

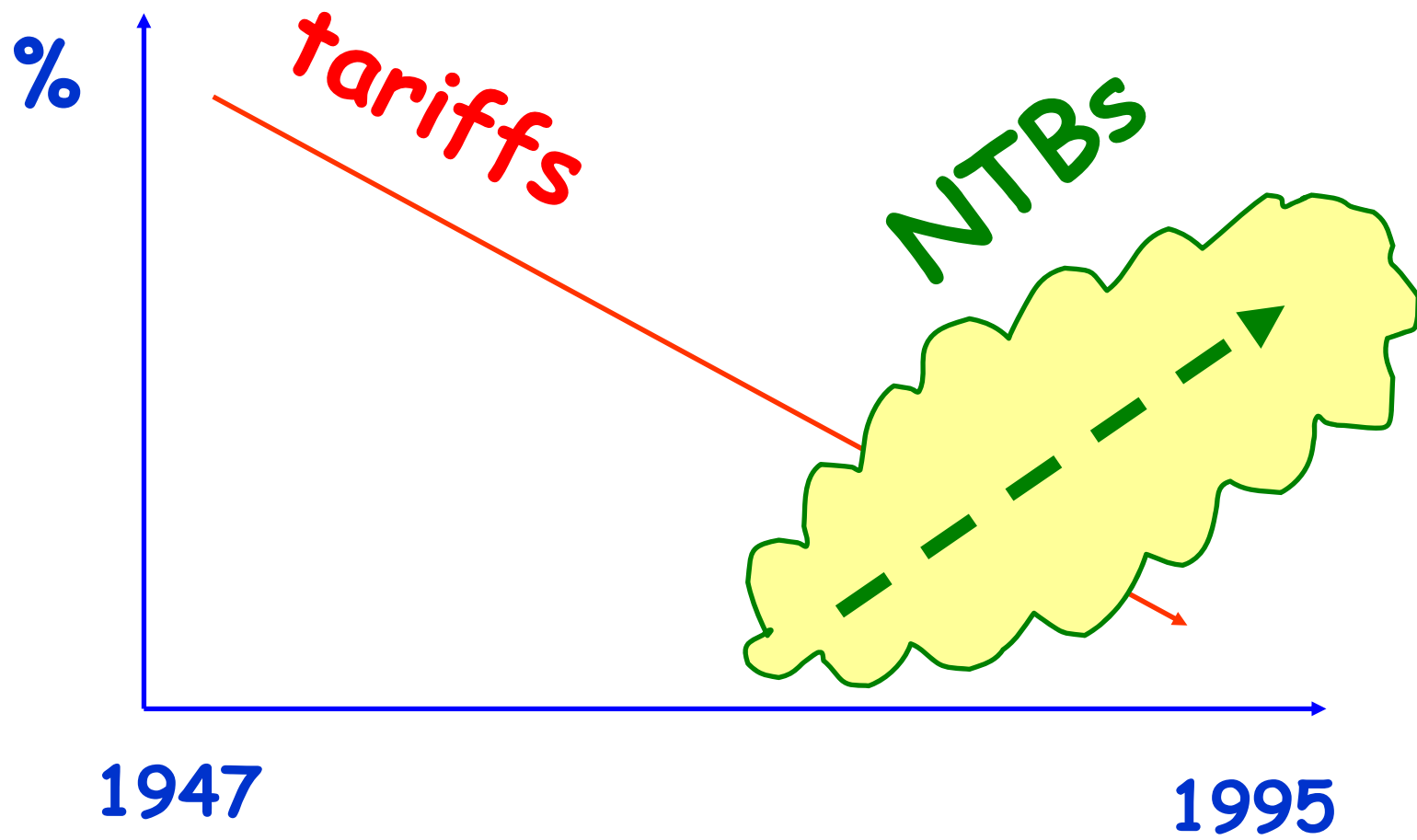


Non-tariff Barriers

WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS)

