Online TBT & SPS Web Portals by the Centre for WTO Studies

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The Objective of the Centre for WTO Studies

- The CWS was created in 2002 and by the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Industry & Commerce, GOI.
- The major objective of the Centre is to provide research and analytical support on a continuous basis to the Department of Commerce on identified issues pertaining to the World Trade Organization.
- In addition, it is also tasked to carry out research activities, bring out Publications on WTO related subjects, carry out Outreach & Capacity Building programmes by organizing seminars, workshops, subject specific meetings etc., and to be a repository of important WTO documents in its Trade Resource Centre.

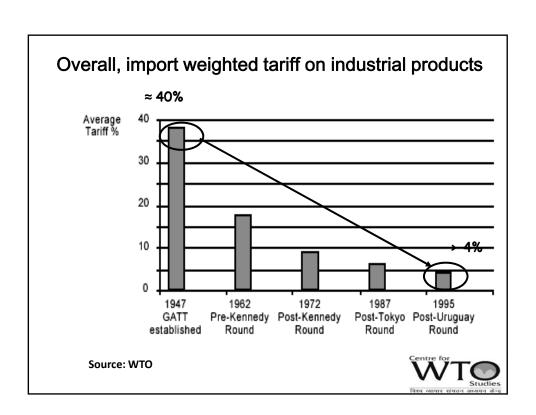
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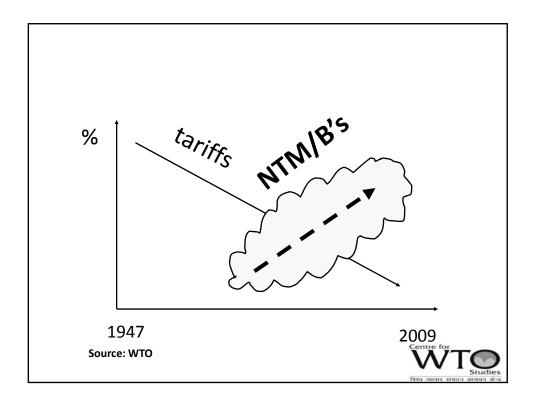


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- It became imperative to look beyond tariffs as these were coming down (both voluntarily and as part of WTO negotiations) and **WTO-Compatible non-tariff measures**, like TBT and SPS were increasing by the year.
- So it was felt way back in early 2003 itself that a database to capture individual **member notification and its link to the trading activity** (ie., HS code).
- It was felt that for the Indian exporters would need to be aware on each of these notification and its product coverage. Hence it was not only important to have comprehensive database compiled but it equally important to disseminate the same. It took six years to compile this database.



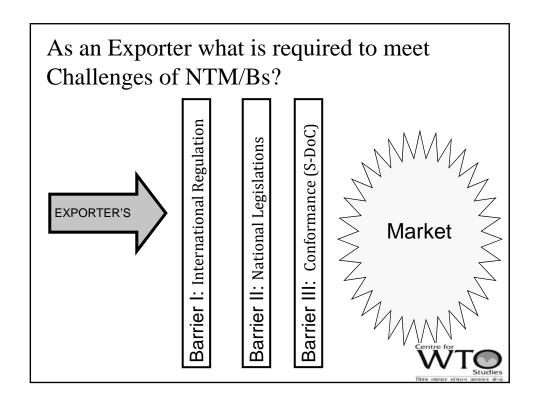


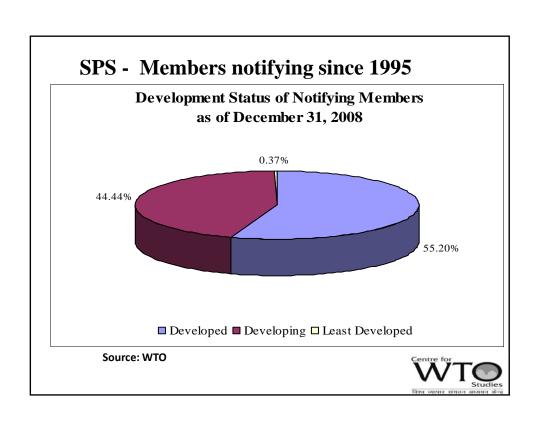


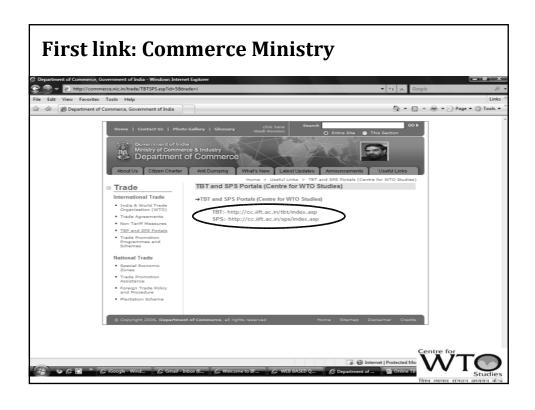
What are the possible trade/commercial effect?

