

# Sharing on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)

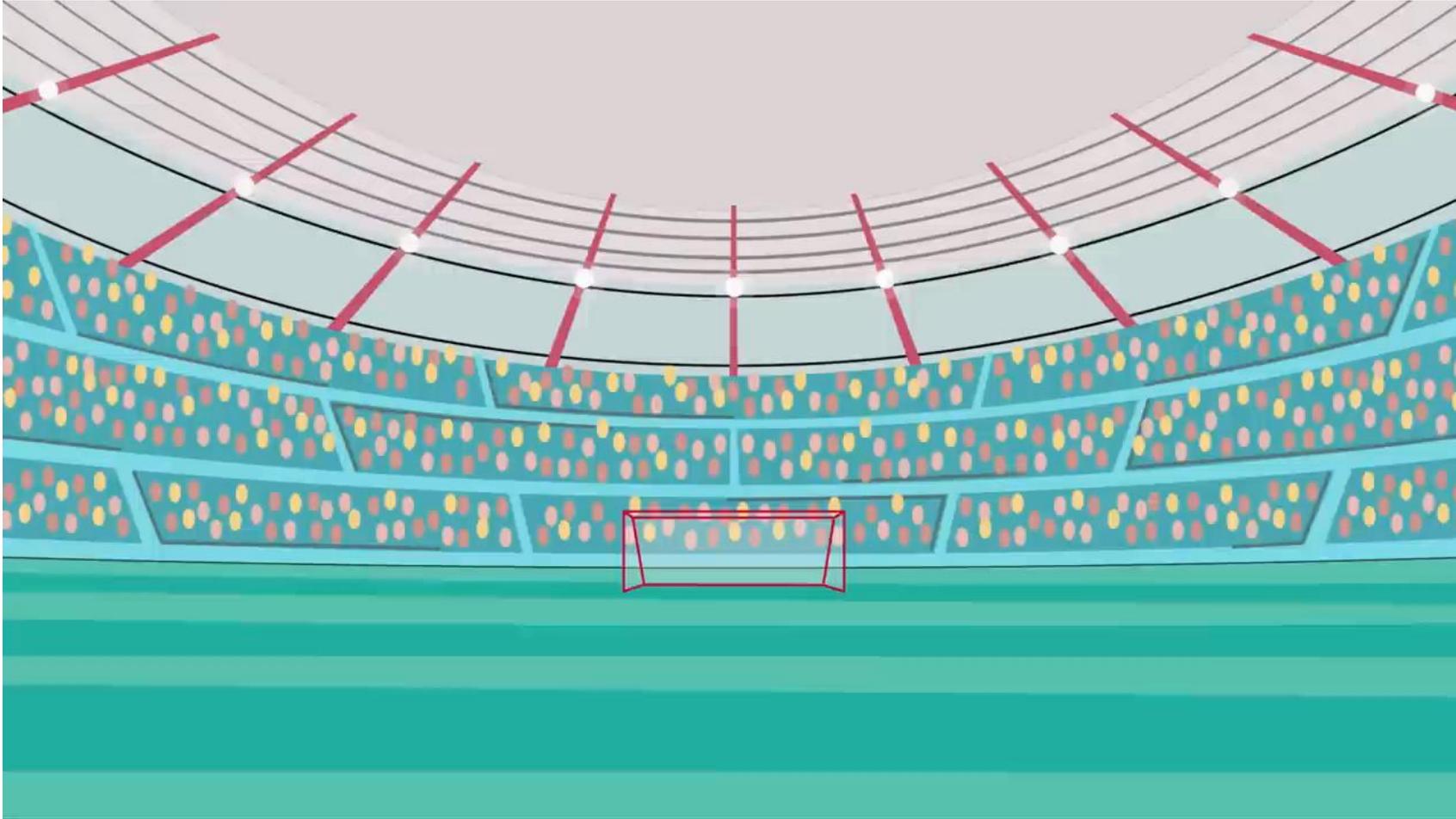
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# What is Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)?



