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TBT Notifications (1st of November 2014 to 31st January 2015)

I. Notification Details:

The total number of notifications issued by the various WTO-member countries from 1st of November 2014 to 31st January 2015 was **518**. The notifications are divided into three categories: Active notifications, notifications sent for request for regulation and the notifications with negligible exports. The Active notifications are those notifications where India has export potential on the products referred and also have regulations available in English version. There are another group of notifications where the regulations are not available in English language. The last category comes under the no export category where India is not exporting the products referred in these notifications or negligible exports are reported. Out of these 518 notifications, **129** were active notifications that were of relevance for India. Out of these **129** notifications, **37** notifications were adoption of regulations, which were issued earlier.

II. Active Notifications:

Country-wise Information: An analysis of the 129 notifications which were relevant to India shows that United States of America issued 42 notifications followed by European Union, Chinese Taipei, Japan, Uganda, Canada, Indonesia and Kuwait which issued 21, 17, 11, 7, 6, 6 and 6 notifications, respectively. Together, these countries have issued more than 71% of the total notifications during 1st of November 2014 to 31st January 2015. **(Table 1 below)**

III. Total Notifications Issued by All Member Countries:

Country-wise Information: Out of the total 518 notifications issued by the entire member countries of WTO, Ecuador issued 76 notifications followed by United States of America, Saudi Arabia, Chinese Taipei, Brazil, Uganda, European Union, Kenya, Bahrain, Panama, Korea, Mexico and United Arab Emirates which issued 62, 43, 28, 25, 23, 21, 20, 18, 18, 14, 14 and 14 notifications, respectively. These countries have issued more than 67% of the total notifications during 1st of November 2014 to 31st January 2015. **(Table 2 below)**

Product-wise Information: Out of the 518 notifications, 196 were on food, 73 were on electrical products, 55 were on pharmaceutical products and cosmetics, 37 were on automobile products, 8 were on energy and the rest were in respect to chemical, textile, toys, steel, construction products so on and so forth. **(Table 3 below)**

IV. Indian Position on Notifications Relevant to India:

Notifications-No Impact on Indian Industry:

Based on analysis and industry/stakeholders response on 129 notifications, it was found that, India was in a position to meet 66 regulations proposed by the member countries and on 12 regulations, the Government of India has sought clarifications from the concerned “Enquiry Points”. For 20 Notifications issued in January 2015 the draft responses is been analysed for sending to the concerned enquiry points. For 34 notifications issued in January 2015 the responses are yet to be received from stakeholders.

Notifications-May Impact Indian Industry: (Draft Responses Already Sent)

There were 11 notifications where stakeholders were of the view that, though some of the notifications were in line with International Standards, they may adversely impact Indian exports. Hence, APJ-SLG suggested that the Government of India may seek clarifications from the concerned enquiry point requesting them to provide justification for setting the proposed regulations. These notifications are mentioned below:

| Sl. No: | Notification No: | Date | Country | Product |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | G/TBT/N/JPN/465 | 29/08/2014 | Japan | Food Labelling |
| 2. | G/TBT/N/CRI/148 | 08/12/2014 | Costa Rica | Conformity Assessment |
| 3. | G/TBT/N/CHN/1064 | 12/12/2014 | China | Cosmetics |
| 4. | G/TBT/N/USA/930 | 27/10/2014 | USA | Lights and luminaries |
| 5. | G/TBT/N/KWT/252 | 09/12/2014 | Kuwait | Food Products |
| 6. | G/TBT/N/OMN/193 | 09/12/2014 | Oman | Food Products |
| 7. | G/TBT/N/QAT/370 | 17/12/2014 | Qatar | Food Products |
| 8. | G/TBT/N/KWT/256 | 17/12/2014 | Kuwait | Food Additive |
| 9. | G/TBT/N/OMN/194 | 17/12/2014 | Oman | Food Additive |
| 10. | G/TBT/N/QAT/367 | 17/12/2014 | Qatar | Food Additive |
| 11. | G/TBT/N/ARE/248 | 07/01/2015 | UAE | Food Additive |

