NOTIFICATIONS - GUIDE

The *Notifications* module permits the retrieval of notification documents using specific data fields of the Central Registry of Notifications (CRN) database. It is divided into a quick search interface, which uses only three data fields (i.e. Date, requirements and members) and an *Advanced search* option, which provides additional data fields to search on.

Through this guide you will learn how to use the *Notifications* module of *Documents Online* and its advanced search capabilities to find notifications.

The *Notifications* module can be accessed via this url: https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE Search/FE S S003.aspx

How to select the default interface language

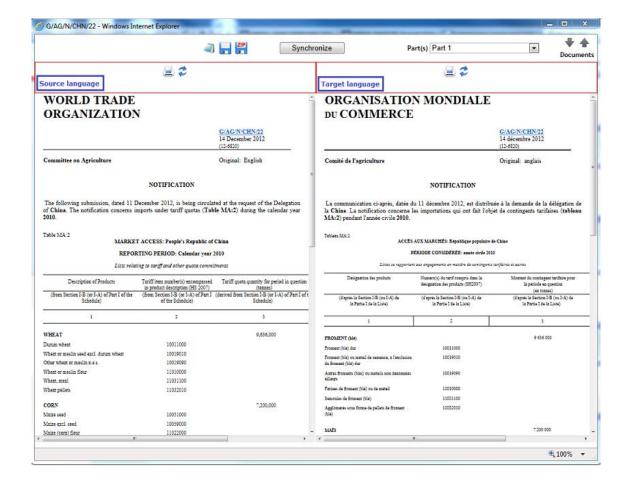
- 1. Click Suser preferences in the top-left hand corner of the screen.
- 2. Select the desired Interface language.
- 3. Press Save



It is also possible to save a default output language for the Side-by-side display in the results list. The *Source language* will be shown in the first window and the *Target language* will be displayed in the second window.

Example:

Source language=English Target language=French



Notifications interface

The *Notifications* component is a quick search interface allowing for metadata searching of notifying members, WTO requirements, and date ranges.



Autocomplete

The Notifications module provides an autocomplete feature for selected search fields.

1. Items are selected from the list by moving the mouse over the term until it is highlighted in blue.

Member

united

United Arab Emirates

United Kingdom

United States of America

2. Click the left mouse key to enter the term in the search field. The term will automatically be enclosed in quotation marks " ".

Member "United Kingdom"

Note: Multiple selections are possible and *Documents Online* will automatically combine the criteria with an OR statement.

Different search possibilities in the Advanced search

The *Notifications – Advanced search* interface offers two search techniques which can be used either in isolation or in combination to make a search more specific.

- Metadata: permits the searching on terms used to catalogue and index notifications such as symbol, requirement, member notifying, document date or trade coverage.
- Full text: permits the searching of words, expressions or exact phrases within the actual text of an official document.

Search tips: A search can be made more specific by adding additional criteria, such as date range, requirement topic, type of measure or trade coverage.

Note: When you move from the *Notifications* tab to the *Advanced search* tab, all previous search criteria will be lost.

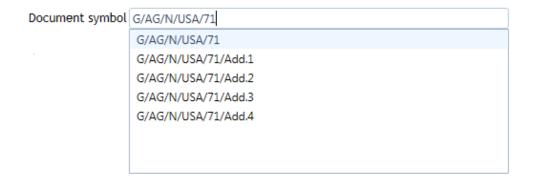
Example 1: Searching by symbol

Searching by document symbol offers an easy way to retrieve a single document or a whole class of documents (series).

Note: For more details on how the WTO documentation is organized view the *Guide to Documentation*.

Searching on the full form of the document symbol:

- 1. Type the document symbol (e.g. *G/AG/N/USA/71*) in the *Document symbol* text field.
- 2. Select it from the autocomplete by using the mouse.



3. After clicking on G/AG/N/USA/71, the application will automatically enter "G/AG/N/USA/71" OR "G/AG/N/USA/71/*" in the text field.

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Document symbol "G/AG/N/USA/71" OR "G/AG/N/USA/71/*"
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This ensures that the search will automatically return relevant corrigenda, addenda or revisions for that document that may have otherwise been overlooked.