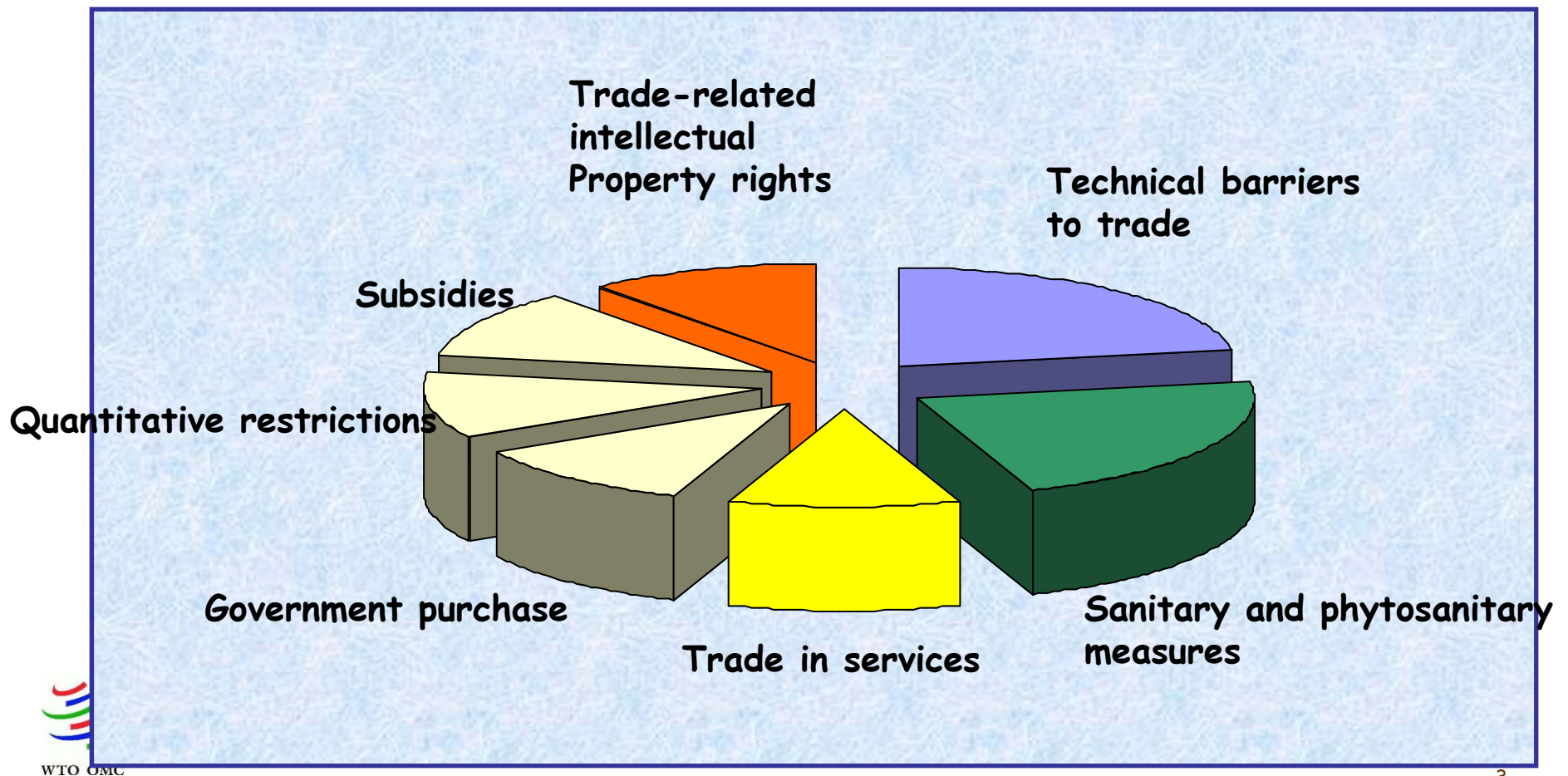
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Why the SPS Agreement?

