
Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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

Note by the Secretariat¹

1. The Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade² (the Committee) will conduct its twelfth annual review under Article 15.3 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (the Agreement) at its next meeting on 21 and 22 March 2007. 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 2006.

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¹ This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the position of Members and to their rights and obligations under the WTO.

² 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 TBT Agreement and to the Rules of Procedure, elected Mr. Margers Krams (Latvia) as its Chairperson for the year 2006-2007.

3. Three meetings were held in 2006 (15-17 March, 7-9 June and 9 November 2006).³ At these meetings, the Committee's attention was drawn to new or revised statements on implementation and administration of the Agreement, submitted under Article 15.2.⁴ Seventy-four specific trade concerns, thirty-four of which were new concerns, were brought to the attention of the Committee with regard to the potential adverse trade effects of the measures, or inconsistency with the Agreement.⁵

4. The Committee concluded the Fourth Triennial Review at its November meeting.⁶ During the Review of the Operation and Implementation of the Agreement under Article 15.4, the following six elements were explored: (i) implementation and administration of the Agreement; (ii) good regulatory practice; (iii) conformity assessment procedures; (iv) transparency; (v) technical assistance; and, (vi) special and differential treatment. A number of recommendations were made by the Committee.

5. At its March meeting, the Committee carried out its Eleventh Annual Review of the Implementation and Operation of the Agreement under Article 15.3 as well as the Eleventh Annual Review of the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards (Annex 3 of the Agreement).⁷

6. With the objective of providing a better understanding of conformity assessment in general, the Committee held, in March 2006, a workshop on Different Approaches to Conformity Assessments, including on the Acceptance of Conformity Assessment Results.⁸

7. At its November meeting, the Committee carried out the Fifth Annual Transitional Review mandated in Paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of the People's Republic of China.⁹

8. During the review period, the Committee heard statements from various observers on the activities relevant to the work of the TBT Committee, including on their technical assistance activities.¹⁰

³ G/TBT/M/38, G/TBT/M/39 and G/TBT/M/40.

⁴ The full list of Members having submitted a statement on implementation and administration of the Agreement under Article 15.2 (since January 1995) is contained in document G/TBT/GEN/1/Rev.5. In 2006, six Members submitted new statements under Article 15.2, while four issued supplements and three issued revisions to existing statements. The six new statements were from: Qatar (G/TBT/2/Add.87), Bangladesh (G/TBT/2/Add.88), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (G/TBT/2/Add.89), the Republic of the Fiji Islands (G/TBT/2/Add.90), Paraguay (G/TBT/2/Add.91), and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (G/TBT/2/Add.92). The European Communities (G/TBT/2/Add.12/Rev.3/Suppl.1), Brazil (G/TBT/2/Add.26/Rev.2/Suppl.2), Moldova (G/TBT/2/Add.68/Suppl.1) and Uganda (G/TBT/2/Add.23/Suppl.1) issued supplements to original statements. Bulgaria (G/TBT/2/Add.32/Rev.3), Chile (G/TBT/2/Add.16/Rev.1), and Papua New Guinea (G/TBT/2/Add.77/Rev.1) issued revisions to existing statements.

⁵ A list of the specific trade concerns raised in 2006 is contained in Annex C.

⁶ A list of documents submitted and discussed during the Fourth Triennial Review is contained in Annex I of the Report of the Fourth Triennial Review (G/TBT/19).

⁷ The Eleventh Annual Review is contained in document G/TBT/18. Other relevant background documents to this review are: the list of standardizing bodies that had accepted the Code in 2005 and since 1995 (G/TBT/CS/1/Add.10 and G/TBT/CS/2/Rev.12) and the WTO TBT Standards Code Directory (eleventh edition).

⁸ G/TBT/M/38/Add.1

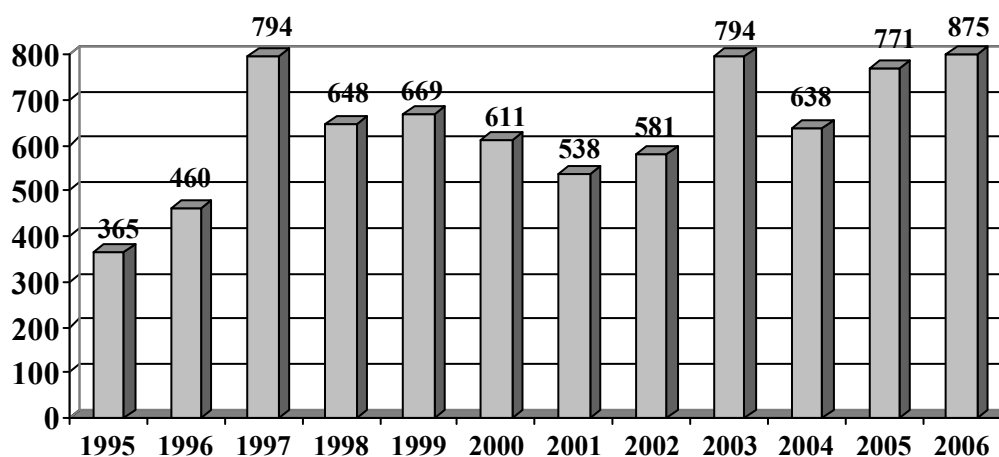
⁹ Fifth Annual Transitional Review mandated in paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of the People's Republic of China, Report (G/TBT/20).

9. During the review period, three notifications of specific technical assistance needs and responses were made pursuant to the Committee's decision contained in G/TBT/16.¹¹

II. TRANSPARENCY PROCEDURES¹²

10. In 2006, Members submitted 875 new notifications of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures. Since the entry into force of the Agreement on 1 January 1995, up to 31 December 2005, 7744 such notifications have been made by 84 Members.

Figure 1: Total Number of TBT Notifications since 1995

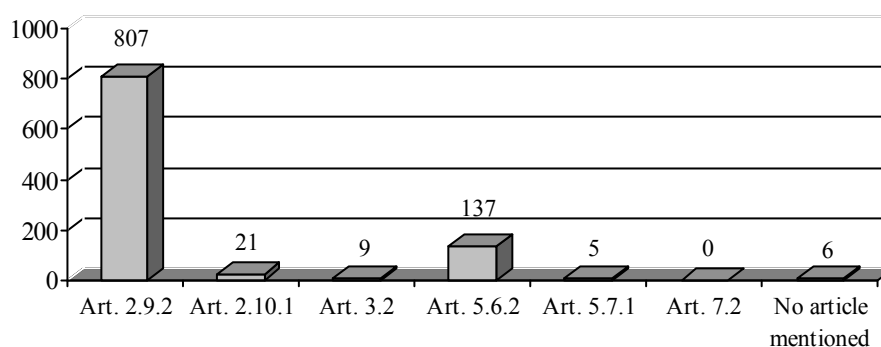


¹⁰ Statements were heard from the Alimentarius Commission (Codex), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the International Trade Centre (ITC), the International Organization for Legal Metrology (OIML), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), International Organization for Standardization (ISO), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE).