4. Click on Search to launch the search.

All five documents retrieved by the search are displayed in a special parent-child display (for additional explanation, please see the section on <u>parent-child display</u>).



Note: In metadata searching, the *Notifications* module will <u>always</u> return the parent document and the relevant child document(s) that contain the metadata search criteria. Child document(s) not containing the metadata will automatically be removed from the search.

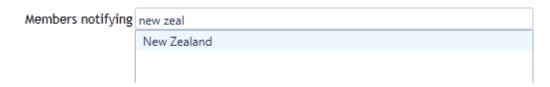
Example 2: Searching by country

Two fields permit searching by Members (Country):

- Members notifying: This field is used to describe notifications which are directly communicated by a specific member.
 - For example:
 - An agricultural notification submitted by Australia will be indexed as "Australia".
- Country/territory affected: This field is used to describe documents in which a country is the <u>subject of</u> the document.
 - For example:
 - An agricultural notification submitted by New Zealand and concerning Finland will be indexed as "Finland".

Searching by Member notifying

- 1. Enter the member (e.g. Type the first letters of the Member's name into the field *new zeal*).
- 2. Then select from the autocomplete.



Documents Online will automatically add the selected term New Zealand to the search field and enclose it in quotation marks.

Members notifying "New Zealand"

Option: Adding additional countries.

- 1. Type the first letters of the new country name (e.g. *ice*).
- 2. Then select from the autocomplete.



Documents Online will automatically combine the terms New Zealand and Iceland with an OR statement.



3. Click on Search to launch the search.

Previous country names

Country names change over time. Therefore when selecting a country name from the autocomplete, previous versions of the name are automatically copied into the search form to enable the retrieval of all documents relevant to the country in question.

If you select Germany from the autocomplete, "Germany" OR "German Democratic Republic" will be entered in the *Members notifying* field in the search form.

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Members notifying "German Democratic Republic" OR "Germany"
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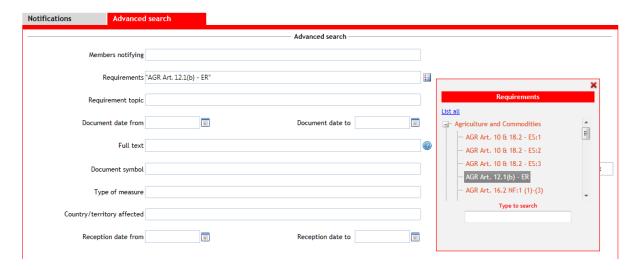
The same searching principles apply to the Country/territory affected field.

Example 3: Searching by requirement

The requirement search field allows for the searching of documents by WTO legal requirement.

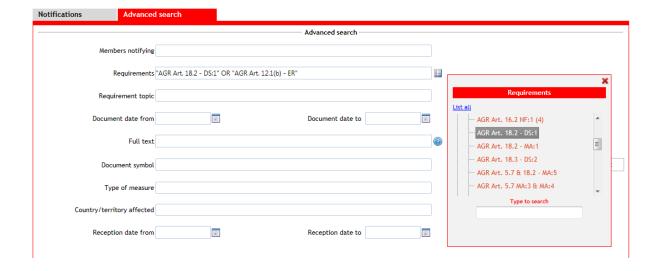
An alphabetical list of topics and their associated requirements is available by clicking on to the right of the *Requirement* field in the search interface.

- 1. Open the requirements list by clicking on 📙 .
- 2. Expand the data tree by clicking on the inext to the topic (e.g. *Agriculture and Commodities*).
- 3. Select a requirement (e.g. AGR Art. 12.1(b) ER) from the list by clicking on it.



Additional requirements can be added to the search field.

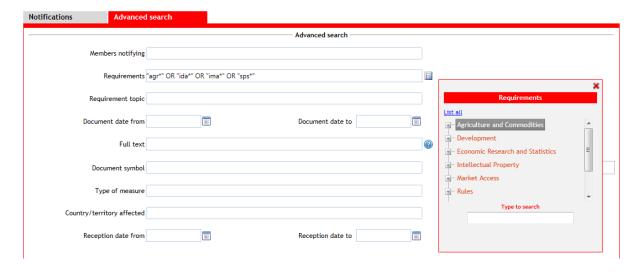
4. Select AGR Art. 18.2 – DS:1 from the list by clicking on it.