# What is the difference between TBT and Non-Tariff Measure (NTM)?

UN's Non-Tariff Measure (NTM) Classification			
TBT	Sanitary & Phytosanitary Measures (SPS)	Pre-Shipment Inspection & Other Formalities	Contingent Trade Protective Measures
Non-Automatic Licensing, Quotas, Prohibitions & Quantity-Control Measures	Price Control Measures	Financial Measures	Measures Affecting Competition
Trade-Related Investment Measures	Distribution Restriction	Restriction on Post-Sales Services	Subsidies
Government Procurement Restrictions	Intellectual Property	Rules of Origin	Export-Related Measures

# WTO TBT Agreement



**Ensuring that standards, technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures do not create unnecessary obstacles to international trade** while recognising that countries have the right to regulate for legitimate objectives.

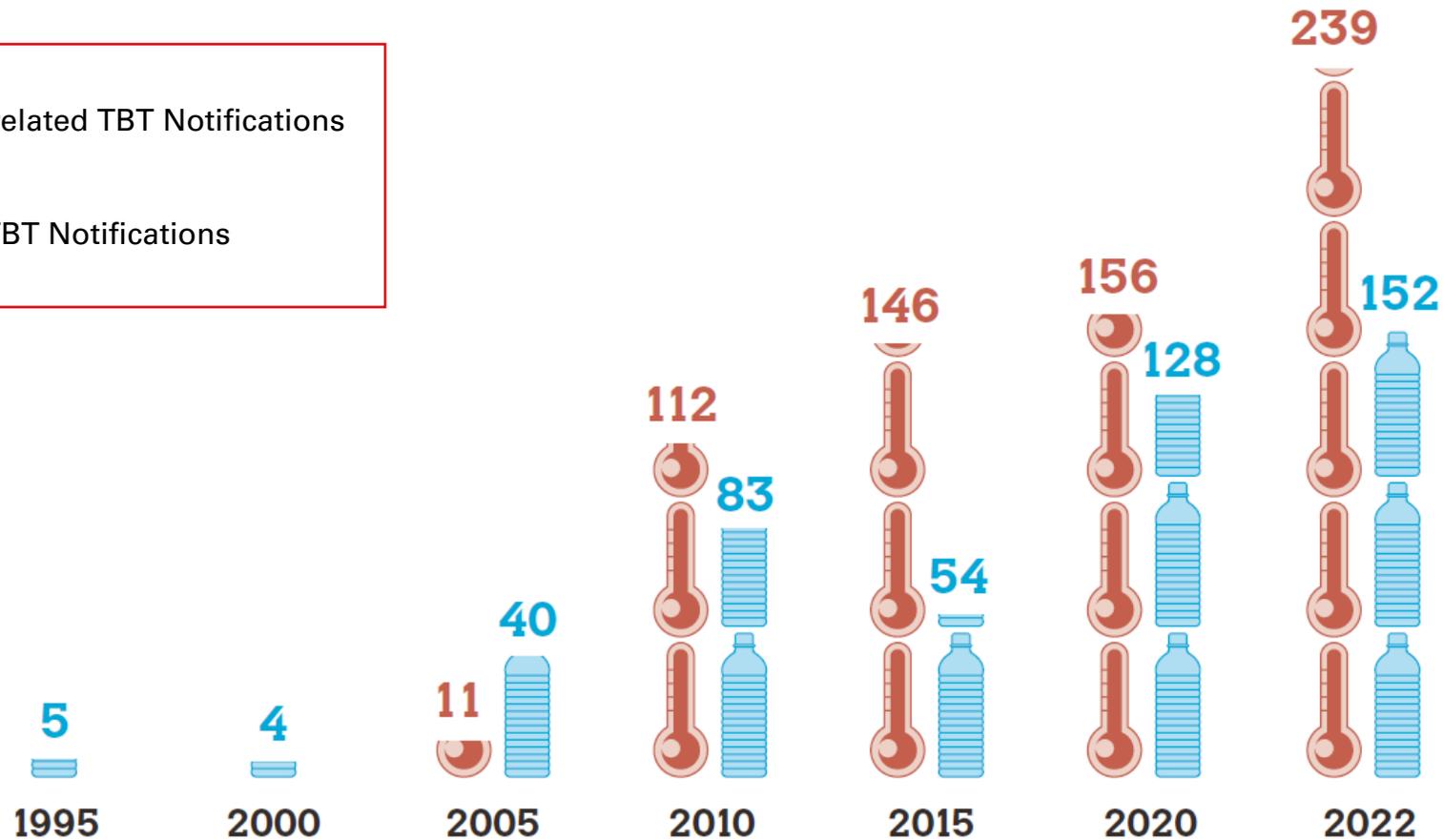
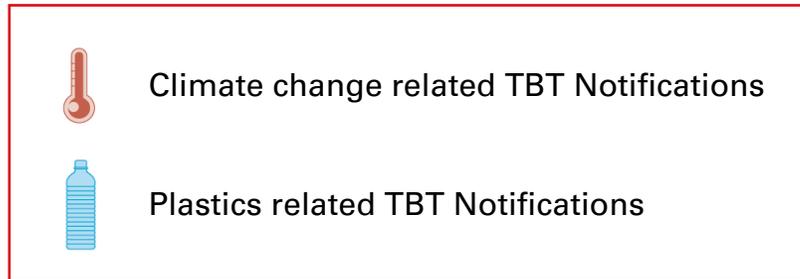