Non-tariff measures



What is the purpose of the SPS Agreement?

recognizing
right to protect
human, animal,
plant life or
health



avoiding
unnecessary
barriers to trade

SPS Measures

Definition - Annex A

A measure taken to protect:

Human or animal health *from* risks arising from additives, contaminants, toxins or disease organisms in food, drink, feedstuff

Human life *from* plant- or animal-carried diseases

Animal or plant life *from* pests, diseases, disease-causing organisms

Territory of Member *from* other damage caused by entry, establishment or spread of pests

Key Provisions of the SPS Agreement



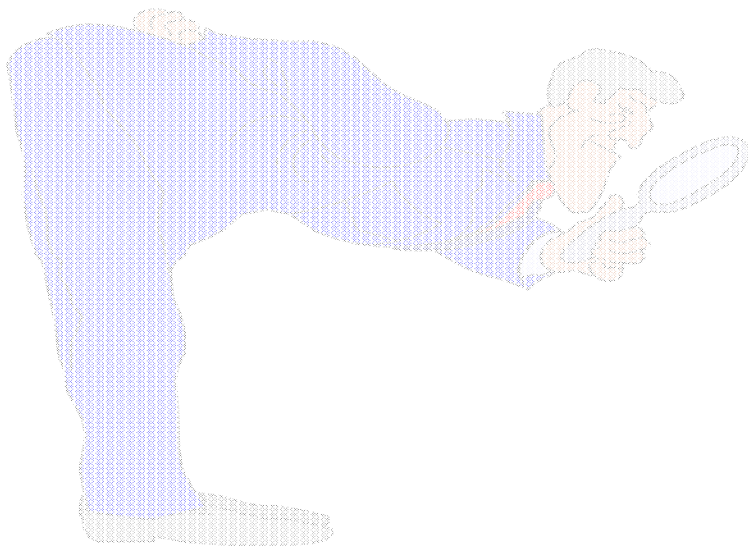
1. Non-discrimination
2. Scientific justification
 - harmonization
 - risk assessment
 - consistency
 - least trade-restrictiveness
3. Equivalence
4. Regionalization
5. Transparency
6. Technical assistance/special treatment
7. Control, inspection and approval procedures



SPS measures - including:



- ✓ product criteria
- ✓ quarantine measures
- ✓ processing methods
- ✓ certification
- ✓ inspection
- ✓ testing
- ✓ packaging, labelling (food safety)



SPS Committee

What does it do?

Implementation of the SPS Agreement

Reviews compliance

Potential trade impacts

Co-operation with technical organizations



Agenda - SPS Committee



- Activities of Members
- **Specific trade concerns**
- Transparency
- Special and differential treatment
- Equivalence
- Pest- or disease-free areas
- Technical assistance