5. Click on Search

Alternatively, it is also possible to search for all requirements by topic (e.g. *Agriculture and Commodities*).

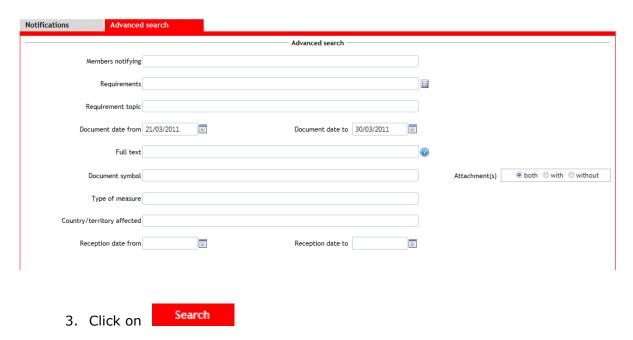
- 6. Open the requirements list by clicking on
- 7. Click on the topic (i.e. Agriculture and Commodities).



8. Click on Search

Example 4: searching by date

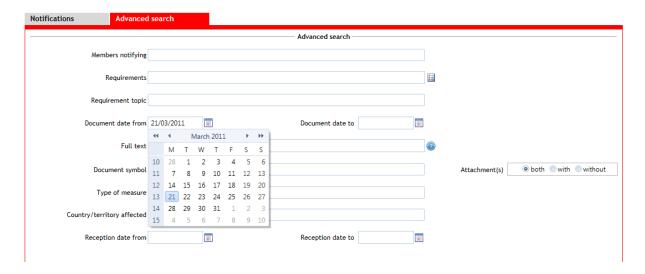
- 1. Enter the start date (e.g. 21/03/2011) in the *Document date from* field.
- 2. Type the end date (e.g. 30/03/2011) in the *Document date to* field.



Note: The date format should be dd/mm/yyyy.

Alternatively, the online calendars can be used to select dates.

- 1. Click on the icon next to the *Document date from* field.
- 2. Select the date from the calendar.



- 3. Click on the icon next to the *Document date to* field.
- 4. Select the date from the calendar.



Example 5: Searching for Trade coverage

The *Notifications – Advanced search* interface allows for the searching of notifications by Trade coverage. Notifications have been indexed in the areas of product information, standards, trade in services and trade and the environment using four separate classification schemes.

Product coverage

Notifications describing measures that affect specific products are indexed where possible according to the *Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS)*.

Trade in Services coverage

All notifications on trade in services have been indexed according to the *Services Sectoral Classification List (SSCL)*. The SSCL is outlined in the document MTN.GNS/W/120 (10 July 1991).

Environmental coverage

All notifications relating to trade and the environment have been indexed according to the INFOTERRA Thesaurus Database (UNEP). Documents have been indexed on the basis of the criteria described in document WT/CTE/EDB/1 (31 May 2002).

Standards coverage

All notifications relating to international, regional or national standards are indexed using the International Classification for Standards (ICS).

The Trade coverage fields are available by clicking on the *Advanced search* tab on the main search mask.



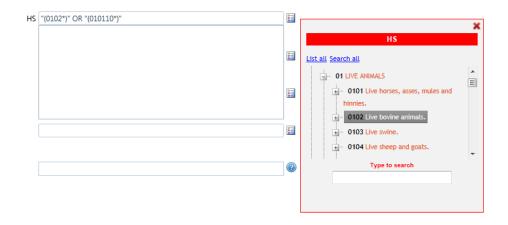
A hierarchical list of the classification system is available by clicking on \blacksquare to the right of the text field (e.g. HS).

- 1. Open the HS list by clicking on
- 2. Expand the data tree by clicking on the inext to the classification level (e.g. Live animals and products). Click on the inext to the classification level (e.g. Live animals and products).
- 3. Select a product (e.g. 010110 Pure-bread breeding animals) from the list by clicking on it.



Additional products or product sections can be added to the search field.

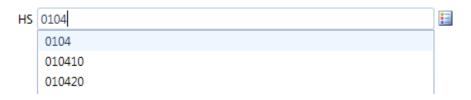
4. Select 0102 Live bovine animals from the list by clicking on it.