¹¹ G/TBT/TA-2/JAM (Jamaica); G/TBT/TA-2/ARM (Armenia); and G/TBT/TA-3/CRI (Costa Rica).

¹² The data for the graphs in this section are drawn from the tables in Annexes D, E and F.

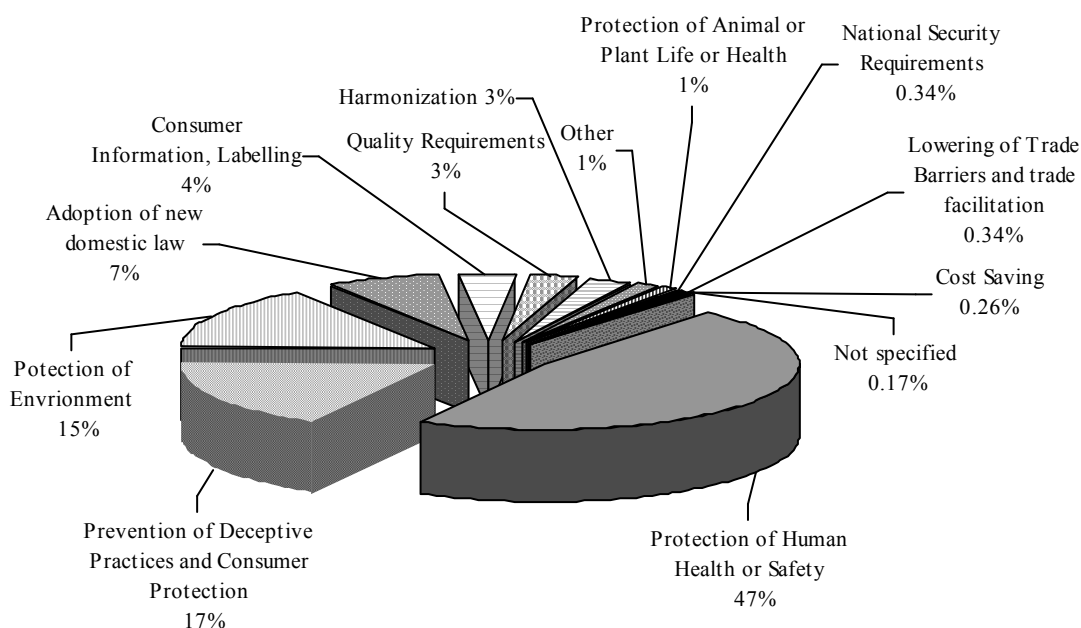
Figure 2: Notifications in 2006 by Article¹³



11. Amongst the 875 notifications received in 2006, the following objectives have been mentioned by Members: protection of human health or safety (in 541 notifications); prevention of deceptive practices (in 199 notifications); protection of the environment (in 179 notifications); adoption of new domestic law (in 81 notifications); consumer information and labelling (in 43 notifications); quality requirements (in 36 notifications); harmonization (in 32 notifications); protection of animal or plant life or health (in 13 notifications); national security requirements (in 4 notifications); lowering or removal of trade barriers and trade facilitation (in 4 notifications); and cost saving and increasing productivity (in 3 notifications). 276 notifications referred to more than one objective, 14 notifications referred to other objectives, and two did not specify any legitimate objective.

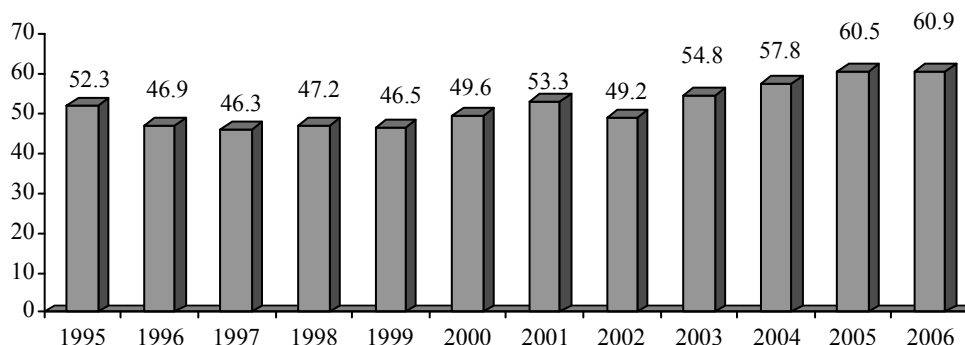
¹³ 110 notifications indicated more than one article.

Figure 3: Percentage of Notifications by Stated Objective in 2006



12. The Committee has recommended that the normal time-limit for presentation of comments on notified technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures should be 60 days. Moreover, it was recommended that any Member able to provide a time limit beyond 60 days, such as 90 days, was encouraged to do so.¹⁴ In 2006, Members allowed an average of 60.9 days for comments. 95 notifications either did not specify a comment period, or 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



13. In 2006, only three notifications were made under Article 10.7 regarding agreements on issues related to technical regulations, standards or conformity assessment procedures. These

¹⁴ "Decisions and Recommendations adopted by the Committee since 1 January 1995", Note by the Secretariat, 23 May 2002, G/TBT/1/Rev.8, page 17.

notifications pertained to a joint submission by Australia and Canada (G/TBT/10.7/N/48) and to submissions by the United States (G/TBT/10.7/N/49 and G/TBT/10.7/N/50).

14. In 2006, twelve standardizing bodies from twelve Members accepted the Code of Good Practice (Annex 3 of the Agreement, hereafter "the Code").¹⁵ A list of standardizing bodies that adhered to the Code in the period under review is contained in document G/TBT/CS/1/Add.11. Since the entry into force of the Agreement and up until 31 December 2006, 160 standardizing bodies from 114 Members have adhered to the Code.¹⁶ Document G/TBT/CS/2/Rev.13 contains the list, by Member, of standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code since 1 January 1995 up until 17 February 2007. The ISO/IEC Information Centre has prepared the Eleventh Edition of the WTO TBT Standards Code Directory which lists all standardizing bodies that have notified their acceptance of the Code together with the addresses of these standardizing bodies and information related to the availability of their work programmes.