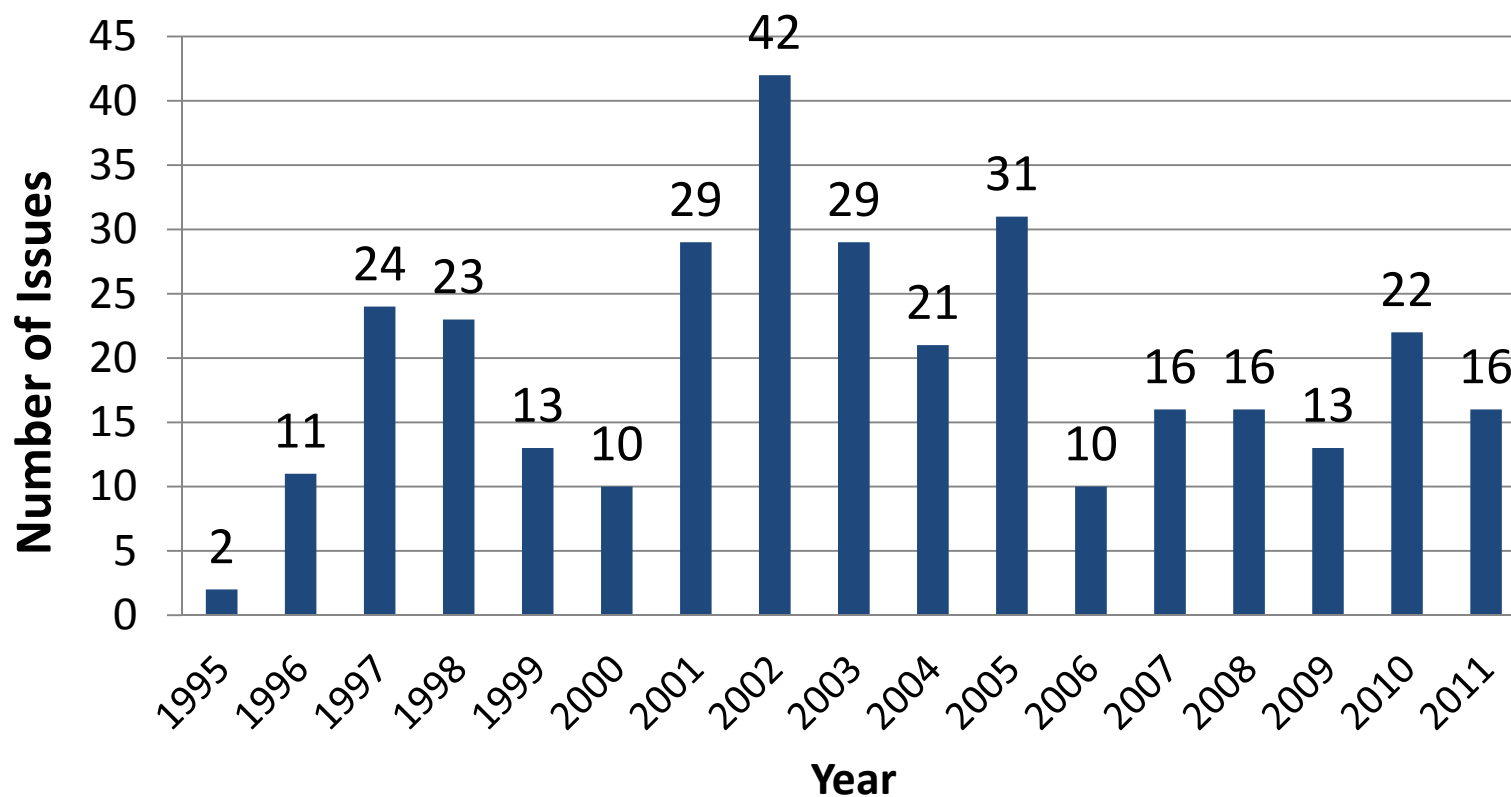


Types of Trade Concerns

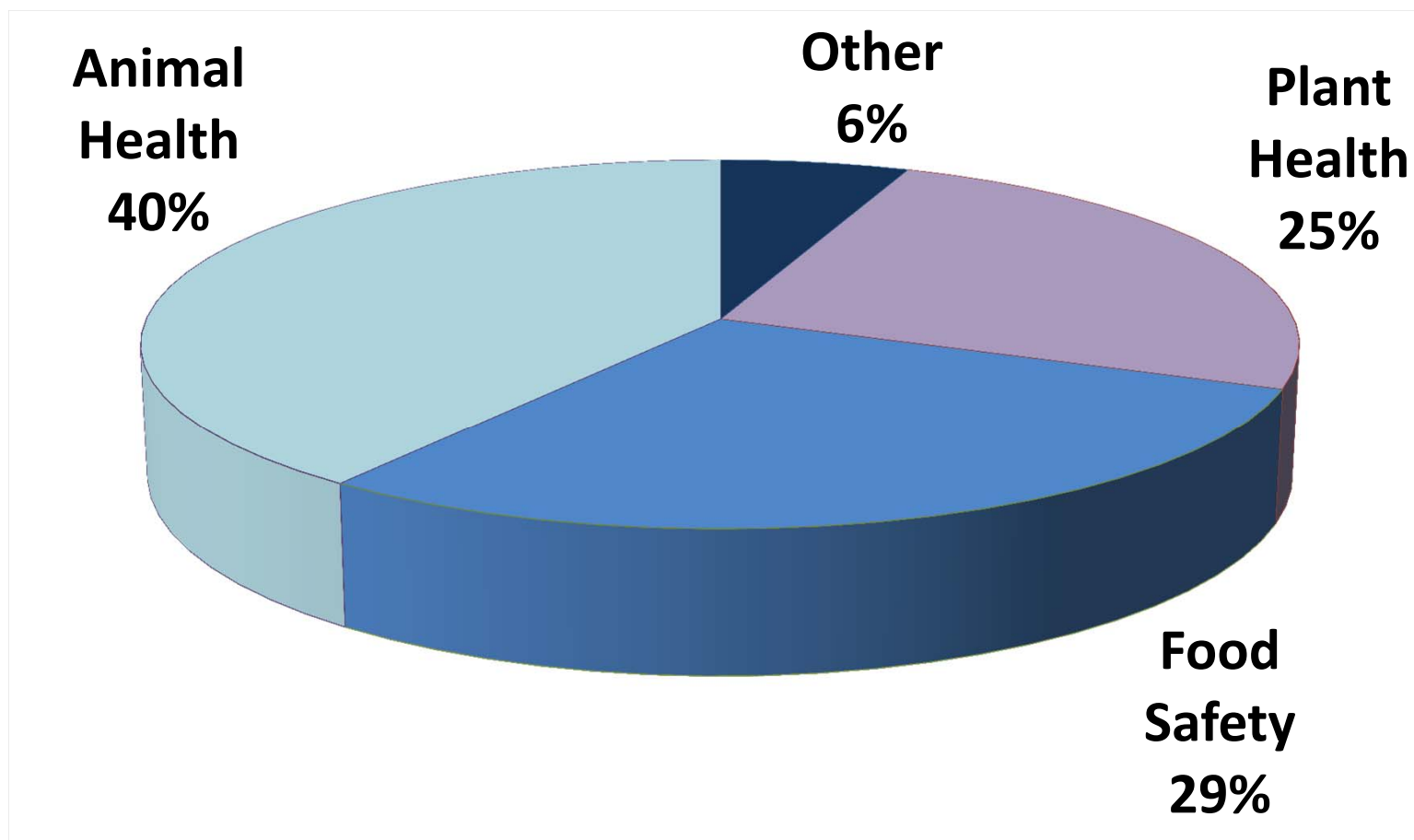
- India's restrictions on poultry due to avian influenza
- EU Novel Foods regulation
- Japan's MRLs for pesticides / additives + testing regime
- US Food Safety Modernization Act
- EU MRLs for pesticides
- EU prohibition on certain plastic kitchenware from China, Hong Kong
- Chinese Taipei's prohibition of ractopamine