# >3,000 TBT notifications submitted annually...



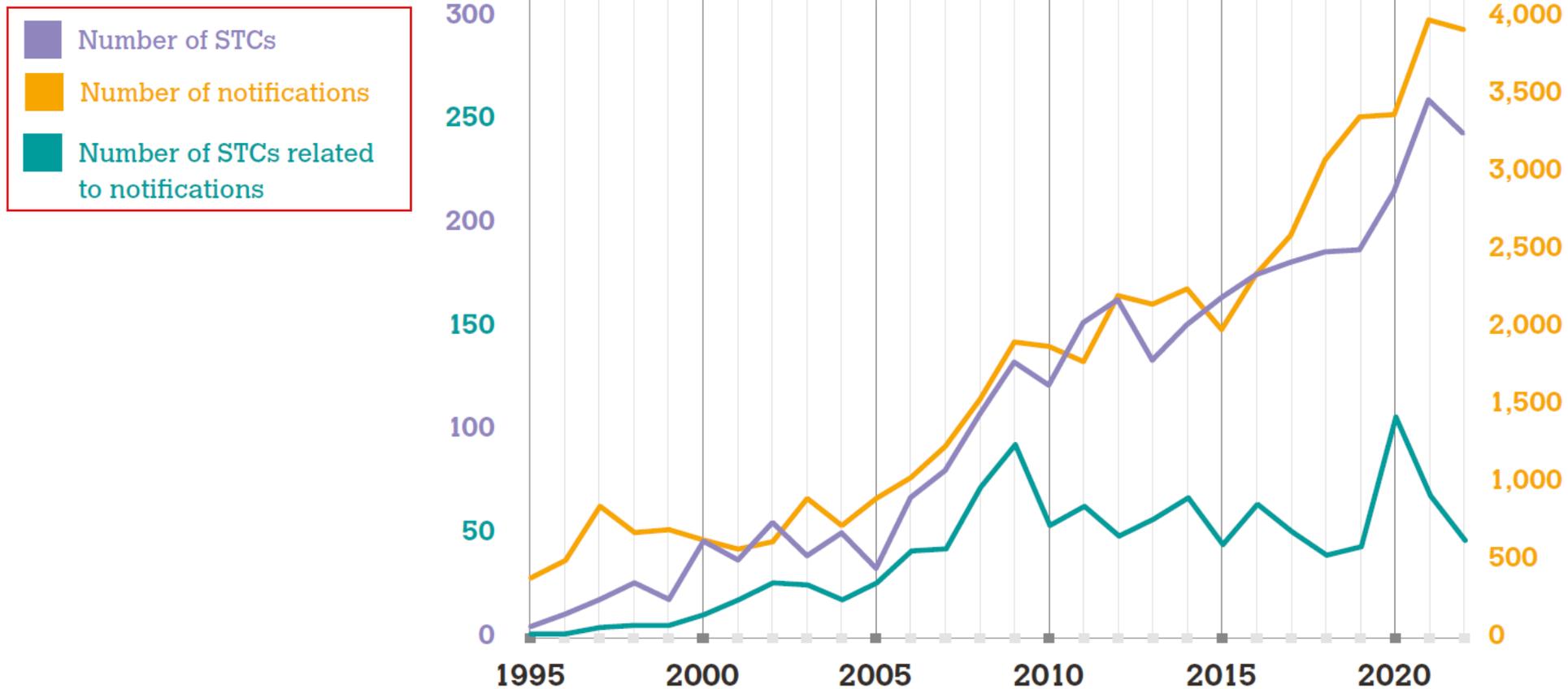
*Source: "Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement – 10 Key Results from 2022", WTO (2022)*

