



PRONTO 2nd Workshop

NTM Data: Concepts, Commonalities, and Differences

Measure-based Assessment & Integration Potential



DATE: 27 to 28 May

Location: VU Amsterdam, De Boelelaan 1105, 1081 HV Amsterdam

Meeting at Room Agora, 3rd Floor, Main building

The goal of the workshop is to have in-depth discussions on the relationship of NTM data across different databases. For this, we move away from the current database-focussed view to a measure-focussed view. The idea is that an understanding and discussion about the measure itself, will give insights into what exactly is reported in the different databases – enabling us to derive differences, commonalities, or (possibly) unknowns. On the basis of this we can make a better assessment with regard to what degree data from different sources, and collected with different methods can be compared and potentially integrated. Similar to the Geneva workshop from September 2014 this workshop will be in cooperation with the participating agencies.

The workshop will be organized in split sessions (see table below). A duration of 1.5 days is foreseen, while most time is dedicated to the expert group sessions.

Work group thematic mapping

Non-tariff Measure	Work Group	Block
Goods NTMs (TRAINS, I-TIP, ITC, TPRM)		
Chapter A: Sanitary and phytosanitary measures	SPS	I
Chapter B: Technical barriers to trade	TBT	II
Chapter C: Pre-shipment inspection and other formalities	Process	II
Chapter D: Contingent trade-protective measures	AD & other QRs	I
Chapter E: Licensing, quotas, prohibitions and quantity control		
Chapter F: Price-control measures	Financial & Comp.	I
Chapter G: Finance measures		
Chapter H: Measures affecting competition		
Chapter I: Trade-related investment measures	n/a	
Chapters J – P		
Services NTMs (WB STRI, OECD STRI/PMR, TPRM)		
Horizontal and sector-specific measures	Services	II



Ideas for discussion

In-depth discussions are facilitated by some preparatory work. This will entail systematically collecting information about the relevant database, as well as looking closer into some issues specific to the nature of NTM data.

Discussion points – some issues

- Information in databases and how it is organized:
 - Nomenclatures (measures and products);
 - Geo coverage (also bilateral vs. MFN);
 - Time series availability;
 - Measures covered;
 - Products/sectors covered and at what level;
 - Indicators made available (if applicable).
- Data collection methods
 - What are the original source documents;
 - How have the original documents been processed (incl. guidelines and rules);
 - Description of implemented mechanisms for continuous collection (if applicable);
 - Assessment of underlying business/expert surveys (if applicable).
- Problems with datasets
 - Missing/incomplete information (E.g. products/measures not classified or underlying legislation not available);
 - Outliers/extreme values;
 - Language differences;
 - Missing classification of measures or different level of detail between databases.
- Relationship between databases
 - Similarities and differences in data properties (links via measures, geo, time, product codes, collection methods);
 - Potential commonalities/overlaps in the collection process.
- Usage of data
 - Indicator calculation (methodological background notes);
 - NTM impact studies.

Data repository

A data and documentation repository containing WTO notifications and Trade Policy Reviews, NTM TRAINS, OECD's STRI and PMR, as well as World Banks STRI and TTBD is available under the following link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fxrmhkmuebl06st/AABbY0m-oP0Ycld78x7W0HSKa?dl=0>



Draft Agenda and Organization

Day 1

Program – Day 1

Block	Time	Themes
Intro	11.00 to 11.30	Developments in Agency NTM Cooperation
I	11.30 to 13.30	SPS TTB & other QRs Finance & Competition
Break	13.30 to 14.30	Lunch
II	14.30 to 16.30	TBT Process Services
Break	16.30 to 17.00	Coffee Break
III	17.00 to 18.00	Plenary – Synthesis of results
End	19.00 to open	Dinner

Sessions leaders will be the following:

Intro:

- Agency Update – Ralf Peters (UNCTAD)

Block I:

- SPS – Marie-Luise Rau (LEI)
- TTB & other QRs – TBC
- Finance & Competition – Ron Davies (UCD)

Block II:

- TBT – TBC
- Process – TBC
- Services – Joe Francois (WTI)

End:

- TBC

Next to guiding the sessions, leaders are also responsible to facilitate the preparation process prior to the workshop.

Day 2

9.30 – 12.00

Management Meeting

- Status quo of PRONTO (1st Periodic Reporting);
- Managerial/administrative issues;
- Development of work plan;
- Dissemination activities.