Specific Trade Concerns

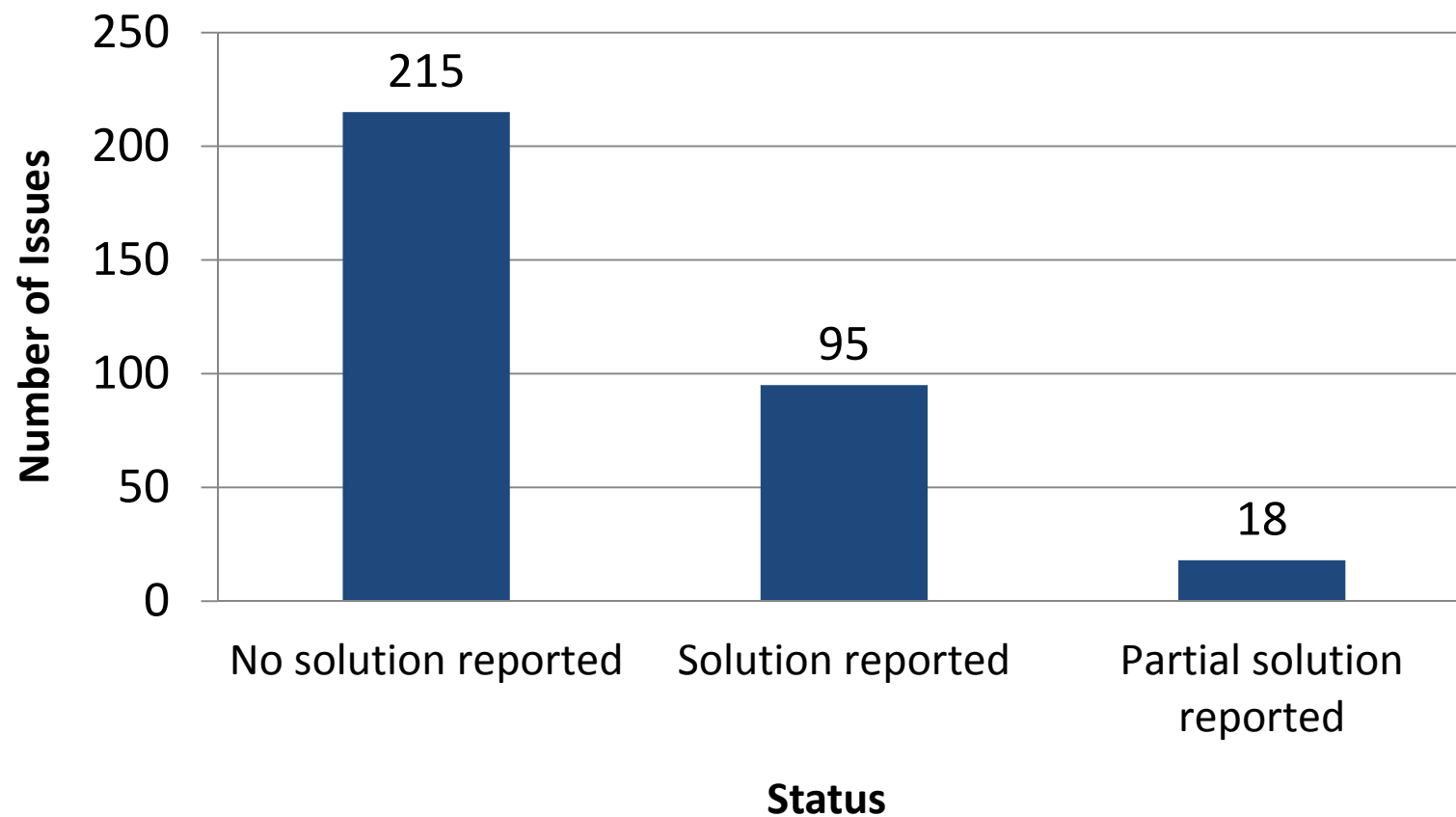
1995-2011



Trade Concerns by Subject 1995-2011



Solved Trade Concerns 1995-2011



Members Raising Concerns

Top 13



Member	No. of STCs (2011)
United States	76
European Union	66
Argentina	34
China	27
Brazil	26
Canada	23
Thailand	9
India	9
Australia	8
Chile	8
Mexico	8
Colombia	6
Ecuador	6

Members Complained Against Top 12



Member	No. of STCs (2011)
European Union	65
United States	37
Japan	25
China	17
Australia	16
Brazil	13
Other Members	12
Korea, Republic of	12
Indonesia	12
Mexico	10
Canada	10
India	9



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