15. In addition, 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 Articles 2.9.1 and 5.6.1 of the Agreement, and publications in which the final texts are published under Articles 2.11 and 5.8 is contained in document G/TBT/2 and addenda.
- (b) The list of WTO TBT Enquiry Points under Articles 10.1 and 10.3 is contained in document G/TBT/ENQ/28 and G/TBT/ENQ/28/Corr.1. The addresses of Enquiry Points are also available on the TBT Website.¹⁷
- (c) In addition to the usual means of distribution, TBT notifications are also circulated through an automatic mailing list, once a week in the original language.¹⁸
- (d) Monthly summaries of notifications for 2006 are contained in documents G/TBT/GEN/N/61-72.
- (e) A list of official publications in relation to technical regulations, conformity assessment procedures and standards is contained in document G/TBT/GEN/39 (List of Members' Publications in Relation to Technical Regulations, Conformity Assessment Procedures and Standards).

¹⁵ Antigua and Barbuda (G/TBT/CS/N/160), the Republic of Niger (G/TBT/CS/N/161), Nigeria (G/TBT/CS/N/162), Qatar (G/TBT/CS/N/163), Australia (G/TBT/CS/N/164), Honduras (G/TBT/CS/N/165), the United Arab Emirates (G/TBT/CS/N/166), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (G/TBT/CS/N/167), Mexico (G/TBT/CS/N/168), Republic of Croatia (G/TBT/CS/N/169), Papua New Guinea (G/TBT/CS/N/170), and Australia (G/TBT/CS/N/161) submitted notifications of acceptance of the Code of Good Practice.

¹⁶ Niger accepted the Code of Good Practice on 13 January 2006 (G/TBT/CS/N/161). Notifications of acceptance of the Code by standardizing bodies of Members are contained in documents G/TBT/CS/N/1-171. Notifications G/TBT/CS/N/118 and 138 have been cancelled.

¹⁷ See http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tbt_e/tbt_enquiry_points_e.htm.

¹⁸ Interested persons can subscribe to the mailing list at: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tbt_e/tbt_mailing_list_e.htm.

III. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT¹⁹

16. In 2006, the Secretariat organized three regional workshops in:

- (a) Uruguay for ALADI Members;²⁰
- (b) Fiji for the Pacific Island States;²¹ and
- (c) Tunisia for West Africa and other French-speaking African countries.²²

17. The basic objectives of these regional workshops were to assist participants to consolidate their knowledge of the TBT Agreement and to update them on the discussions in the TBT Committee, with a view to improving participation in the Committee's work. Moreover, these workshops provided a forum for participants to exchange views and experiences on TBT issues. The workshops included sessions devoted to experience-sharing and discussion of specific cases. Special focus was given in 2006 to standardization, conformity assessment, and issues of relevance to the Triennial Review. Particular attention was also given to the implementation and operation of the Agreement's transparency provisions. Codex, the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), International Organization for Legal Metrology (OIML), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) participated in various of the workshops.²³ Moreover, co-operation was received from regional partners: for instance, in the workshop for the Pacific Island States, inputs were provided by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS).

18. In response to requests received from individual Members, three workshops were organized in Angola, Bulgaria and Costa Rica. These workshops aimed at promoting a better understanding of the rights and obligations under the TBT Agreement and at addressing issues of specific interest to these Members, including their specific trade concerns.

19. The trade policy courses organized by the WTO Secretariat, both Geneva-based and regional, included sessions on the TBT Agreement. TBT training was provided in the regional trade policy courses held in Jamaica for the Caribbean, in Hong Kong for the Asian region, in Namibia for English-speaking African countries, in Morocco for French-speaking African countries and in Chile for Latin America. Other technical assistance activities included a Geneva-based workshop on "Different Approaches to Conformity Assessment", including on the Acceptance of Conformity Assessment Results" (see paragraph 6, above).

¹⁹ A complete list of 2006 TBT-related technical assistance activities undertaken by the Secretariat is contained in Annex G.

²⁰ Uruguay, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, México, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela were invited.

²¹ Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue Island, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Island, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu were invited.

²² Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Djibouti, Guinea Equatorial, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Togo and Tunisia were invited.

²³ OIML, IEC and ISO participated in the Uruguay and Fiji workshops. Codex, IEC, ISO, OIML and UNIDO participated in the Tunisia workshop.

IV. DISPUTES INVOLVING PROVISIONS OF THE TBT AGREEMENT

20. The state of play during the year 2006 with regard to disputes that have involved 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) and on 31 January 2003, India accepted this request (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
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 of 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 European Communities (WT/DS137/1).	2

Case #	Case Name	Complaint By	State of Play	TBT Articles Invoked
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 Inspection of Agricultural Products	United States	On 6 April 1995, the United States requested consultations with Korea involving testing and inspection requirements with respect to imports of agricultural products into Korea (WT/DS3/1). (See WT/DS41).	5 and 6
2. Adopted Panel Reports				
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>On 23 February 2004, the United States, Canada and Argentina requested the Director-General to compose the panel. On 4 March 2004, the Director-General composed the panel.</p> <p>Argentina (in respect of the United States' and Canada's complaints), Australia, Brazil, Canada (in respect of the United States' and Argentina's complaints), Chile, China, Colombia, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Uruguay and the United States (in respect of Canada's and Argentina's complaints) reserved their third-party rights.</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>

Case #	Case Name	Complaint By	State of Play	TBT Articles Invoked
DS291 DS292 DS293 (cont'd)	European Communities – Measures Affecting the Approval and Marketing of Biotech Products (cont'd)		<p>On 29 September 2006, the panel reports were circulated to Members (WT/DS291/R, WT/DS292/R and WT/DS293/R). At its meeting on 21 November 2006, the DSB adopted the panel reports.</p> <p>At the DSB meeting on 19 December 2006, the European Communities announced its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in a manner consistent with its WTO obligations. However, due to the complexity and sensitivity of the issues involved, the European Communities would need a reasonable period of time for implementation. Pursuant to Article 21.3(b) of the DSU, the European Communities was ready to discuss an appropriate timeframe with Argentina, Canada and the United States.</p>	
3. Implementation of Adopted Reports				
DS174 DS290	European Communities – Protection of Trademarks and Geographical Indications for Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs	United States (DS174) and Australia (DS290)	<p>On 15 March 2005, the Panel reports were circulated to Members (WT/DS174/R and WT/DS290/R). The DSB adopted the Panel reports on 20 April 2005.</p> <p>At the DSB meeting of 19 May 2005, the European Communities stated its intention to implement the DSB's recommendations and indicated that it would need a reasonable period of time to do so. On 9 June 2005, the European Communities, Australia and the United States informed the DSB that they had agreed pursuant to Article 21.3(b) of the DSU that the reasonable period of time for implementation shall be 11 months and 2 weeks, expiring on 3 April 2006.</p> <p>At the DSB meeting on 17 February 2006, the European Communities said that a new regulation on geographical indications which would fully implement the DSB's recommendations and rulings was being discussed in the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament. It was expected that the Commission's proposal would be adopted within the agreed reasonable period of time.</p> <p>At the DSB meeting on 21 April 2006, the European Communities said that they had fully implemented the DSB's recommendations and rulings by adopting a new regulation which entered into force on 31 March 2006. Australia and the United States disagreed that the European Communities had fully implemented the DSB's recommendations and rulings and invited the European Communities to take account of their comments and revise the newly promulgated regulation.</p>	United States: (none) Australia: 2