Notifications That May Have an Impact on Indian Industry (Draft Responses under Preparation)

| Sl. No: | Notification No: | Products Covered | Details of the Regulation |
|----------------|-------------------------|--|---|
| 1. | G/TBT/N/JPN/476 | Textile goods | The draft regulation was issued by Japan. It mandated on the labelling of textiles. The mandatory care labelling is changed in accordance with the Japanese Industrial Standard (JIS) L 0001, which is harmonized with the International Standard (ISO) 3758. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 2. | G/TBT/N/USA/856/Add.1 | Fertilizers | The notification was issued by USA. The purpose of this rulemaking is to modify Florida's fertilizer labeling requirements and use directions for specialty lawn fertilizer. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 3. | G/TBT/N/JPN/478 | Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system | Japan has issued one notification. The notice was issued for Proposed "Shitei Yakubutsu" (designated substances), and their "proper uses" designated under the Act. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 4. | G/TBT/N/USA/933/Add.1 | Chemical Substances | The USA has promulgated significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 52 chemical substances which were the subject of pre-manufacture notices (PMNs). The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 5. | G/TBT/N/VNM/52 | Chemical products, pharmaceutical products | The notification was issued by Vietnam. The draft technical regulations set out procedures for testing ULV spraying insecticides, mosquito repellent creams and electric mosquito mat vaporizers. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 6. | G/TBT/N/IDN/91 | Cosmetic products | Indonesia has proposed a draft that establishes the general principle, criteria, and notification procedures of cosmetic. Cosmetics that will be distributed in Indonesia must be notified to the Chairman of NADFC. The |

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| | | | criteria are described in the regulation. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 7. | G/TBT/N/IDN/92 | Processed food | A proposed regulation was notified by Indonesia. This regulation described the procedure for electronic registration for processed food based on level of risk. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 8. | G/TBT/N/IDN/93 | Drugs | The regulation was issued by Indonesia. The proposed regulation is on registration of drugs. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 9. | G/TBT/N/IDN/94 | Cosmetics products | This regulation sets out the technical requirements of safety, usefulness, quality, labelling and claims for cosmetics. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 10. | G/TBT/N/IDN/95 | Processed food | Indonesia has issued a regulation on processed food. The regulation adds a new article, namely Article 13A which regulates registration of variations with minor changes. Applicants who submit the registration variation with minor changes can take action without waiting for the approval from the Chairman of NADFC. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 11. | G/TBT/N/IDN/96 | Cosmetic products | The notification was issued by Indonesia. This regulation notifies the labelling process for cosmetics. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 12. | G/TBT/N/USA/94 7 | Children's articles containing specified phthalates | The notification was issued by USA. The regulation deals with any phthalates or phthalate alternatives used in toys. The proposed draft deals with a total prohibition. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 13. | G/TBT/N/OMN/1 96 | General requirements for fresh fruits and vegetables boxes | The notification was issued by Oman. This standard is concerned with the general requirements for fresh fruits and vegetables packing boxes made from wood, carton or plastic. All the items are compulsory. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |

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| 14. | G/TBT/N/USA/710/Add.7 | Water Heating Equipment | The notification was issued by USA. The proposed standard revise and expand its existing regulations governing the use of particular methods as alternatives to testing for the purposes of certifying compliance with the applicable energy conservation standards. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 15. | G/TBT/N/USA/951 | Chemical substances | The draft proposes new significant rule for 13 chemical substances which were the subject of pre-manufacture notices (PMNs). The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 16. | G/TBT/N/JPN/479 | 8704-Motor vehicles | The notification was issued by Japan. The regulation notifies the amendment of the "Safety Regulation for Road Transport Vehicle". The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 17. | G/TBT/N/KWT/258 | Cosmetics. Toiletries (ICS: 71.100.70) | The notification is issued by Kuwait. The technical regulation is concerned with the safety parameters and general requirements for all cosmetics and personal care products, which specify the definitions of the product, and the Safety requirements, labelling, product claims, packaging, and rules for acceptance and rejection. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 18. | G/TBT/N/TPKM/194 | The food additive combinations | The notice requires that the importers of food additive combinations shall obtain and keep a certificate of product ingredients issued by its original manufacturer or responsible business. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 19. | G/TBT/N/CAN/436 | Motor Vehicle Safety Act | The notification was issued by Canada. The regulation deals with the amendment of Motor Vehicle Safety Act (MVSA). The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |
| 20. | G/TBT/N/TPKM/195 | Cosmetics | TPKM has issued a notification on cosmetics. The proposed amendment deal with definition, general requirements, specific requirements and licensing of cosmetic products. The details of the same were sent to respective stakeholders. |

V. ANNEXURES

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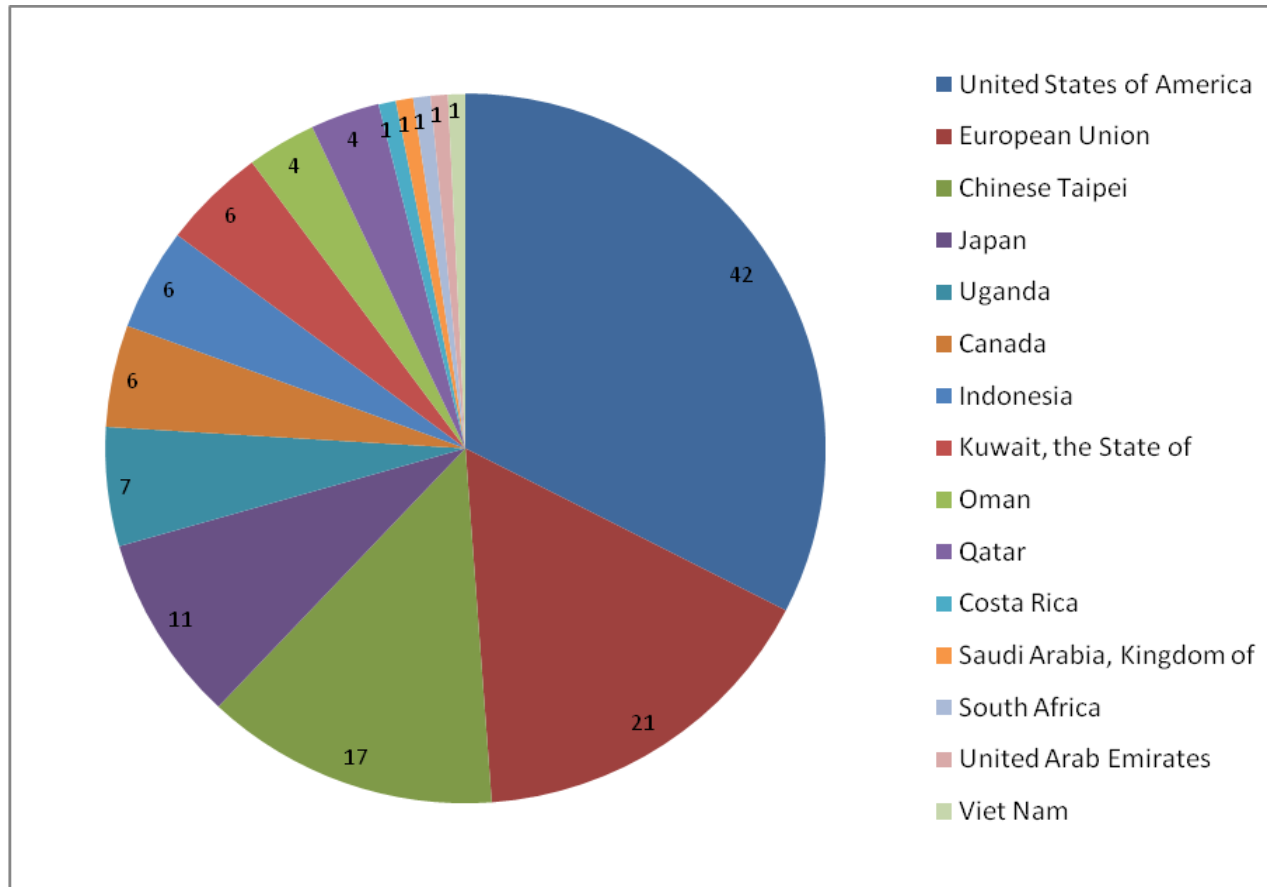