5. Click on Search

Alternatively, if you know the HS code, it is also possible to directly type the role into the text field and select it from the autocomplete list.

1. Then type the HS code (e.g. 0104 for Live sheep and goats) in the text field.



2. Select 0104 from the autocomplete list.



Note: In the Trade coverage section, the autocomplete function uses a "begins with" option, meaning that typing 010 will only return values beginning with the numbers 010...

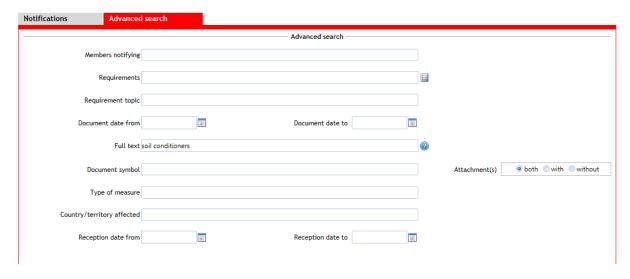
The same searching principles apply to the Services, Environment and ICS fields.

Example 6: Searching for specific terms within the full text of a notification

The full text search option allows for the searching of words, expressions or exact phrases within the actual text of an official document. Boolean and proximity search operators, phrase searching, nesting and stemming can be used in the full text search field.

Searching for specific words

- 1. Enter a search term (e.g. soil) in the Full text field.
- 2. Add a second term (e.g. conditioners) in the Full text field.



3. Click on Search .

Note: The search will be performed on each individual word (i.e. *soil* **and** *conditioners*) if no quotation marks are used. In order to retrieve an exact phrase, it is necessary to enclose the term in quotation marks (" ").

Examples:

soil conditioners will retrieve soil and conditioner.

"soil conditioners" will retrieve soil conditioners.

Stemming is automatically applied by the search engine and allows for the retrieval of words that have a common stem.

Examples:

fish will retrieve fish, fisher, fishing etc.

Viewing the Notifications search results list

After clicking on Search, documents matching the search criteria will be displayed.

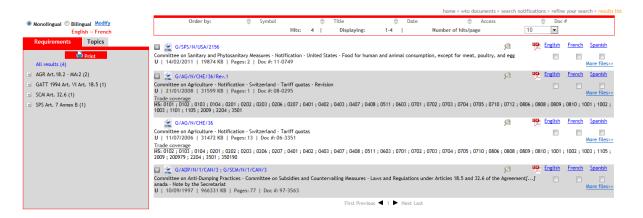
Parent-child display

A distinctive feature of the *Notifications* search results list is the parent-child display. Parent documents are the original documents characterized by symbols that do not contain the suffixes Corr. (Corrigendum), Add. (Addendum) or Suppl. (Supplement). Symbols containing these suffixes are called child documents. Exceptions are documents with the suffix Rev. (Revision) immediately following the symbol of the base document, which are considered to be a new parent document. However, adding the suffix Rev. to Corr., Add. or Suppl. will render these documents child documents.

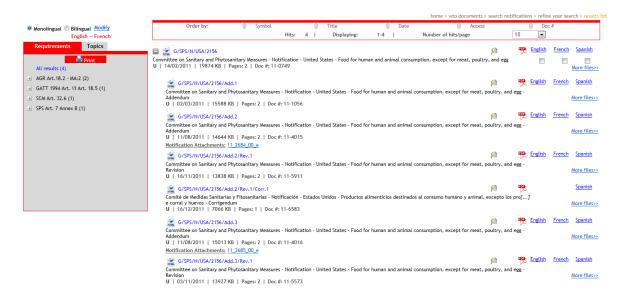
Examples:

 $G/ADP/N/1/CAN/3 \rightarrow Parent document$ $G/ADP/N/1/CAN/3/Add.1 \rightarrow Child document$

G/AG/N/CHE/36 → Parent G/AG/N/CHE/36/Rev.1 → New Parent Only the parent documents will be displayed when the *Notifications* search results list first loads.



The child documents will be displayed indented after clicking on ext to the parent document.