V. ANNEXES

A. LIST OF WTO MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS

Members²⁴

Albania	Ghana	Panama
Angola	Greece	Papua New Guinea
Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada	Paraguay
Argentina	Guatemala	Peru
Armenia	Guinea	Philippines
Australia	Guinea Bissau	Poland
Austria	Guyana	Portugal
Bahrain	Haiti	Qatar
Bangladesh	Honduras	Romania
Barbados	Hong Kong, China	Rwanda
Belgium	Hungary	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belize	Iceland	Saint Lucia
Benin	India	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bolivia	Indonesia	Saudi Arabia
Botswana	Ireland	Senegal
Brazil	Israel	Sierra Leone
Brunei Darussalam	Italy	Singapore
Bulgaria	Jamaica	Slovak Republic
Burkina Faso	Japan	Slovenia
Burundi	Jordan	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Kenya	South Africa
Cameroon	Korea, Rep. of	Spain
Canada	Kuwait	Sri Lanka
Central African Republic	Kyrgyz Republic	Suriname
Chad	Latvia	Swaziland
Chile	Lesotho	Sweden
China, People's Republic of	Liechtenstein	Switzerland
Colombia	Lithuania	Separate Customs Territory of
Congo	Luxembourg	Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and
Congo, Democratic Rep. of the	Macau, China	Matsu (Chinese Taipei)
Costa Rica	Madagascar	Tanzania
Côte d'Ivoire	Malawi	Thailand
Croatia	Malaysia	Togo
Cuba	Maldives	Trinidad and Tobago
Cyprus	Mali	Tunisia
Czech Republic	Malta	Turkey
Denmark	Mauritania	Uganda
Djibouti	Mauritius	United Arab Emirates
Dominica	Moldova	United Kingdom
Dominican Republic	Mexico	United States
Ecuador	Mongolia	Uruguay
Egypt	Morocco	Venezuela
El Salvador	Mozambique	Vietnam
Estonia	Myanmar	Zambia
European Communities	Namibia	Zimbabwe

²⁴ Members on 31 January 2007.

Fiji	Nepal
Finland	Netherlands
Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia (FYROM)	New Zealand
France	Nicaragua
Gambia	Niger
Gabon	Nigeria
Georgia	Norway
Germany	Oman
	Pakistan

Observer Governments²⁵

Afghanistan	Holy See (Vatican)	Serbia
Algeria	Iran	Seychelles
Andorra	Iraq	Sudan
Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Tajikistan
Bahamas	Laos, P.D.R. of	Tonga
Belarus	Lebanese Republic	Ukraine
Bhutan	Libya	Uzbekistan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Montenegro	Vanuatu
Cape Verde	Russian Federation	Yemen
Equatorial Guinea	Samoa	
Ethiopia	Sao Tomé and Príncipe	

Observer Organizations

African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP)²⁶
Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración (ALADI)²⁶
European Free Trade Association (EFTA)²⁶
Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
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)²⁶
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE)
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)²⁶
World Health Organization (WHO)
WHO/FAO Codex Alimentarius Commission
The World Bank

²⁵ Observers on 31 January 2007.

²⁶ Observer status on an *ad hoc* basis.

B. LIST OF TBT DOCUMENTS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 2006

Document Reference	Date of Issue	Title
1. Working Documents (G/TBT/W/ -)		
G/TBT/W/251/Add.1	9 November 2006	Intellectual Property Right (IPR) Issues in Standardization
G/TBT/W/261	3 March 2006	Fourth Triennial Review of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade
G/TBT/W/262	10 March 2006	Report on the result of standards alignment work in APEC
G/TBT/W/263	10 March 2006	Fourth Triennial Review of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade
G/TBT/W/264	13 March 2006	Advancing the Discussion of Instrument Choice under Good Regulatory Practice
G/TBT/W/265	17 May 2006	Counterfeiting of Certification Marks Affixed to Goods where there Exists a Health and/or Safety Concern
G/TBT/W/265/Rev.1	23 May 2006	Counterfeiting of Certification Marks Affixed to Goods where there Exists a Health and/or Safety Concern
G/TBT/W/266	7 June 2006	Fourth Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade
G/TBT/W/267	8 June 2006	Good Regulatory Practice – National Experiences
G/TBT/W/268	12 June 2006	Fourth Triennial Review of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade: Good Regulatory Practice and Transparency
G/TBT/W/269	6 October 2006	Fourth Triennial review of the Operation and Implementation of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade
G/TBT/W/270	10 October 2006	Transitional Review Mechanism in Connection with Paragraph 18 of the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China
G/TBT/W/271	16 October 2006	Transitional Review Mechanism in Connection with Paragraph 18 of the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China ("China")
G/TBT/W/272	17 October 2006	China's Transitional Review Mechanism
G/TBT/W/273	9 November 2006	Technical Assistance Activities in the TBT Field (European Commission and EU Member State funded)
G/TBT/W/274	9 November 2006	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
2. Minutes of the Meetings (G/TBT/M/ -)		
G/TBT/M/38	23 May 2006	Minutes of the Meeting of 15 and 17 March 2006 (Note by the Secretariat)
G/TBT/M/39	31 July 2006	Minutes of the Meeting of 7- 9 June 2006 (Note by the Secretariat)
G/TBT/M/40	26 January 2007	Minutes of the Meeting of 9 November 2006 (Note by the Secretariat)

