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ENVIRONMENTAL DATABASE MANDATE AND SCOPE

- ⌘ CTE Report (1996) with recommendation to enhance the transparency of trade-related environmental measures which are notified by WTO Members (CTE work program item 4).
 - ⌘ EDB reports covering data from 1997-2015.
- ⌘ Covers information on:
 - ⌘ Environment-related measures **notified** under WTO Agreements (based on transparency obligations in each agreement);
 - ⌘ Environment-related provisions included in the **notification** of preferential or Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs);
 - ⌘ Environment-related measures mentioned in **Trade Policy Reviews**.
- ⌘ WTO Secretariat (TED) annually prepares the EDB by searching through all notifications and TPRs published in a given year.



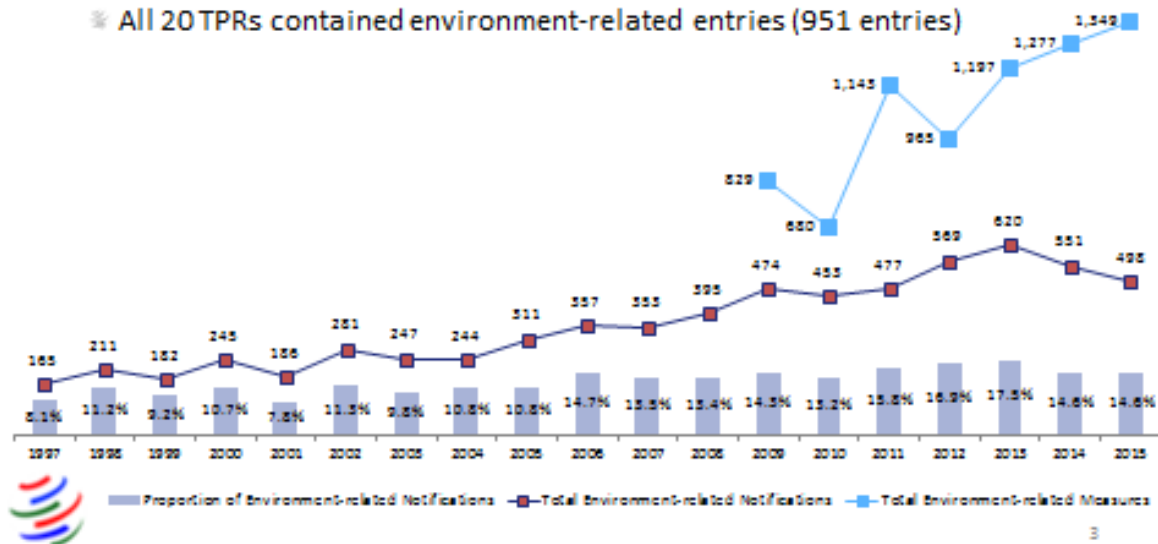
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3,408 notifications and the 20 TPRs circulated in 2015:

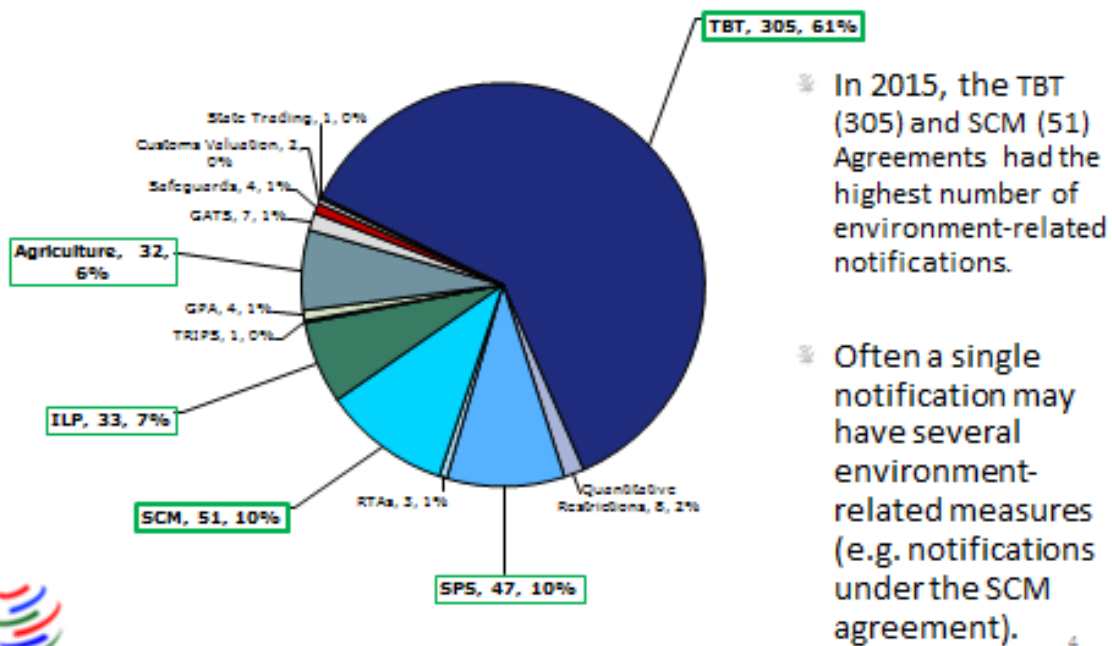
- ✧ 498 environment-related notifications submitted by 73 WTO Members
- ✧ 1349 environment-related measures were identified from these notifications
- ✧ All 20 TPRs contained environment-related entries (951 entries)



