

Progress Report on Developing the APTA RoOs & NTMs database

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ISSUANCE OF THE ELECTRONIC APTA CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

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Presentation structure

Part I: Context of database

Part II: Work undertaken

Part III: Future road map

Part I: Context of database

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Purpose of developing the database

- Relatively low awareness of APTA
 - Stakeholders' low awareness (Government officials, Academia, Business Sector and the Public) → Low support/utilization.
 - insufficient information on the earlier web site.
- Information needs/requests from the business sector
 - Lack of information on tariff concession items led to relatively low utilization rate of this Preferential Regional Trade Agreement.
 - Difficulty in accessing and lack of other relevant information.
- Requests from APTA Participating States on upgrading the Web site: The 3rd session of APTA Ministerial Council held in Seoul, Dec. 2009.
 - ⇒ With the conclusion of 4th Round where more than 10,000 items will be covered, it is essential to disseminate this information to increase the utilization of the Agreement.

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Website of APTA

General Information (existing)

- Background of APTA: Basic information including history and introduction
- APTA materials: The Agreement, Concession list, Framework Agreements, RoO, etc.
- Information on the Standing Committee & the Ministerial Council sessions
- News and recent activities and fact sheets.
- Research study reports related to APTA (to be uploaded)

Database + Query system (to develop)

- **Database: Tariffs concession, RoOs, NTMs**
- **Query system: in searchable mode with menu command**
- APTA-related research studies and reports.
- Detailed trade information on Participating States
(e.g. trade profile and statistics)



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Preparation of APTA NTMs database: earlier work

- Funded by the XB (KECF) project on APTA promotion.
- Recruited two consultants
 - One for preparing the dataset and the other for designing a web-based database template
- Prepared the NTMs dataset
 - Developed the dataset in MS EXCEL format.
 - Based on notifications on NTMs of each Participating State to WTO
- Developed a web-based database template
 - Developed NTMs search engine (but not in public domain)
 - Online query interface for the current concession list



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Preparation of APTA NTMs database: earlier work's problems/limitations

- Database was not completed
 - covered items at the 3rd Round concessions
- The database included items on which no concessions were available



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Earlier dataset of NTMs (example)

HS_description	keywords	Objective	SPS/TBT	description	doclink	margin	Concession	SPS	HS
Bovine animals, live	Live cattle, buffalo, sheep and goat; bovine, ovine and caprine embryo or ova; fresh meat, meat products, tissue, organs and meat and bone meal (MBM) of ruminant origin; and pet food products or ingredients thereof of ruminant origin	Animal health Food safety Human health Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) Animal diseases Zoonoses	SPS	Prohibits the imports of live animals and animal products, as in item 3 above, from countries where disease(s) belonging to the TSE group of diseases relating to the corresponding animal species have been reported.	http://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicSearch/MemberRTAIDCard.aspx?rtaid=140				HS 2007
Sheep and goats, live	Live cattle, buffalo, sheep and goat; bovine, ovine and caprine embryo or ova; fresh meat, meat products, tissue, organs and meat and bone meal (MBM) of ruminant origin; and pet food products or ingredients thereof of ruminant origin	Animal health Food safety Human health Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) Animal diseases Zoonoses	SPS	Prohibits the imports of live animals and animal products, as in item 3 above, from countries where disease(s) belonging to the TSE group of diseases relating to the corresponding animal species have been reported.	http://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicSearch/MemberRTAIDCard.aspx?rtaid=141	Exporter		India	'0102
Pure bred breeding animals	Animal health Animal diseases	Animal health Animal diseases	SPS	Import of equine species (males above seven years of age and females above five years of age) has been prohibited from the countries where CEM has been reported during the past three years.	http://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicSearch/MemberRTAIDCard.aspx?rtaid=142	Exporter		India	'0104
						Exporter		India	'010111000

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Part II: Work undertaken

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Reworking on APTA NTMs database