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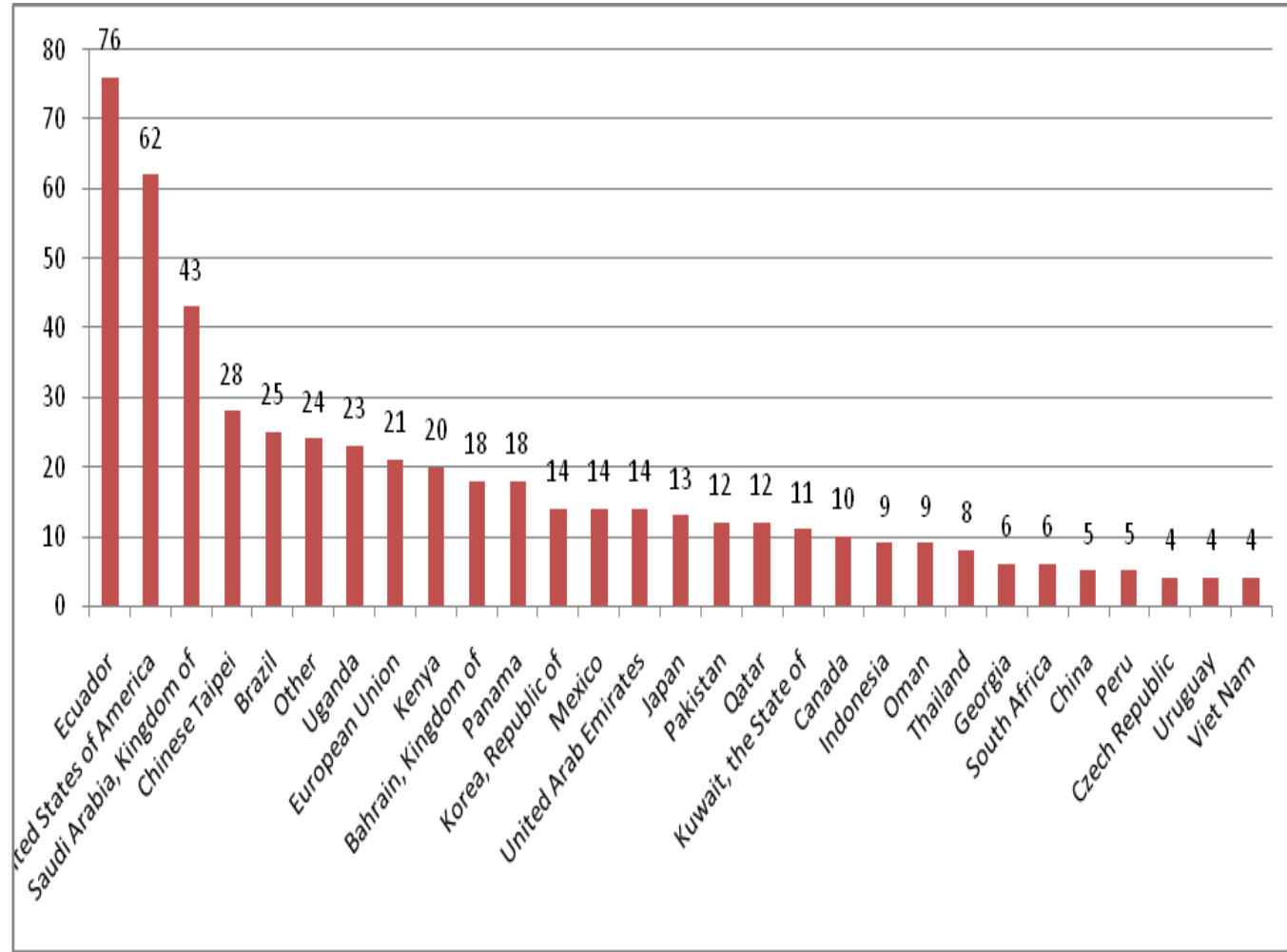