3. General Documents (G/TBT/GEN/ -)		
G/TBT/GEN/N/60-72	January - February 2007	Notifications issued from December 2005 to December 2006
G/TBT/GEN/1/Rev.3 and Rev.4	16 February and 27 October 2006	Statements on Implementation and Administration of the Agreement under Article 15.2 (Note by the Secretariat - Revision)
G/SPS/GEN/491/Add.4 and Add.5 G/TBT/GEN/7/Add.4 and Add.5	21 June 2006 and 20 October 2006	Communication from Mexico
G/TBT/GEN/31	9 March 2006	Workshop on the Different Approaches to Conformity Assessment (Programme)
G/TBT/GEN/32	23 May 2006	Report Provided by the CODEX Alimentarius Commission at the TBT Committee Meeting of 15-17 MARCH 2006 (Agenda Item 5(b): Updating by Observers)
G/TBT/GEN/33	23 May 2006	Report Provided by the OIML at the TBT Committee meeting of 15-17 March 2006 (Agenda Item 5(b): Updating by Observers)
G/TBT/GEN/34	23 May 2006	TBT Technical Assistance Activities in 2006 (Information from the Secretariat)
G/TBT/GEN/35	21 June 2006	Information provided by the International Trade Centre at the meeting of the TBT Committee on 7 – 9 June 2006 (Agenda Item 4: Technical Cooperation)
G/TBT/GEN/36	21 June 2006	Report Provided by the OIML at the TBT Committee Meeting of 7 – 9 June 2006 (Agenda Item 5: Updating by Observers)
G/TBT/GEN/37	23 June 2006	Report Provided by the CODEX Alimentarius Commission at the TBT Committee Meeting of 7-9 June 2006 (Agenda Item 5: Updating by Observers)
G/TBT/GEN/38	28 July 2006	Submission by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) to the meeting of the WTO Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade, Geneva, 7-9 June 2006
G/TBT/GEN/39	30 October 2006	List of Members' Publications in Relation to Technical Regulations, Conformity Assessment Procedures and Standards (Note from the Secretariat)
G/TBT/GEN/40	31 October 2006	Attachments to TBT Notifications (Information from the Secretariat)
G/TBT/GEN/41	8 December 2006	Report Provided by the CODEX Alimentarius Commission at the TBT Committee Meeting of 9 November 2006 (Agenda Item 5: Updating by Observers)
G/TBT/GEN/42	8 December 2006	Report provided by Norway at the TBT Committee Meeting of November 9-10 2006 (Agenda item 4: Technical Cooperation)
G/TBT/GEN/43	8 December 2006	Information provided by the International Trade Centre at the Meeting of the TBT Committee on 9 November 2006 (Agenda Item 4: Technical Cooperation)
G/TBT/GEN/44	8 December 2006	TBT Technical Assistance Activities undertaken in 2006 and planned for 2007 (Information from the Secretariat)
G/TBT/GEN/45	8 December 2006	Report Provided by the OIML at the TBT Committee meeting of 9 November 2006 (Agenda Item 5: Updating by Observers)

4. Documents Relating to the Code of Good Practice (G/TBT/CS/ -)		
G/TBT/CS/1/Add.10	16 February 2006	List of Standardizing Bodies that have Accepted the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards in 2005 (Note by the Secretariat)
G/TBT/CS/2/Rev.12	17 February 2006	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)
G/TBT/CS/N/160	17 January 2006	Notification under Paragraph C of the WTO TBT Code of Good Practice (Antigua and Barbuda)
G/TBT/CS/N/161	17 January 2006	Notification under Paragraph C of the WTO TBT Code of Good Practice (Niger)
G/TBT/CS/N/162	30 January 2006	Notification under Paragraph C of the WTO TBT Code of Good Practice (Nigeria)
G/TBT/CS/N/163	1 March 2006	Notification under Paragraph C of the WTO TBT Code of Good Practice (Qatar)
G/TBT/CS/N/164	14 March 2006	Notification under Paragraph C of the WTO TBT Code of Good Practice (Australia)
G/TBT/CS/N/165	27 March 2006	Notification under Paragraph C of the WTO TBT Code of Good Practice (Honduras)
G/TBT/CS/N/166	2 May 2006	Notification under Paragraph C of the WTO TBT Code of Good Practice (United Arab Emirates)
G/TBT/CS/N/167	8 May 2006	Notification under Paragraph C of the WTO TBT Code of Good Practice (Saudi Arabia)
G/TBT/CS/N/168	4 July 2006	Notification under Paragraph C of the WTO TBT Code of Good Practice (Mexico)
G/TBT/CS/N/169	2 August 2006	Notification under Paragraph C of the WTO TBT Code of Good Practice (Croatia)
G/TBT/CS/N/170	29 September 2006	Notification under Paragraph C of the WTO TBT Code of Good Practice (Papua New Guinea)
G/TBT/CS/N/171	26 October 2006	Notification under Paragraph C of the WTO TBT Code of Good Practice (Australia)
5. Statements on the Implementation and Administration of the TBT Agreement (G/TBT/2/ -)		
G/TBT/2/Add.16/Rev.1	16 March 2006	Communication from Chile
G/TBT/2/Add.23/Supp.1	12 April 2006	Communication from Uganda
G/TBT/2/Add.87	27 February 2006	Communication from Qatar
G/TBT/2/Add.88	19 May 2006	Communication from the People's Republic of Bangladesh
G/TBT/2/Add.89	19 May 2006	Communication from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
G/TBT/2/Add.90	12 September 2006	Communication from the Republic of the Fiji Islands
G/TBT/2/Add.68/Supp.1	10 October 2006	Communication from Moldova
G/TBT/2/Add.91	29 September 2006	Communication from Paraguay
G/TBT/2/Add.77/Rev.1	27 October 2006	Communication from Papua New Guinea
G/TBT/2/Add.26/Rev.2/Supp.2	6 November 2006	Communication from Brazil
G/TBT/2/Add.12/Rev.3/Supp.1	22 November 2006	Communication from the European Communities
G/TBT/2/Add.92	24 November 2006	Communication from the Republic of Guinea-Bissau
G/TBT/2/Add.32/Rev.3	15 December 2006	Communication from the Republic of Bulgaria