- Decided to update SPS & TBT on all items covered in the 4th Round concessions
- Include RoOs
 - RoOs for Developing Participating States
 - Special RoOs for Least Developed Participating States
 - Product-Specific Rules of Origin
- Updating all items covered under the 4th round started from July 2013

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Exercise carried out

- Compilation of agreed PSRs – completed
- Fact sheet on APTA – already posted on website.
- Consolidated all 4th round multilateralized list on HS 2007 - completed
 - Awaiting Sri Lanka's list
- NTM database: SPS and TBT is being worked out
- APTA trade data analysis is being carried out



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Compilation of RoOs database

A. General Rule (agreed earlier):

- 45% for Developing Participating States
- 35% for Least Developed Participating States

B. Co-equal Rule (Agreed in 34th SC meeting – yet to implement):

- CTH + 35% for Developing Participating States
- LDCs: under discussion

C. Product Specific Rules: 1,057 items at 6 digit HS



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Preparing NTMs Dataset: Sources and Feature

- Data source: SPS & TBT notifications to WTO from 1995 through October 2013
- The dataset is sorted by Participating States.
- HS code, description, objectives and the WTO document link included
- Format: MS EXCEL
- Some issues related to the WTO notification of NTMs
 - Notification does not mean implementation at the national level
 - SPS & TBT: International Harmonization Standards not required to report to WTO at the national level



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Progress made

- [Compilation of all the 4th round concessions](#)
- Updating the RoO on these items (completed)
 - General Rule
 - Co-equal rule
 - PSRs
- Downloading TBT & SPS notifications to WTO I-TIP database



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Glimpse of 4th Round concessions under APTA

Concession Offering Country	Third Round				Fourth Round (HS 2007)			
	No. of Products	MOP (%)	No. of Products for LDCs	MOP for LDCs(%)	No. of Products	MOP (%)	No. of Products for LDCs	MOP for LDCs(%)
Bangladesh	209	14.1	-	-	577	21.89	4-LAOS	30.00
China	1,697	26.7	161	77.9	2113	33.05	161	77.90
India	570	23.9	48	39.7	3241	32.98	48	39.70
Rep of Korea	1,367	35.4	306	64.6	2774	33.35	938-BLD 928-LAOS	94.59-BLD 94.49-LAOS
Sri Lanka	427	14.0	72	12	AWAITED			
Lao PDR	-	-	-	-	949	30.13	-	-
Mongolia	-	-	-	-	-	23.83	-	-
Total	4,270	27.2	587	59.8	9,992	32.2	1151 1141	89.74 88.84

NOTES: (1) Margin of Preference(MoP) is the percentage of applied MFN tariff to be exempted, estimated as a sample average of all the items under concession.

(2) The 4th round concession result is excluding Sri Lanka's offer list.



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A model of Multilateral RoOs dataset

HS 2007	Description	India			Lao PDR		RoOs		PSR
		MFN (%)	MOP(4th,%)	MOP for LDC	MFN (%)	MOP(4th,%)	General RoO for developing PSs	General RoO for LDC PSs	
1011010	-- Horses	30	40				45%	35%	
1011020	-- Asses	30	40				45%	35%	
1011090	-- Other	30	40				45%	35%	
1019010	-- Horses for polo	30	40				45%	35%	
1019020	-- Asses, Mules and hinnies livestock	30	40				45%	35%	
1019090	-- Other	30	40				45%	35%	
1021010	-- Bulls, adult	30	40				45%	35%	
1021020	-- Cows, adult	30	40				45%	35%	
1021030	-- Buffaloes, adult and calves	30	40				45%	35%	
1021090	-- Other	30	40				45%	35%	
1029010	-- Bulls, adult	30	40		10	35	45%	35%	
1029020	-- Buffaloes, adults and calves	30	40		10	35	45%	35%	
1029090	-- Other	30	40		10	35	45%	35%	

NOTES: (1) PSR: Product Specific Rules of Origin.
(2) Excluding Sri Lanka's concession list .