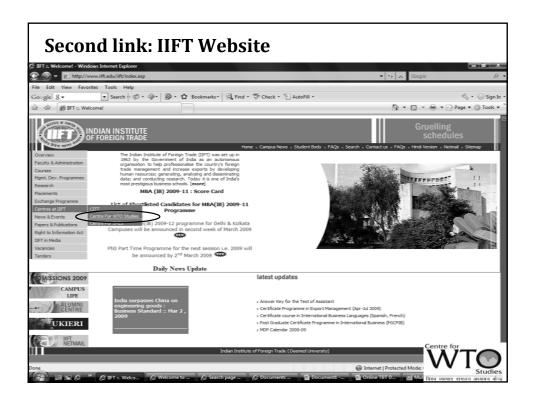
- Nearly 12,259 TBT notifications January 1995 to August 2009, in terms of coverage roughly 75,000 products at heading level (4 digit HS) and broad product classification(BPC), for example like "All products", "Construction materials", "Animal and animal products", etc;
- Nearly 8,676 SPS notifications for the same period, and the coverage was roughly 70,000 products respectively;
- Possible negative impact on trade and commercial by way of the kind of coverage in terms of heading/BPC is unimaginable- <u>especially when India are opening up is poised for a betterring market access in the OUAD markets Doha Round.</u>
- At the national line level (i.e.,8 digit HS ITC) virtually all lines are covered by either of the two measures.

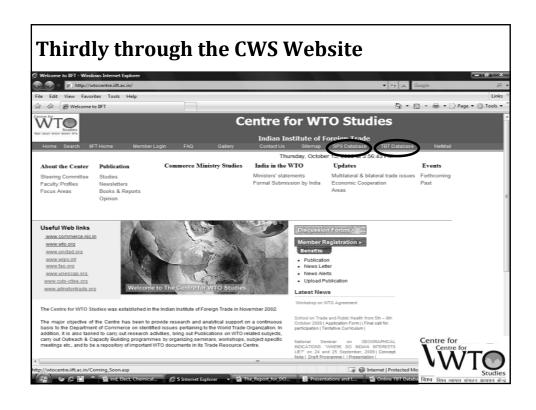


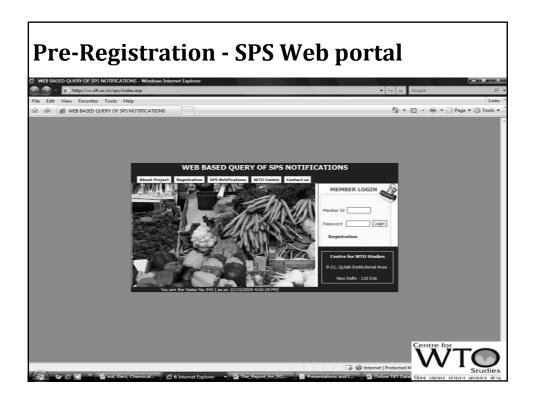


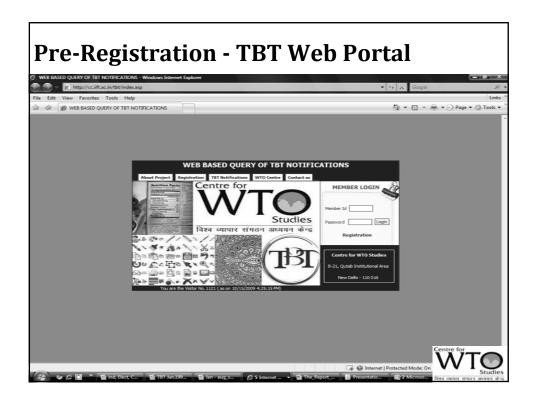












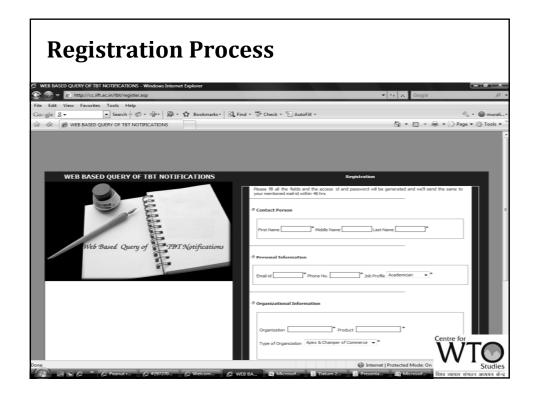
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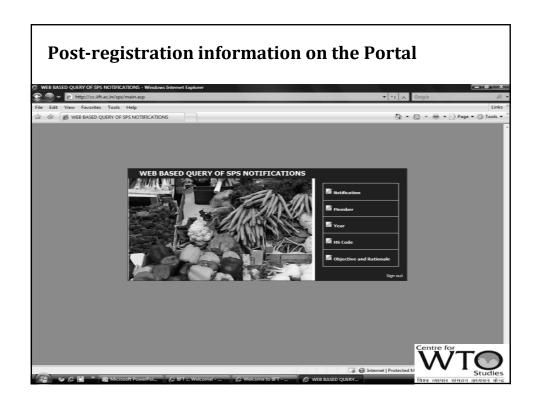
- Contact Person
- Personal Information's like Email-id, Phone, etc.,
- Organizational Information
- Contact Information's like Personal & Official
- Most Important of all is the Country from where it is being used.