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Types of Environment-related Objectives in Measures

Alternative and renewable energy	220	16.3%
General environmental protection	208	15.4%
Energy conservation and efficiency	175	13.0%
Chemical, toxic and hazardous substances management	155	11.5%
Other environmental risks mitigation	124	9.2%
Waste management and recycling	120	8.9%
Climate change mitigation and adaptation	104	7.7%
Environmental goods and services promotion	104	7.7%
MEAs Implementation and compliance	103	7.6%



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Types of Sectors

Agriculture	341	25.3%
Manufacturing	311	23.1%
Energy	249	18.5%
Chemicals	203	15.0%
Services	179	13.3%



Types of Measures

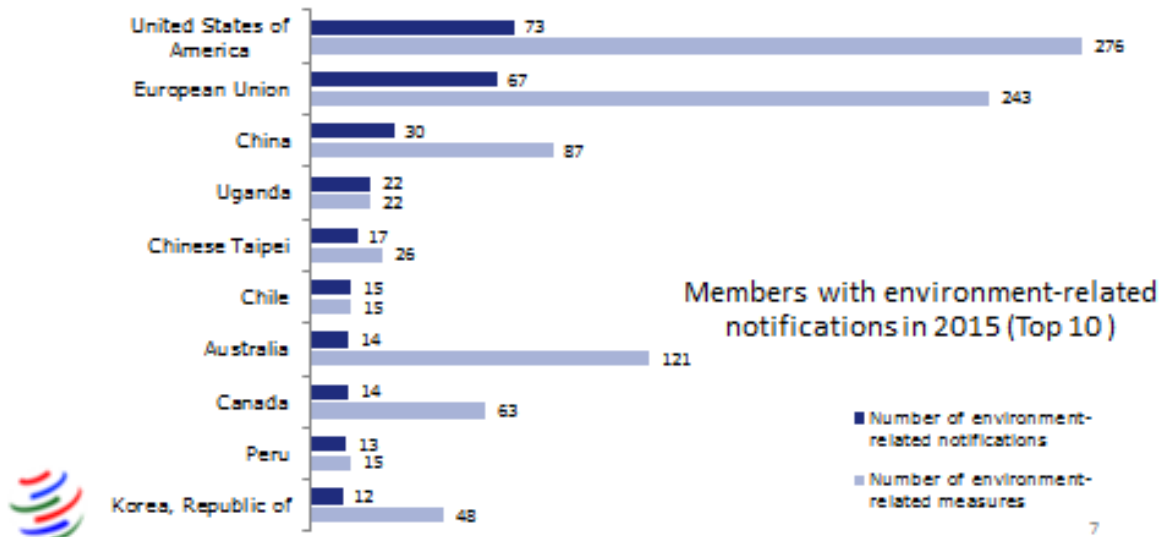
Grants and direct payments	363	26.9%
Technical regulation or specifications	321	23.8%
Tax concessions	151	11.2%
Non-monetary support	138	10.2%
Import licences	123	9.1%
Loans and financing	89	6.6%