6. Other Documents		
G/TBT/18	17 February 2006	Eleventh Annual Review of the Implementation and Operation of the TBT Agreement (Note by the Secretariat)
G/TBT/19	14 November 2006	Fourth Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade under Article 15.4
G/TBT/20	16 November 2006	Fifth Annual Transitional Review Mandated in Paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of the People's Republic of China
G/TBT/ENQ/27, G/TBT/ENQ/28 and Corr.1	17 February, 27 October and 12 December 2006	National Enquiry Points (Note by the Secretariat)
7. Job documents (JOB(06)/ -)		
JOB(06)/142	19 May 2006	Fourth Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (Draft by the Chairman)
JOB(06)/156	26 May 2006	7-9 June 2006 TBT Committee Meeting (Annotated Draft Agenda)
JOB(06)/24	15 February 2006	Fourth Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the TBT Agreement – Draft Factual Elements (Background Note by the Secretariat)
JOB(06)/44	6 March 2006	15-17 March 2006 TBT Committee Meeting (Annotated Draft Agenda)
JOB(06)/50	10 March 2006	List of Members' Publications in Relation to Technical Regulations, Conformity Assessment Procedures and Standards (Note from the Secretariat)
JOB(06)/172	7 June 2006	Fourth Triennial Review of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade Good Regulatory Practice and Transparency (Communication from Chile)
JOB(06)/229	25 July 2006	Special and Differential Treatment (Extracts of Submissions Relating to the Monitoring Mechanism)
JOB(06)/247	27 October 2006	Fifth Annual Transitional Review Mandated in Paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of the People's Republic of China (Draft 2006 Report)
JOB(06)/248	30 October 2006	Report (2006) of the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (Draft Report)
JOB(06)/250 and Rev. 1	1 November and 2 November 2006	9-10 November 2006 TBT Committee Meeting (Annotated Draft Agenda)
JOB (06)/252	1 November 2006	The Reference to the Sixth Edition of the ISO/IEC Guide 2: 1991 in Annex 1 of the Agreement on Terms and their Definitions (Background Note by the Secretariat)
JOB(06)/261	1 December 2006	Committee on Trade and Environment - Meeting of 18 December 2006 (Annotated Draft Agenda)
JOB(06)/263 and Corr.1	12 December and 15 December 2006	Environmental Requirements and Market Access Work in the TBT and SPS Committees (Note by the Secretariat)

C. SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS RAISED IN 2006

I. New concerns (34)	
1. Norway – Restrictions on the Use of deca-BDE	
Raised by	Japan; United States; Ireland; Jordan
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 5-10); June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, paras. 23-26); November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 82-83)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/NOR/6, Corr.1 and Add.1
2. Sweden – Restrictions on the Use of deca-BDE	
Raised by	Japan; United States; Ireland; Jordan
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 11-13); June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, paras. 34-37); November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 29-30)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/SWE/59
3. European Communities - Draft Commission Decision regarding the Classification of the Reaction to Fire Performance of Construction Products	
Raised by	Japan; United States, Philippines; Colombia; Brazil; Korea; Mexico
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 14-21); June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, paras. 73-74); November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 41-42)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/EEC/92 and Add.1
4. Korea - Recycling of Electrical and Electronic Products and Automobiles	
Raised by	Japan; United States; European Communities
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 22-24); June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, paras. 71-72); November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 36-38)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/KOR/105
5. China - Revision of List of Toxic Chemicals Severely Restricted in the People's Republic of China in the Regulation for Environmental Management on the First Import of Chemicals and the Import and Export of Toxic Chemicals	
Raised by	European Communities; Japan; United States
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 25-31); June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, paras. 53-56); November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 53-56)
Relevant document(s)	
6. China - Import and Export Inspections	
Raised by	European Communities; Mexico
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 32, 35, 37)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/CHN/182
7. China - Paper articles	
Raised by	European Communities; Mexico
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 32, 35, 37)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/CHN/183

8. China - Domestic Gas Cooking Appliances	
Raised by	The European Communities
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 38-40); November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 84-85)
Relevant document(s)	
9. India – Fifth Amendment to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 42-44)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/IND/11
10. India – Regulation on Medical Devices	
Raised by	European Communities; United States
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 45-47); June 2006 (G/TBT/M39, paras. 39-42); November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 57-59)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/IND/19
11. Japan - Amendment to the Enforcement Order of the Law for the Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources	
Raised by	European Communities; China
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 48-50)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/JPN/156, Add.1 and Corr.1
12. Brazil - Gas Fuelled Lighters, Disposable or Refillable	
Raised by	European Communities; United States
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, para. 51)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/BRA/193
13. European Communities - Textiles Products and Fibres	
Raised by	Brazil
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, para. 52)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/SVK/7
14. Costa Rica - Fruit Juices	
Raised by	Brazil
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, para. 53)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/CRI/14 and Add.1
15. European Communities - Fireworks and other Pyrotechnic Articles	
Raised by	China
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, para. 54-55)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/EEC/97 and Add.1

16. United States - Energy Conservation Standards for Certain Consumer Products and Commercial and Industrial Equipment	
Raised by	China
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 56-57); June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, paras. 38)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/USA/154
17. Saudi Arabia - International Conformity Certification Programme (ICCP)	
Raised by	United States; Japan; Mexico
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 58-59); June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, para 61); November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 73-75)
Relevant document(s)	
18. China - Labelling Audit System for Imported Food and Cosmetic Products	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	June 2006 (G/TBT/M39, paras. 4-5)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/CHN/190
19. India - Mandatory labelling for biotechnology food products and Trade Policy Requiring Approval for importing Biotechnology Products	
Raised by	United States
Dates raised	June 2006 (G/TBT/M39, paras. 9-10)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/BEL/39, G/TBT/N/NLD/68
20. European Communities - Batteries	
Raised by	China
Dates raised	June 2006 (G/TBT/M39, paras. 11-12)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/EEC/98
21. Japan - Amendment to Enforcement Order of Industrial Safety and Health Law	
Raised by	China
Dates raised	June 2006 (G/TBT/M39, paras. 13-14)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/JPN/166
22. Greece - Ban on wheat	
Raised by	Canada
Dates raised	June 2006 (G/TBT/M39, paras. 15-16)
Relevant document(s)	
23. Israel - Connection Boxes for Electrical Installations	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, paras 17-18); November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 69-72)
Relevant document(s)	

24. China - Leather and leather products	
Raised by	Argentina
Dates raised	June 2006 (G/TBT/M39, paras. 19-20)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/CHN/174
25. China - Duplicative testing and certification requirements for medical devices	
Raised by	Unites States
Dates raised	June 2006 (G/TBT/M39, paras. 21-22)
Relevant document(s)	
26. Switzerland - Draft Ordinance on measures to reduce particle emissions from diesel engines	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 4-5)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/CHE/67
27. European Communities - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings	
Raised by	China
Dates raised	November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 6-7)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/EEC/123
28. Japan - Revision to Enforcement Regulation for the Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy and Ministerial Notification of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry	
Raised by	China
Dates raised	November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 8-12)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/JPN/176
29. United States - Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedure for Residential Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps; Proposed Rule	
Raised by	China
Dates raised	November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 13-14)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/USA/202 and Corr.1
30. India - Pneumatic Tyres and Tubes for Automotive Vehicles (Quality Control) Order, 2006	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 15-18)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/IND/20
31. Philippines - Ceramic Wall and Floor Tiles	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 19-23)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/PHL/60; G/TBT/N/PHL/63