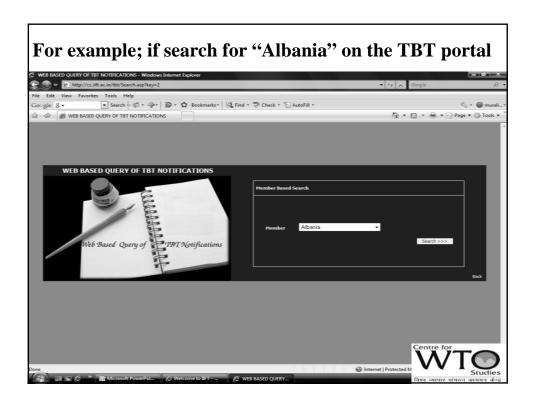


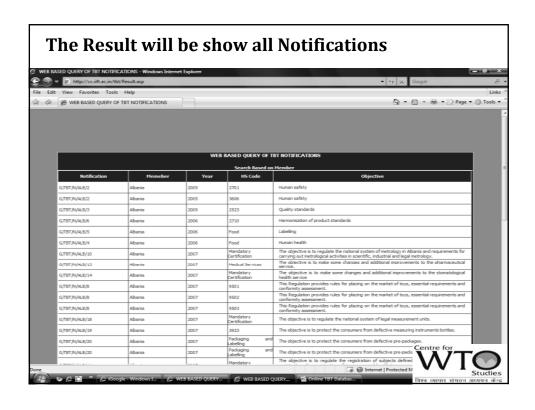
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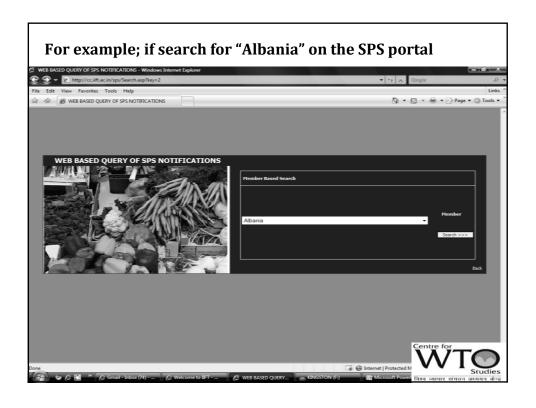
- An automated <u>unique Login ID and Password</u> (the password can customised), will be send to you to your email ID, as mentioned as part of the registration process, with in few hours or a maximum duration of 48 hours.
- If it is not working, <u>please check your junk mails</u>, and for institutional users find out if your <u>Web ID is fire wall protected or not</u>, this also from our past experience we have found.
- Both the **SPS and TBT Web Portals require separate** registration.
- There is no restriction on the number of registrations within the same organisation. For Apex Chamber of Commerce, FICCI & CII this will be of use by way of decentralising.

