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WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade

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The WTO Agreement on TBT



- Agreement on TBT entered into force in 1995 and is a legal instrument of the WTO.
- Scope: All industrial and agricultural products.
- Not applicable to sanitary and phytosanitary measures.

The WTO Agreement on TBT

Applies to	Does not apply to
Industrial products	SPS measures
Agricultural products	Services

The WTO Agreement on TBT

Objectives of the Agreement:

- Prevent creation of unnecessary technical barriers to trade.
- Establish rules for technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment.
- Technical requirements for trade to be based on international standards, guides or recommendations as far as possible.
- Transparency of requirements.

The WTO Agreement on TBT

Premise

WTO members have the **right** to adopt technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures

But

These must not constitute **unnecessary obstacles** to international trade.

The WTO Agreement on TBT

Agreement acknowledges countries' **right** to regulate:

- quality of their exports
- protection of human life or health
- protection of animal or plant life or health
- protection of the environment
- prevention of deceptive practices
- protection of essential security interests

Technical Barriers to Trade

Country A	C U S T O M S	Country B
Technical Regulations		Technical Regulations
Standards		Standards
Testing, Calibration Inspection		Testing, Calibration Inspection
Certification		Certification
Packaging		Packaging
Labelling		Labelling
Other requirements		Other requirements

Solution

Minimizing unnecessary obstacles to trade by using WTO Agreement on TBT.

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