32. Uruguay - Decree on the enrichment of wheat flour and foods prepared with wheat flour	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 24-25)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/URY/2
33. Mexico - Draft regulation establishing maximum emission levels for new diesel engines	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, para. 26)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/MEX/115
34. China - Measures on the Environmental Management of New Chemical Substances	
Raised by	European Communities
Dates raised	November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 27-28)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/CHN/210
II. Previously raised concerns (11)	
36. European Communities - EC Regulation on Certain Wine Sector Products	
In 2006, raised by	New Zealand; Mexico
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 64-65); June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, paras. 31-33)
First raised in	October 1999 (G/TBT/M/17, paras. 15-29)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/EEC/15 and Corr1-2; G/TBT/N/EEC/57; G/TBT/W/119
37. European Communities - Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH)	
In 2006, raised by	Japan; United States; Australia; Mexico; Chile; Cuba; Korea; China; Chinese Taipei; Canada; Costa Rica; Singapore representing ASEAN
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 66-76); June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, paras. 45-52); November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 43-52)
First raised in	March 2003 (G/TBT/M/29, paras. 36-44)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/W/208; G/TBT/N/EEC/52 and Add.1-2
38. Korea - Import of Fish Heads	
In 2006, raised by	New Zealand, Norway, European Communities
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 60-63); June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, paras. 76-79); November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 43-52)
First raised in	July 2003 (G/TBT/M/30, paras. 37-39)
Relevant document(s)	
39. China - Mandatory Chinese National Standards for Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) Authentication and Privacy Infrastructure (WAPI)	
In 2006, raised by	United States; Mexico; European Communities; Japan; Canada
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 32-37); June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, paras. 64-66); November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 80-81)

First raised in	March 2004 (G/TBT/M/32, paras. 7-12)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/CHN/187 and Corr. 1; G/TBT/N/CHN/188 and Corr. 1; G/TBT/N/CHN/189 and Corr. 1
40. European Communities - Restrictions on the Use of Certain Phthalates in Toys	
In 2006, raised by	China, United States
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 77-80)
First raised in	March 2005 (G/TBT/M/35, paras. 6-7)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/EEC/82 and Add. 1, 2
41. European Communities- Disposable Lighters	
In 2006, raised by	China
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 86-90); June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, paras. 43-44)
First raised in	June 2005 (G/TBT/M/36, paras. 4-6)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/EEC/89
42. China - Administration on the Control of Pollution Caused by Electronic Information Products	
In 2006, raised by	Japan; United States; European Communities
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 81-84); June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, paras. 57-60); November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 39-40)
First raised in	November 2005 (G/TBT/M/37, paras. 3-4)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/CHN/140 and Add.1
43. United States - DTV Tuner Requirements	
In 2006, raised by	United States Update
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, para. 85)
First raised in	November 2005 (G/TBT/M/37, paras. 5-10)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/USA/128
44. European Communities - Directive 2005/32 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2005 establishing a framework for the setting of Ecodesign requirements for energy-using products and amending Council Directive 92/42/EEC and Directives 96/57/EC and 2000/55/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council	
In 2006, raised by	United States; China; Japan; Malaysia
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M38, paras. 81-82); June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, paras. 67-70); November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 60-63)
First raised in	November 2005 (G/TBT/M/37, paras. 11-13)
Relevant document(s)	
45. European Communities - Directive 2002/95/EC on the Restriction of the Use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) and Directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)	
In 2006, raised by	United States
Dates raised	March 2006 (G/TBT/M39, paras. 62-63)
First raised in	March 1999 (G/TBT/M/15, paras. 25-27)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/Notif.00/310

46. Belgium and Netherlands - Ban on the Importation and Commercialization of Seal Skins and Seal Derived Products	
In 2006, raised by	Canada; Norway
Dates raised	June 2006 (G/TBT/M/39, paras. 6-8); November 2006 (G/TBT/M40, paras. 64-68)
First raised in	November 2004 (G/TBT/M/34, paras. 10-11)
Relevant document(s)	G/TBT/N/BEL/39, G/TBT/N/NLD/68

D. NOTIFICATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS AND BY RELEVANT ARTICLES OF THE AGREEMENT IN 2006 AND SINCE THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT

Members	Number of notifications made in 2006	Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 2006 ²⁷							Total number of notifications made since 1995
		2.9	2.10	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.2	Not specified	
Albania	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Argentina	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
Armenia	23	22	0	0	9	0	0	0	23
Australia	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	106
Bahrain	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Barbados	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Belgium	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	169
Brazil	32	25	0	0	8	0	0	0	147
Canada	37	36	0	0	10	0	0	0	172
Central African Republic	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Chile	8	2	0	0	8	0	0	0	79
China	64	54	9	0	6	3	0	0	63
Colombia	12	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	54
Costa Rica	24	23	0	0	0	0	0	1	37
Czech Republic	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	119
Denmark	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	160
Dominican Republic	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Ecuador	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
El Salvador	24	24	0	0	5	0	0	0	79
Estonia	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
European Communities	40	39	0	0	12	0	0	0	225
Finland	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
France	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
Ghana	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Guatemala	18	18	0	0	1	0	0	0	25
Honduras	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Hong Kong, China	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	34
Hungary	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
India	11	5	0	0	3	0	0	5	56
Indonesia	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
Israel	22	17	0	0	18	0	0	0	77

²⁷ 110 notifications were made under more than one article.