# ... and in 2022, 392 TBT notifications were related to climate change and plastics



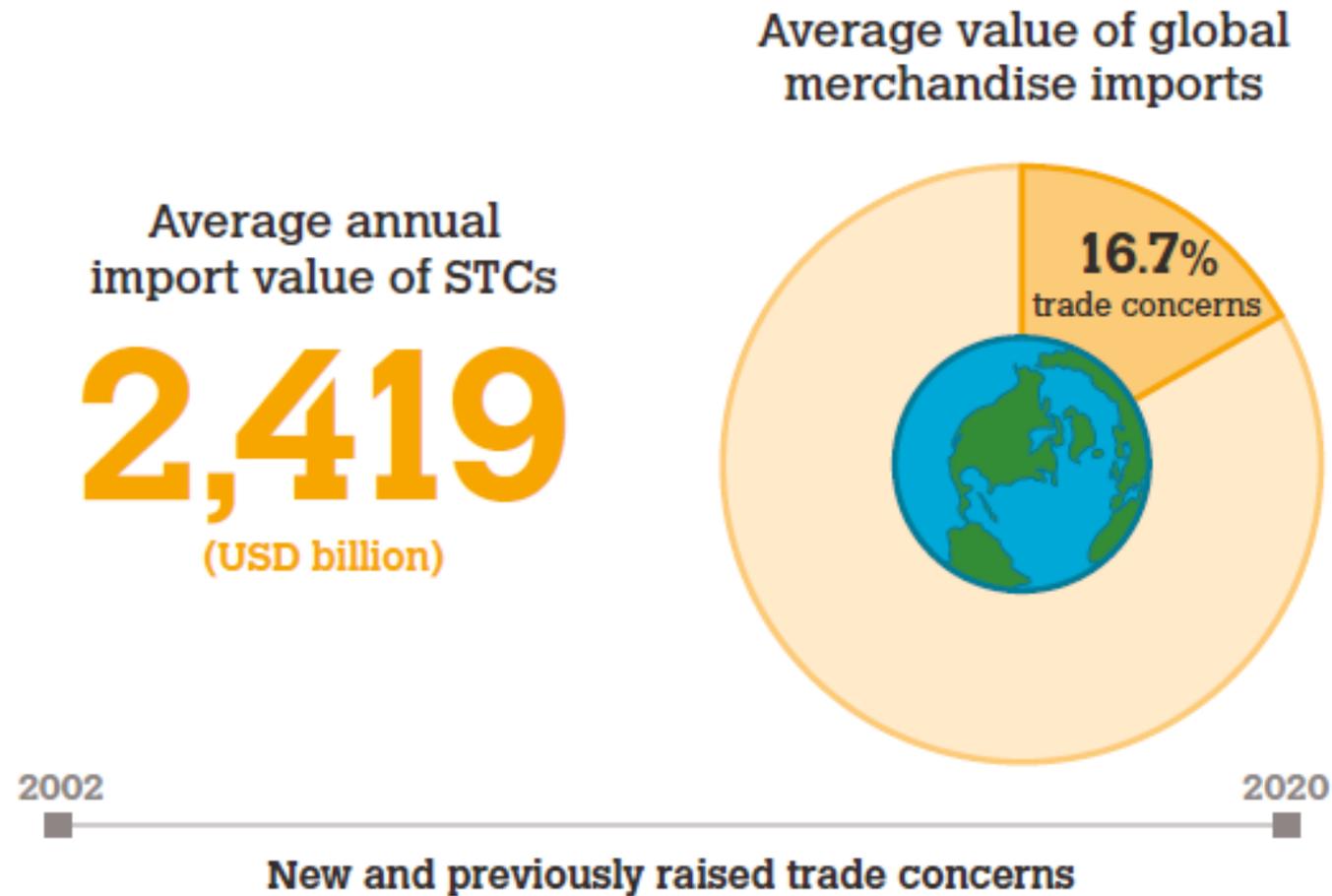
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# Since 1995, Specific Trade Concerns (STCs) grew by ~24.5% annually...