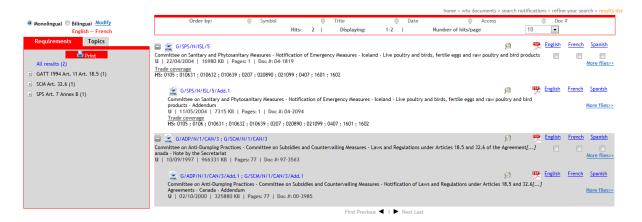
Note: The indentation of child documents is only at one level. Children of children will be displayed at the same level.

Counting the hits

The number of hits in the results list always refers to the number of <u>parent</u> documents regardless of how many child documents are returned.



The total number of parent documents in this example is two even though the total number of all documents returned is four.



Sort order

The documents are ordered in reverse chronological order on the basis of the parent document with the most recent document appearing at the top of the list.

The results list allows you to reorder the documents by simply clicking \bigcirc , which sorts the hits in ascending/descending order. Additionally, the number of hits per page can be increased from the default 10 to 50.

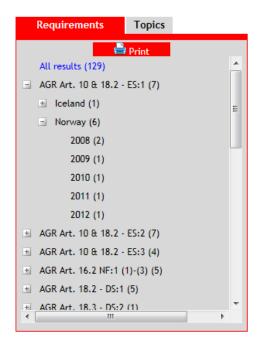


Left display

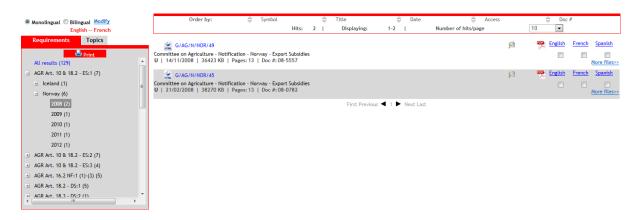
The left panel display provides a means to view which notifications received from Members under a particular requirement and for a specific year and as well allows further filtering the search results.

The default filter in the *Notifications* module is by *Requirement*. By opening the hierarchy it is possible to view which members have notified under this requirement and in which year.

- 1. Click on to open the hierarchy (e.g. AGR Art. 10 & 18.2 ES:1).
- 2. Click again on to expand the hierarchy for a particular member (e.g. Norway).



3. Click on ^{2008 (2)} .

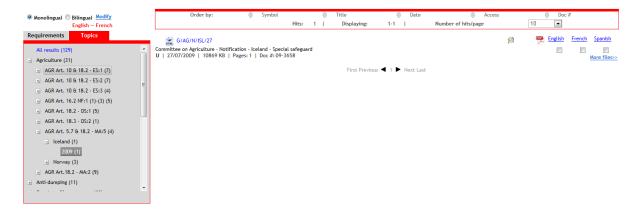


The search results will be refreshed and only the two documents corresponding to the requirement *AGR Art.* 10 & 18.2 – *ES:1*, the member *Norway* and the document date 2008 will be shown.

A second option is to filter the original results list by Topic.

- 1. Click on the Topics tab.
- 2. Click on to open the hierarchy (e.g. agriculture).

- 3. Click on to expand the hierarchy further (e.g. AGR Art. 18.2 MA:2).
- 4. Click on to view the member (e.g. *Iceland*).
- 5. Click on 2009 (1)



The search results will refresh and only show the one document corresponding to the topic *agriculture*, the requirement *AGR Art.* 18.2 – MA:2, the member *Iceland* and the document date 2009.

Viewing documents

Once you have run the search, there are several options for viewing the documents.

File preview

Click on English to open the PDF file(s) in English. The system will prompt you to either open or save the file.



All available parts, notification attachments and file types (PDF, XLS, MDB or WORD) of a document are available when you click on $\frac{\text{More files}>>}{}$



Note: On the results list it is only possible to view the PDF files. All other file types are only available by clicking on *More files*.