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		2.9	2.10	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.2	Not specified	
Italy	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jamaica	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Japan	35	33	0	1	6	0	0	0	267
Kenya	62	58	4	0	0	0	0	0	62
Korea, Republic of	29	29	0	0	4	0	0	0	121
Lithuania	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Malaysia	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	162
Mexico	9	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	191
Moldova	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Morocco	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Netherlands	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	535
New Zealand	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Nicaragua	21	21	0	0	2	0	0	0	21
Norway	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
Oman	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Papua New Guinea	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Paraguay	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2
Peru	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Philippines	30	29	0	0	2	0	0	0	85
Poland	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Qatar	10	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	10
Romania	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Saint Lucia	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Slovenia	13	12	0	0	1	0	0	0	23
South Africa	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
Spain	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	43
Sri Lanka	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Sweden	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	108
Switzerland	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	92
Chinese Taipei	15	14	1	0	4	0	0	0	15
Thailand	28	27	1	0	25	0	0	0	136
Trinidad and Tobago	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Tunisia	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
United Arab Emirates	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
United Kingdom	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
United States	64	58	0	6	0	0	0	0	265
Uruguay	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2

Members	Number of notifications made in 2006	Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 2006 ²⁷							Total number of notifications made since 1995
		2.9	2.10	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.2	Not specified	
Zambia	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	771	718	14	2	169	0	0	1	6869

E. OBJECTIVES AND RATIONALES STATED IN NOTIFICATIONS IN 2006

OBJECTIVES AND RATIONALES	FIRST OBJECTIVE STATED IN THE NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED IN 2006	NUMBER OF TIMES THAT THE OBJECTIVE WAS MENTIONED AS THE FIRST, SECOND OR THIRD OBJECTIVE IN THE NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED IN 2006²⁸
National security requirements	3	4
Consumer information, labelling	31	43
Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection	124	199
Protection of human health or safety	485	541
Protection of animal or plant life or health	9	13
Protection of environment	77	179
Quality requirements	25	36
Harmonization	32	32
Adoption of new domestic law and technology	77	81
Lowering or removal of trade barriers	1	2
Trade facilitation	2	2
Cost saving and increasing productivity	2	3
Others	5	14
Not specified	2	2
Total	771	1151

²⁸ Among the 875 notifications received, 110 indicate two or more objectives.

F. OBSERVATION OF THE RECOMMENDED COMMENT PERIOD BY MEMBERS IN 2006

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
Albania	3	3	0	0	0	6
Argentina	1	5	2	3	11	11
Armenia	10	8	3	2	23	23
Australia	4	4	8	0	0	16
Bahrain	1	1	3	5	0	10
Barbados	5	5	0	0	0	10
Belgium	2	2	0	0	0	4
Brazil	18	1	6	7	32	32
Canada	1	6	27	3	37	37
Central African	1	1	0	0	0	2
Chile	1	4	3	8	0	16
China	1	2	53	7	5	63
Colombia	12	12	0	0	0	24
Costa Rica	1	1	21	1	24	24
Czech Republic	5	5	0	0	0	10
Denmark	2	2	1	5	0	10
Dominican	20	20	0	0	0	40
Ecuador	9	9	0	0	0	18
El Salvador	24	24	0	0	0	48
Estonia	1	1	0	0	0	2
European	7	1	33	41	0	82
Finland	5	5	0	0	0	10
France	6	2	8	0	0	16
Ghana	1	1	0	0	0	2
Guatemala	18	18	0	0	0	36
Honduras	18	1	19	0	0	38
Hong Kong,	1	3	4	0	0	8
Hungary	2	2	0	0	0	4
India	1	3	1	6	11	11
Indonesia	2	2	0	0	0	4
Israel	22	22	0	0	0	44
Italy	1	1	0	0	0	2
Jamaica	1	1	0	0	0	2
Japan	7	5	22	34	0	68
Kenya	1	53	8	4	62	66
Korea, Republic of	6	12	10	1	29	29
Lithuania	1	1	0	0	0	2
Macao, China	1	1	0	0	0	2
Malaysia	1	1	0	0	0	2
Mexico	8	1	1	9	0	19
Moldova	6	1	7	0	0	14
Morocco	14	14	0	0	0	28
Netherlands	1	4	5	0	0	10
New Zealand	2	2	2	6	0	12

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
Nicaragua	21	21	0	0	0	42
Norway	2	4	6	0	0	12
Oman	1	3	1	5	0	10
Papua New Guinea	1	1	0	0	0	2
Paraguay	1	1	1	2	0	5
Peru	3	3	0	0	0	6
Philippines	1	17	9	3	30	30
Poland	1	1	0	0	0	2
Qatar	10	10	0	0	0	20
Romania	8	2	10	0	0	20
Saint Lucia	3	3	0	0	0	6
Slovenia	2	11	13	0	0	26
South Africa	2	3	1	1	7	7
Spain	1	1	1	3	0	6
Sri Lanka	1	1	0	0	0	2
Sweden	3	12	15	0	0	30
Switzerland	5	4	12	21	0	42
Chinese Taipei	1	13	1	1	15	16
Thailand	28	28	0	0	0	56
Trinidad and	1	1	0	0	0	2
Tunisia	1	2	1	4	0	8
United Arab	5	5	0	0	0	10
United Kingdom	1	1	2	0	0	4
United States	17	16	27	4	64	64
Uruguay	1	1	1	0	0	3
Zambia	1	1	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	377	439	348	186	350	1350

G. TBT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDERTAKEN BY THE WTO SECRETARIAT IN 2006

1. Geneva-Based Events

Date	Activity	Participants	Venue	Organized by
16-17 March	TBT Workshop on Different Approaches to Conformity Assessment	All Members	Geneva	WTO

2. Regional Workshops

Date	Region/Participants	Venue	Organized by	Organizations' Participation
28-30 March	South America	Uruguay	WTO/ALADI	IEC, ISO, OIML
28-30 June	Pacific Islands	Fiji	WTO/PIFS	IEC, ISO, OIML
12-14 September	French-speaking Africa	Tunisia	WTO	CODEX, IEC, ISO, OIML, UNIDO, EC

3. Member Workshops

Date	Member/Scope	Organized by	Organizations' Participation
24-25 January	San José, Costa Rica	WTO	-
29-31 May	Luanda, Angola	WTO	-
25-26 July	Sofia, Bulgaria	WTO	-

4. Participation in Activities Organized by Other Agencies

Date	Activity	Venue	Organized by
9-10 April	CASCO Workshop for Arab and the Middle East region	Jordan	ISO

5. Trade Policy Courses covering, *inter alia*, the TBT Agreement

(i) Geneva-Based

Date	Name of course (language)	Organized by
Jan –Apr. 2006	35 th and 36 th Trade Policy Course (English)	WTO (ITTC)
May –Jul 2006	37 th Trade Policy Course (Spanish)	WTO (ITTC)
Sept – Dec 2006	38 th Trade Policy Course (English)	WTO (ITTC)

(ii) Regional

Date	Region	Venue	Organized by
24 February 2006	Caribbean	Jamaica	WTO (ITTC)
25 May 2006	Asia / Pacific	Hong Kong, China	WTO (ITTC)
5-6 July 2006	Africa (French speaking)	Morocco	WTO (ITTC)
20 July 2006	Africa (English speaking)	Namibia	WTO (ITTC)
20 November 2006	Latin America	Chile	WTO (ITTC)