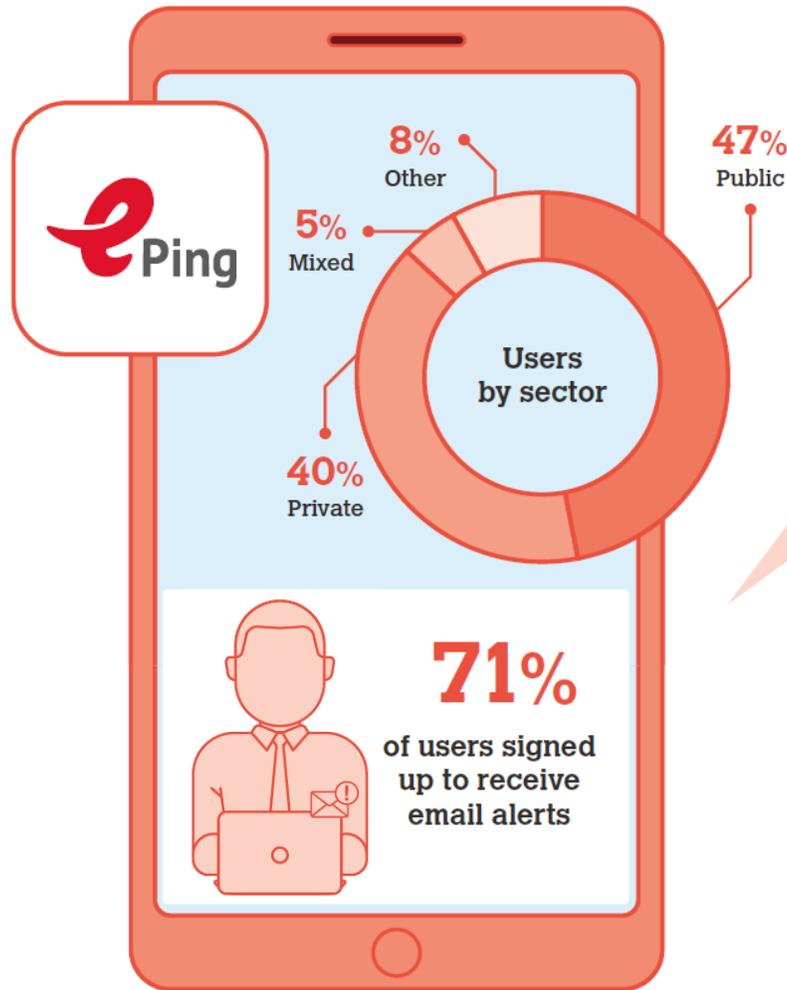


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# .... and STCs from 2002 to 2020 covered imports with an annual value of US\$2.4T