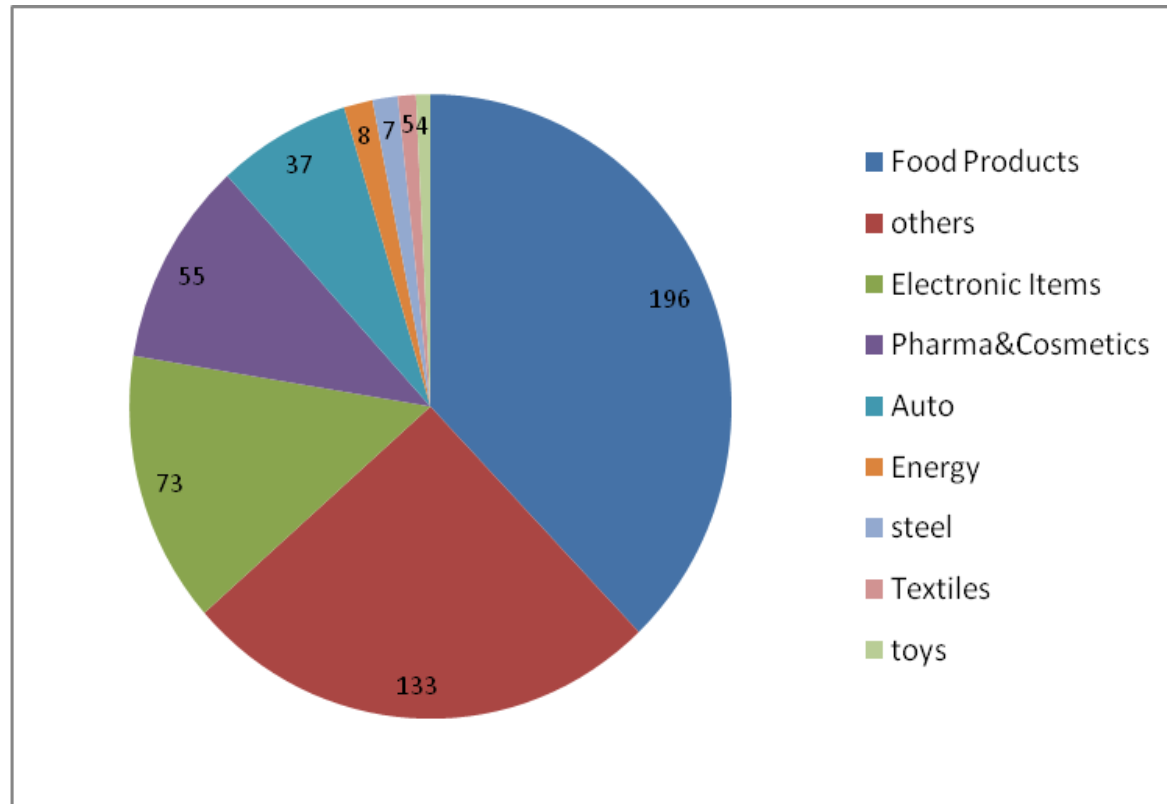


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