HTML preview

In *Documents Online* it is also possible to view each document in an HTML format by clicking on the symbol G/SCM/N/243/BLZ. Special features are available in the HTML preview:

 Open the PDF version of WTO documents from within the HTML preview by clicking on the highlighted symbol (e.g. WT/L/691):

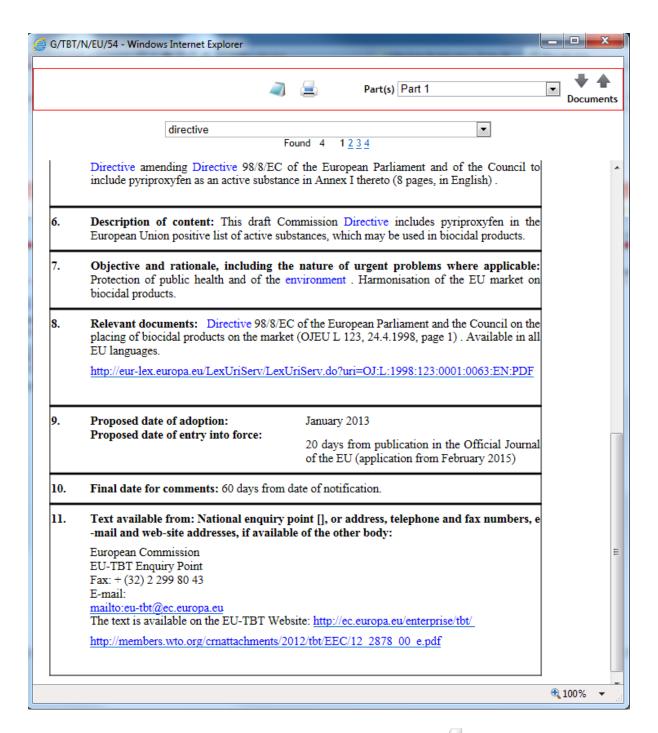
SUBSIDIES

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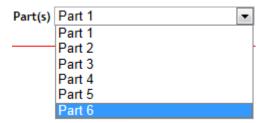
BELIZE

The following notification, dated 9 October 2012, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Belize.

• Automatic highlighting of all occurrences of search terms used for full-text searching (e.g. *directive* and *environment*). Each occurrence within the document of the search criteria is numbered. This number appears at the top of the screen and the search criteria are highlighted in the body of the text. *Documents Online* automatically positions the cursor on the first occurrence of the search criteria. Click on a number to navigate between "hits" in the document:



- ullet Print the HTML version of the document by clicking on ullet
- Navigate through the various parts of a multi-part document by using the dropdown menu.



Navigate between documents from the results list by using the up/down arrows.



Note: Occasionally documents do not exist in the language of the interface (e.g. English). In this case, it is only the available language versions of a document that are returned in the results list.

Restricted documents

Documents that have their symbol and PDF file links greyed-out indicate that the user does not have the necessary permission to view them.



Downloading documents

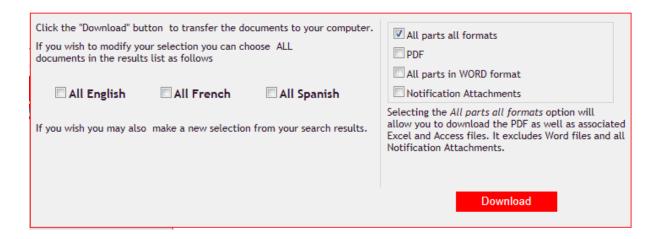
Once you have undertaken a search, you can download the documents from the results list.

Example 1: Downloading a selection of documents

1. Select the documents and language versions you would like to download by ticking the relevant box(es) in the results list.



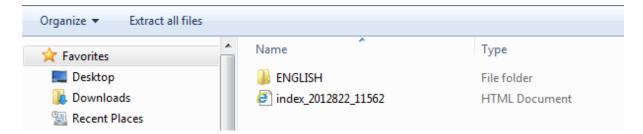
- 2. Click on Download documents in the top-left hand corner of the screen.
- 3. A download menu will open with the option All parts in all formats automatically selected at the top right-hand corner. This option allows you to download the PDF as well as associated Excel and Access files. If you want to download Word files and Notification attachments, it is necessary to select them individually.



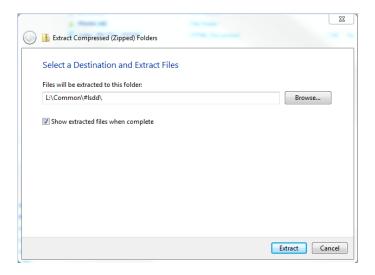
- 4. Click on Compressed in a zip file.
- 5. Either open or save the zip file to your computer.