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Available search criteria

Selected search criteria

Measures: Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) [Regular], Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) [Regular]
 Member(s) imposing: India
 Partner(s) affected: Any [Include the category "All members", Show affected countries grouped (bilateral, All Members)]
 Date(s): From 01/01/1995 to 01/10/2013 [in force]
 Product(s): HS codes 01 or 02 or 03 or 04 or 05 or 06 or 07 or 08 or 09 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21 or 22 or 23 or 24 or 25 or 26 or 27 or 28 or 29 or 30 or 31 or 32 or 33 or 34 or 35 or 36 or 37 or 38 or 39 or 40 or 41 or 42 or 43 or 44 or 45 or 46 or 47 or 48 or 49 or 50 or 51 or 52 or 53 or 54 or 55 or 56 or 57 or 58 or 59 or 60 or 61 or 62 or 63 or 64 or 65 or 66 or 67 or 68 or 69 or 70 or 71 or 72 or 73 or 74 or 75 or 76 or 78 or 79 or 80 or 81 or 82 or 83 or 84 or 85 or 86 or 87 or 88 or 89 or 90 or 91 or 92 or 93 or 94 or 95 or 96 or 97

Search result

Your query covers 12 measures
 Your selection result in 12 measures

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Member imposing	Partner affected	Notif. req.	Initiation In force	Measure description	Product description	STC	HS	Trade & Tariff	Source reference
India	All Members	SPS Regular	13/06/2007 Withdrawn	Pet food products of animal origin (import into India) Order, 2007 Pet food products of animal origin (import into India) Order, 2007 is related to regulation ...	Pet food product of animal origin Dried processed pet food containing the ingredients of meat and meat products from avian species, pig and product of animal or ...		230910	T&T	docs
India	All Members	SPS Regular	27/08/2008 15/10/2008	Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Third Amendment) Order, 2008 The Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Third Amend...	Plants, plant materials and other regulated articles as per Plant Quarantine Order, 2003 and its Amendments.		2003	T&T	docs
India	All Members	SPS Regular	08/07/2009 05/09/2009	Draft plants quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Fifth Amendment) Order, 2009 The notification seeks further to liberalize provisions governing import...	Plants and plant materials and other regulated articles as per Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and its amendments.		2003	T&T	docs

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Regular notifications search results

Search criteria: Number of documents: 40 Current page on total: 1/2

Document Symbol	Links	Date of distribution	Members	Products	Notification keywords	Comment period
G/SPS/N/IND/10	EN ES FR	11/04/2002	India	Domestic and wild birds, day-old chicks, turkeys, poultry and other newly-hatched avian species; hatching eggs; semen of domestic and wild birds; fresh meat of domestic and wild birds; and products of animal origin (from birds) destined for use in animal feeding or for industrial use, pathological material, and biological products.	Animal diseases Animal health Avian influenza Food safety Human health Regionalization Zoonoses	
G/SPS/N/IND/11	EN ES FR	11/04/2002	India	Live cattle, buffalo, sheep and goats; bovine, ovine and caprine embryos or ova; fresh meat, meat products, tissues, organs and meat and bone meal (MBM) of ruminant origin; and pet food products or ingredients thereof of ruminant origin.	Animal diseases Animal health Food safety Human health Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) Zoonoses	
G/SPS/N/IND/12	EN ES FR	04/03/2004	India	Plant and plant materials and other regulated articles as per Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 and Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Amendment) Order, 2004 dated 6 February 2004.	Pests Plant health Territory protection	
G/SPS/N/IND/17	EN ES FR	18/02/2005	India	Domestic and wild birds including captive birds; day-old chicks, ducks, turkey, and other newly-hatched avian species; hatching eggs; egg and egg products; semen of domestic and wild birds; meat and meat products from avian species including wild birds; feathers; products of animal origin intended for use in animal feeding or for agricultural or industrial use; live pig and pig meat products; pathological material and biological products from birds.	Animal diseases Animal health Avian influenza Food safety Human health Zoonoses	
G/SPS/N/IND/18	EN ES FR	07/04/2005	India	Plant and plant materials and other regulated articles as per the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (First Amendment) Order, 2003.	Pests Plant health Territory protection	
G/SPS/N/IND/19	EN ES FR	07/04/2005	India	Specified plant and plant materials, listed in the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003.	Pests Plant health	
G/SPS/N/IND/26	EN ES FR	25/07/2005	India	Food items including Processed Food items.	Food safety Human health	
G/SPS/N/IND/27	EN ES FR	25/07/2005	India	Food items including Processed Food items.	Food safety Human health	
G/SPS/N/IND/28	EN ES FR	25/07/2005	India	Food items including Processed Food items.	Food safety Human health Labelling Food safety	

