail to the Permanent Mission of Thailand to WTO
- Permanent Mission of Thailand to WTO submit to [crn@wto.org](mailto:crn@wto.org)

# Notifying New Proposed / Revised Measures

1. Check for new proposed/revised measures or receive advice of new proposed measures

2. Assess if a Notification is required

3. Decide if it is TBT or both TBT & SPS

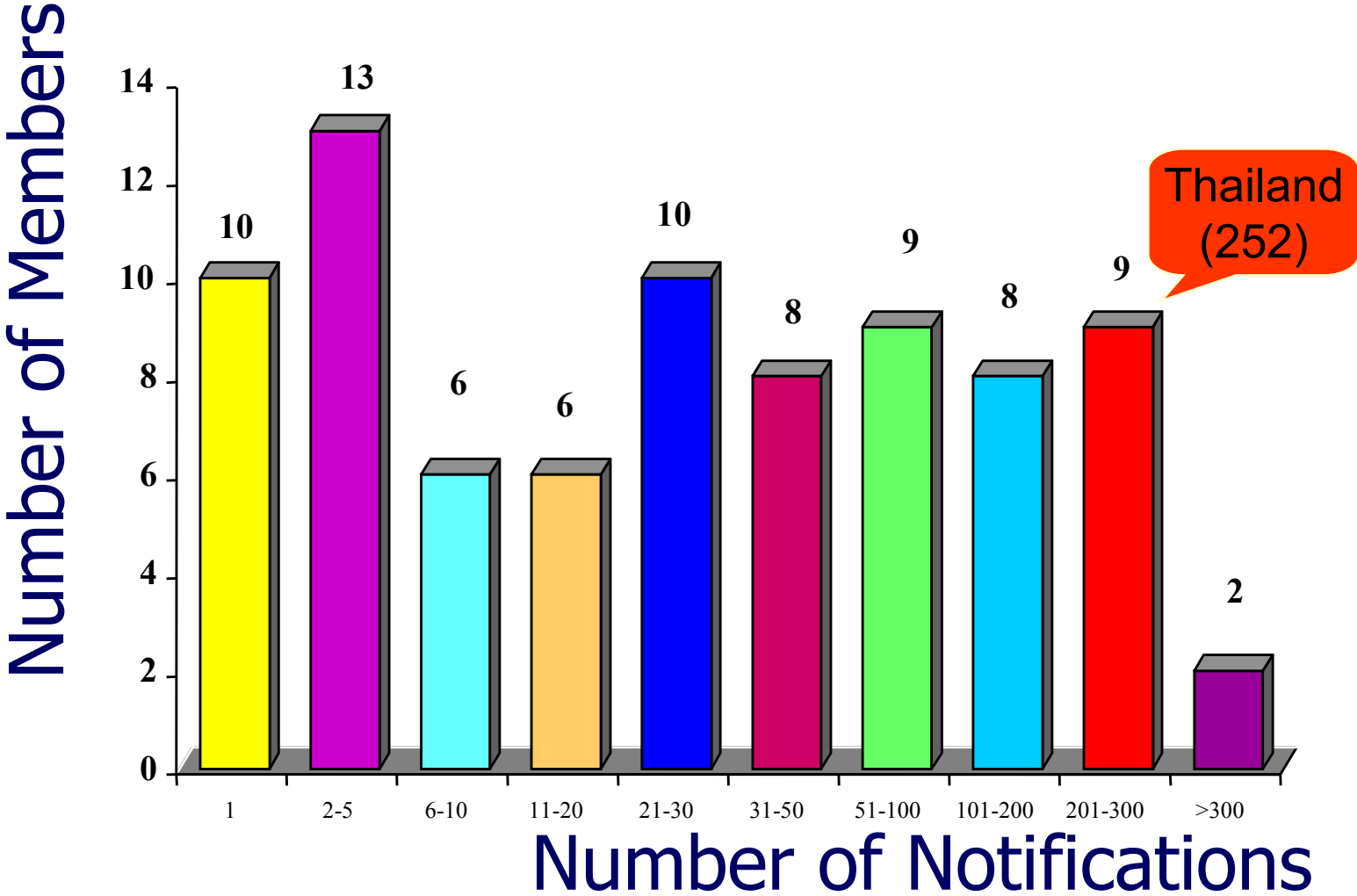
4. Decide when to notify


5. Complete Notification form

6. Submit to the WTO



Figure 1 : Number of Notifications per Member (1995-30 June 2004)





*Up to October 2004, Thailand had notified  
263 TBT notifications*

# Specific difficulties and problems encountered



- Insufficient awareness of the notification obligations at the operational level
- It is sometimes difficult to distinguish whether it is under TBT or SPS Agreement
- Notification form is not complete

# Specific difficulties and problems encountered (Cont.)



- Some regulations are late notified as the notification authority is informed after the regulations have been adopted or enforced due to differences in legislative procedures of regulatory bodies
  - but late is better than never

# Proposals



- Notifications should be checked for completeness and correctness according to the notification obligations before circulating to Members so as to avoid the same errors

*THANK YOU*



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