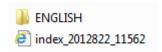
6. Click on Extract all files



7. Select the location to which the files should be extracted and click on Extract.



The compressed file contains the selected document files with one directory for each language plus an index file providing summary details.

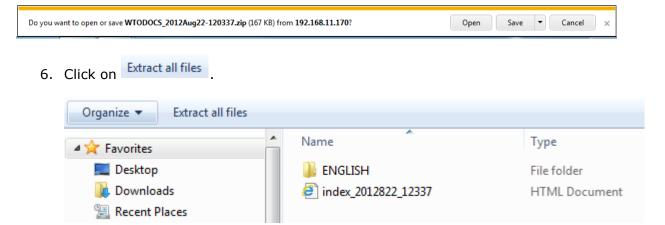


Note: The application will automatically download all child documents and notification attachments if the parent document has been selected for downloading. In the index file, the hyperlinks to the copy of the document that you have downloaded only become active after the files have been extracted.

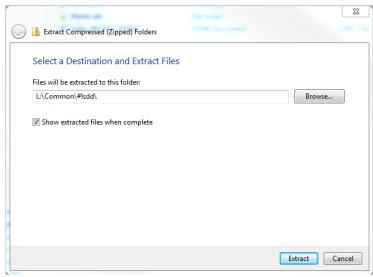
Example 2: Downloading all documents

Instead of downloading a selection of documents, it is also possible to download all documents in the results list.

- 1. Click on Download documents in the top-left hand corner of the screen.
- 2. Select All English
- 3. Click on Download
- 4. The selected documents will be automatically compressed in a zip file.
- 5. Either open or save the zip file to your computer.



7. Select the location to which the files should be extracted and click on Extract.



Note: The all documents download option is limited to the number of documents appearing on the current page of the results list. This number can be increased by changing the default hits per page from 10 to 50. If you have multiple pages of results and wish to download all documents, you must repeat the download operation on each page of results.

Catalogue record

Documents Online provides a descriptive catalogue record for every document. The catalogue record is available for viewing by clicking on in the search results list. The catalogue record for notifications consists of two main sections. The first section is the standard catalogue record which provides bibliographical data describing the content of the document in question.

CATALOGUE RECORD			
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Collection	G	Access level	Public
Symbol	G/TBT/N/CHN/257	Status	Complete
Date	07/05/2007	Derestricted on	
Doc #	07-1891		
English title	Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade - Notification - The People's Republic of China - Motor vehicle lamps		
French title	Comité des obstacles techniques au commerce - Notification - République populaire de Chine - Lampes pour automobiles		
Spanish title	Comité de Obstáculos Técnicos al Comercio - Notificación - República Popular China - Faros de vehículos automóviles		
Contents	Objective: For the protection of human safety. Description of content: This standard specifies the photometric characteristics, test methods and inspection rules of Motor vehicle headlamps equipped with filament lamps and sealed beam headlamps.		
Topics	technical barriers ; technical barriers China ; technical regulations ; technical regulations China		
Country / territory mainly concerned	China		
Other countries / territories mentioned			
Bodies	Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade - 1994		
Articles	TBT 1994 02.09.04		
Organizations			
Products	automotive parts ; lamps		
References			
Pages English	1		
Pages French	2		
Pages Spanish	1		
Document type	Notification		

The second section is the CRN Notification record. This part contains notification specific bibliographic data, such as notifying/affected countries or territories, requirements, trade coverage and attachment information.

NOTIFICATION DATA

Country/territory notifying (01) China Country/territory affected (01)

REQUIREMENT(S)

Name (01) Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade Art. 2.9

Short name (01) TBT Art. 2.9

Topics (01) Technical barriers to trade

Measure type (01) Technical regulations (TBT 2.9)

Periodicity (01) Ad hoc Members req. to Notify (01) WTO Members

TRADE COVERAGE

HS 851220

Services

ICS 43.040.20

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ATTACHMENTS

The appended numbers, for example (01), in the Notification Data and Requirement(s) sections indicate that all elements featuring this number relate to the same notification.

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