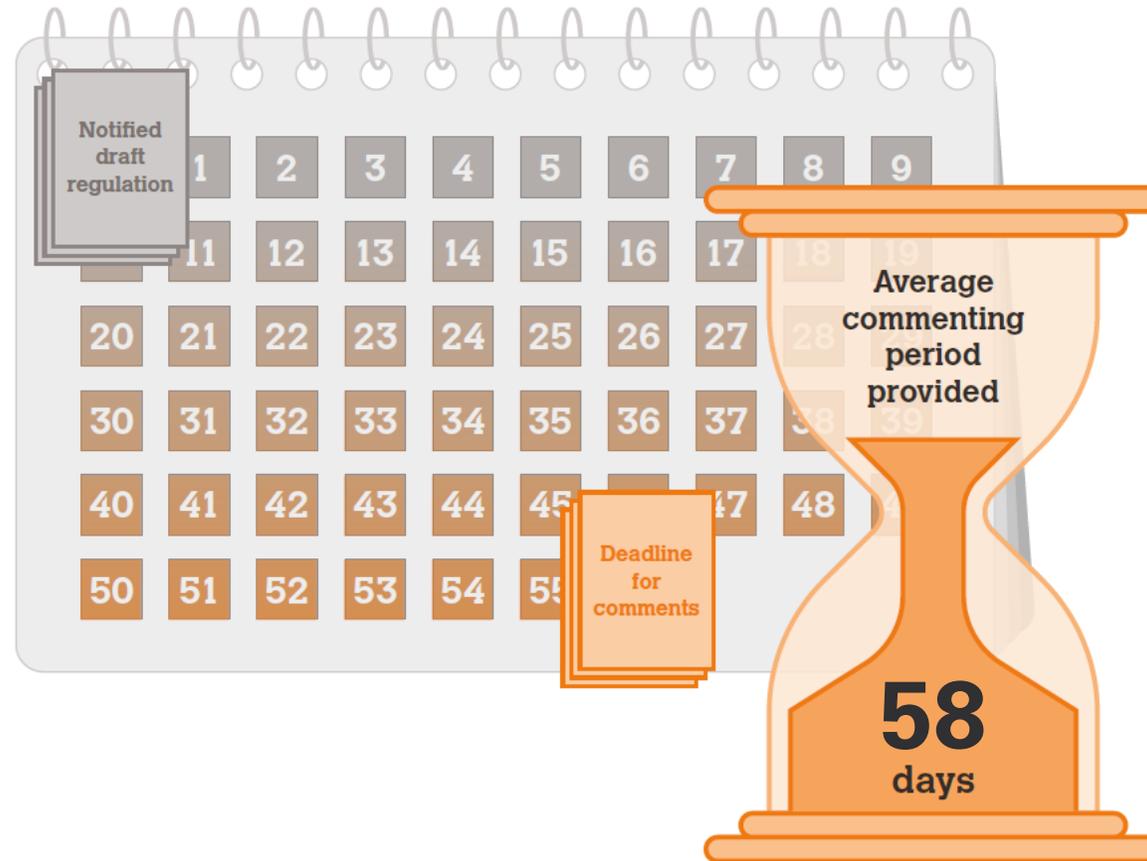
# To keep abreast of TBT notifications, >19,000 users have been registered on WTO's ePing platform...



Notifying Member	Symbol and title	Distribution/Comments ⓘ	Products covered ⓘ
Philippines	G/TBT/N/PHL/254/Add.1 Updated Guidelines for the Assessment of Microbiological Quality of Processed Food Products Repealing FDA Circular No 2013-010 "Revised... Notified document (1)	26/01/2023	Processed Food Products
Thailand	G/TBT/N/THA/654 Draft Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) Notification, No. ... B.E. .... (...) issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 entitled "Chocolate and chocolate products" Notified document (1), Notified document (2)	09/02/2022	Chocolate and chocolate products (HS code 1806 ICS Code: 67.190)
Thailand	G/TBT/N/THA/655 Draft Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) Notification, No. ... B.E. .... (...) issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 entitled "Cocoa bean products" Notified document (1), Notified document (2)	09/02/2022	Cocoa bean products (incl. Cocoa butter, Cocoa mass or Cocoa liquor, Cocoa powder and Cacao powder...

Source: "Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement – 10 Key Results from 2022", WTO (2022); WTO ePing (2023)

# ... allowing them to exchange views on new regulations & seek clarifications in a timely manner



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