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# ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS NOTIFIED UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

### Note by the Secretariat

#### Addendum

- 1. At the second meeting of the Sub-Committee on Trade and Environment of the Preparatory Committee, on 12 July 1994, a request was made to the Secretariat to update the paper TBT/W/156 analysing statistically the TBT notifications of environmental technical regulations and standards. This Note responds to that request. It is based on notifications where the objective and rationale of the technical regulation or standard has been given as the protection of the environment. Since some of the notifications refer to more than one technical regulation or standard or more than one policy instrument, the number of policy instruments covered is larger than the number of notifications made.
- 2. Tables I, II, III, IV and V summarize the statistical results of the analysis.

TABLE I

TBT Environment Notifications 1980-8 July 1994

Year	Number of environment notifications	Total number of notifications	% of environment notifications
1980-90	211	2687	7.8 %
1991	35	358	9.7 %
1992	36	394	9.1 %
1993	42	487	8.6 %
1994 (up to 8 July)	25	225	11.1 %
1980-8 July 1994	349	4151	8.4 %

TABLE II

TBT Environment Notifications, 1980-91

Policy Instrument Product	Import/ export prohibitions	Import/ export restrictions	Internal taxes/ charges	Sale/use prohibitions	Sale/use restrictions n.e.s.	Transport/ distribution requirements	Packaging/ marking/ labelling requirements	Type/ certificate approval requirements	Test requirements	Collection/ deposit/ recycling requirements	Content restrictions
Products     containing or     produced with     ozone-depleting     substances	12	3		16	4						
2. Products containing or treated with mercury, lead, cadmium, arsenic (e.g. batteries, paints, fertilizers)	6			10	2		6	1	1	1	5
3. Petroleum and other fuels	2		1	3	1	1	1		1		8
4. Road, rail, sea, air vehicles and parts.			2	1	8			11	55		
5. Detergents, soaps	1	1		3			4		2		2
6. Asbestos and products	1	1		2			1	1			
7. Endangered animal and plant species and products	1	1					, 1		2		

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8. Machinery and equipment		1			4		9	6	9		
9. PVC products	1			1			1	-			
10. Toxic/ hazardous chemicals and products	4	7		8	10	1	11	15	18	2	1
11. Pesticides, fungicides, herbicides		1		2	2		1	3			
12. Toxic/ hazardous waste		1				1					
13. Non-toxic waste		1		1	2		3			6	

TABLE III

# TBT Environment Notifications, 1992

Policy Instrument Product	Import/ export prohibitions	Import/ export restrictions	Internal taxes/ charges	Sale/use prohibitions	Sale/use restrictions n.e.s.	Transport/ distribution requirements	Notification/ Packaging/ marking/ labelling requirements	Type/ certificate approval requirements	Test and performance requirements	Collection/ deposit/ recycling/ re-use/ recovery requirements	Content restrictions
Products     containing or     produced with     ozone-depleting     substances	3			4				1			
2. Products containing or treated with mercury, lead, cadmium, arsenic (e.g. batteries, paints, fertilizers)				3	3		1	1		1	1
3. Petroleum and other fuels						s s		1			2
4. Road, rail, sea, air vehicles and parts.											
5. Detergents, soaps											1
6. Asbestos and products							•				

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7. Endangered animal and plant species and products											
8. Machinery and equipment								-	4		
9. PVC products											
10. Toxic/ hazardous chemicals and products	2			3	1		4	3	1		2
11. Pesticides, fungicides, herbicides						a					
12. Toxic/ hazardous waste		1				i,	2	1		2	
13. Non-toxic waste									*	2	
14. Tropical timber							1				

TABLE IV

# TBT Environment Notifications, 1993

Policy Instrument Product	Import/ export prohibitions	Import/ export restrictions	Internal taxes/ charges	Production/ Sale/use prohibitions	Production/ Sale/use restrictions n.e.s.	Transport/ distribution requirements	Notification/ Packaging/ marking/ labelling requirements	Type/ certificate approval requirements	Test and performance requirements	Collection/ deposit/ recycling/ re-use/ recovery requirements	Content restrictions
Products     containing or     produced with     ozone-depleting     substances	4	3		3	(); 1.	f f i .	1				ı
2. Products containing or treated with mercury, lead, cadmium, arsenic (e.g. batteries, paints, fertilizers)	1			2	Ī		2	1	1	2	2
3. Petroleum and other fuels					2	_	1	1			
4. Road, rail, sea, air vehicles and parts.			-					2	7		
5. Detergents, soaps											
6. Asbestos and products						1	1	2	1		

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7. Endangered animal and plant species and products	28.E		y 2003 1	* # <b>*</b>	V4 - *					4-1	ė
8. Machinery and equipment					3		-1	1	1		
9. PVC products					6.	,					
10. Toxic/ hazardous chemicals and products	1						3	4	ä		
11. Pesticides, fungicides, herbicides		1			1		1	2			
12. Toxic/ hazardous waste								2	1		
13. Non-toxic waste						-			100		

TABLE V

TBT Environment Notifications, 1994 (up to 8 July)

Policy Instrument Product	Import/ export prohibitions	Import/ export restrictions	Internal taxes/ charges	Production/ Sale/use prohibitions	Production/ Sale/use restrictions n.e.s.	Transport/ distribution requirements	Notification/ Packaging/ marking/ labelling requirements	Type/ certificate approval requirements	Test and performance requirements	Collection/ deposit/ recycling/ re-use/ recovery requirements	Content restrictions
Products     containing or     produced with     ozone-depleting     substances		4	ر د د د د د د د د د د د د د د د د د د د	4	3	* Va.	1		. '	4 <b>1</b>	
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3. Petroleum and other fuels					34. 16						1
4. Road, rail, sea, air vehicles and parts.									1		
5. Detergents, soaps											1
6. Asbestos and products							•		8		

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7. Endangered animal and plant species and products											-
8. Machinery and equipment							1		6		
9. PVC products											
10. Toxic/ hazardous chemicals and products				1		- n			:		
11. Pesticides, fungicides, herbicides			þ		1 .	1		1 .		1	1
12. Toxic/ hazardous waste										r	
13. Non-toxic waste									,	3.	