WITS							
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ReporterName	Year	NTMCode	Measure_ID	ProductCode	MeasureDescription	Regulation	Regulation_Url
China	2012	A110	8002	02071100	Suspend importing poultry and poultry products from avian flu epidemic countries: Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Cambodia, Japan, Korea, Romania, Croatia, Kazakhstan, South Africa, Mongolia, Turkey, Russia, and Sweden.	Matters on suspending import of poultry and poultry products from Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Cambodia, Japan, Korea, Romania, Croatia, Kazakhstan, South Africa, Mongolia, Turkey, Russia, Sweden and other avian epidemic countries	http://www.customs.gov.cn/publish/portal0/tab399/info14329.htm

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Summary table of notifications

Summary from i-tip

Participating State	SPS	TBT
Bangladesh	0	0
China	10	2
India	12	0
ROK	18	3
Laos	0	0
Sri Lanka	9	1
Mongolia	0	1

Summary from WTO SPS & TBT database

Participating State	SPS	TBT
Bangladesh	0	0
China	251	513
India	72	11
ROK	439	62
Laos	1	0
Sri Lanka	33	14
Mongolia	1	3

Summary from WITS TRAINS

Participating State	SPS	TBT
Bangladesh	0	0
China	191,228	77,724
India	Not available	Not available
ROK	Not available	Not available
Laos	29,794	0
Sri Lanka	32,797	35,547
Mongolia	0	0

NOTES: (1) data based on WTO i-tip database, WTO SPS & TBT database and WITS TRAINS database. Statistics by APTA secretariat.

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Which database should be used for SPS and TBT? (Seek guidance)

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A model of NTMs dataset

HS 2007	Description	China					
		SPS	objective	doclink	TBT	objective	doclink
4021000	Milk & cream in solid forms of ≤1.5% fat	Announcement of the Regulation on Management of Sanitary Certificate of Import of Dairy Products. The purpose of the notified regulation is to unified regulate the management of import of dairy products, and ensure the quality and safety of import of dairy products.	Animal health Food safety Human health Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) Animal diseases Zoonoses	docs			
84342000	Dairy machinery				Circular of the State Tobacco Monopoly Administration on Modifying Requirement for Tar Limit in Cigarette Mainstream Smoke Labeled on Packages (1 page, in Chinese) It is decided that all cigarettes produced after 1 January 2011, with tar content in the mainstream of smoke labeled on packages of cigarettes more than 12mg/piece, are not allowed to be sold on the domestic market. This decision applies to imported cigarettes equally.	Food safety Human health	docs

NOTES: (1) SPS/TBT based on WTO I-TIP database.
(2) Under APTA 4th Round concession.

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Part III: Future road map

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Further actions required

- Request for verification for implementation
 - Request each PS of APTA to verify the database by checking with the nodal point of SPS & TBT for WTO
 - Revert verification by the NTM focal point of each Participating State
 - Compilation and updating of the dataset by the Secretariat
- Utilizing after the database is available
 - Participating States provide the links to their relevant websites
 - Continuous updating by the Secretariat in collaboration with the NTMs database focal points of Participating States

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Suggestions for improvement

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Thank you

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