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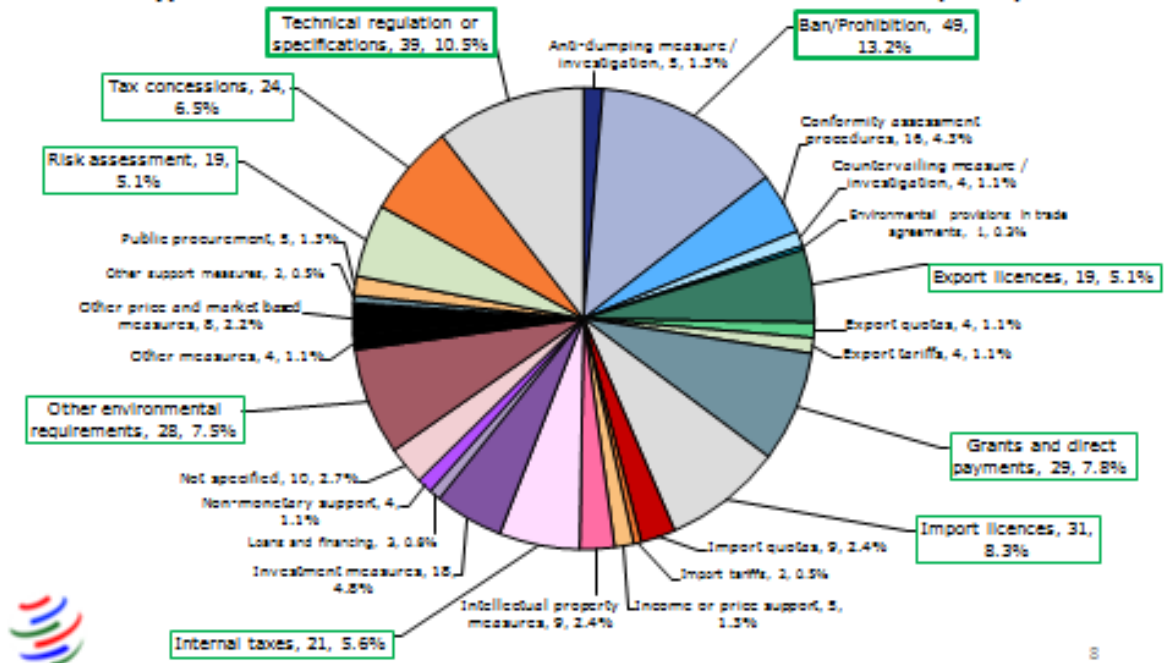
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Type of Environment-related Measures Mentioned in TPRs (2015)



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Environmental Database

The WTO's environmental database (EDB) contains all environment-related notifications submitted by WTO members as well as environmental measures and policies mentioned in the Trade Policy Reviews (TPRs) of WTO members. The database is updated on an annual basis.

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Environment-related notifications

Year	Notifications
2001	186
2002	283
2003	247
2004	246
2005	311
2006	307
2007	331
2008	305
2009	424
2010	403
2011	477
2012	509
2013	620
2014	551
2015	498

The environmental database consists of two parts since 2009: (i) a report presenting an overall analysis of environment-related notifications and environmental measures mentioned in TPRs, and (ii) an Excel table providing the underlying data used for the analysis.

The Excel table allows the data to be sorted by WTO agreement, WTO-member, type of measure, product or environmental objective and for relevant tables and graphs to be generated.

NOTIFICATIONS

To improve the transparency of WTO's members' trade measures, members are required to report their measures in the form of notifications to the relevant WTO body.

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OTHER RESOURCES

- Glossary
- WTO Docs Online
- I-TIP
- TBT-IMS
- SPS-IMS

TRADE POLICY REVIEWS (TPR)

The WTO conducts regular reviews of members' trade policies. For each review, two documents are prepared: a policy statement by the government and a detailed report written independently by the WTO Secretariat.

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Year	Report	Excel table
2015	WT/CTE/226/15	Table

[EDB USER'S GUIDELINES](#)

DEMONSTRATION ON HOW TO USE THE EDB

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