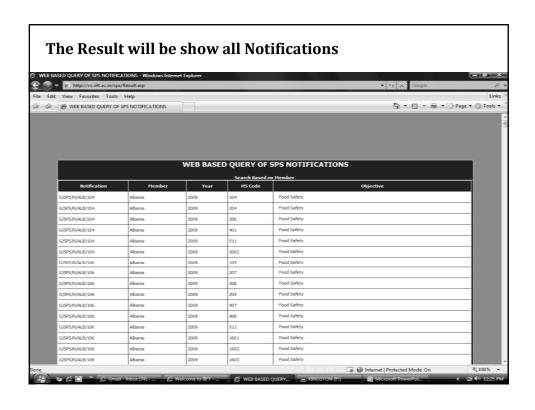


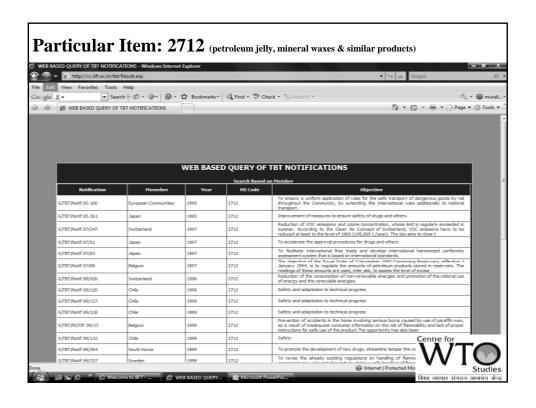


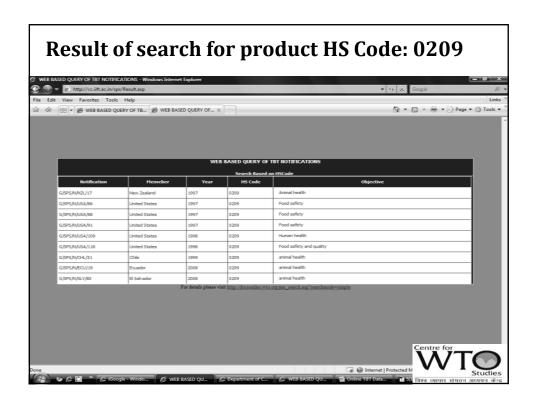


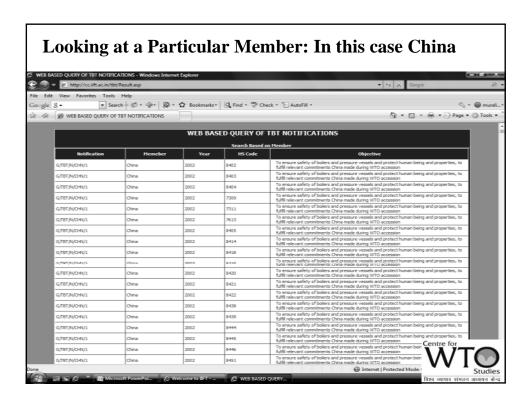


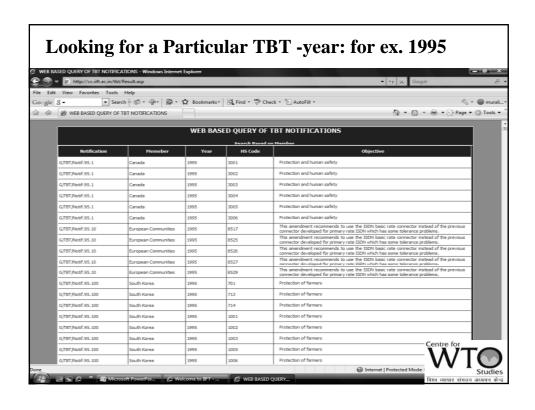


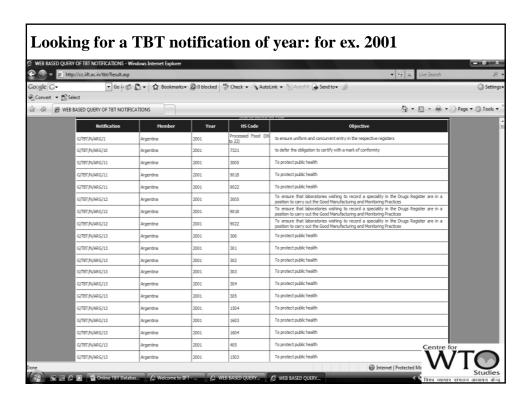


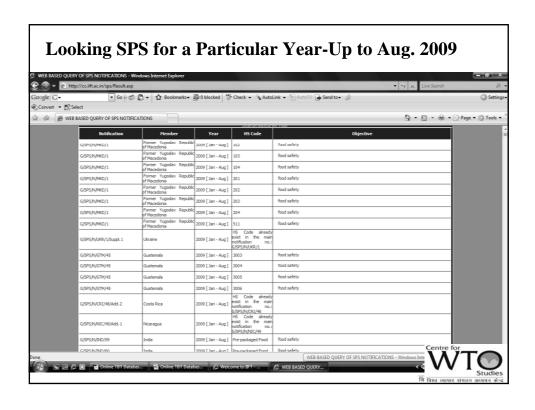


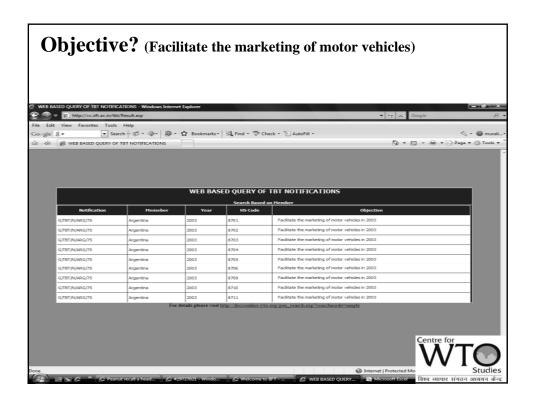


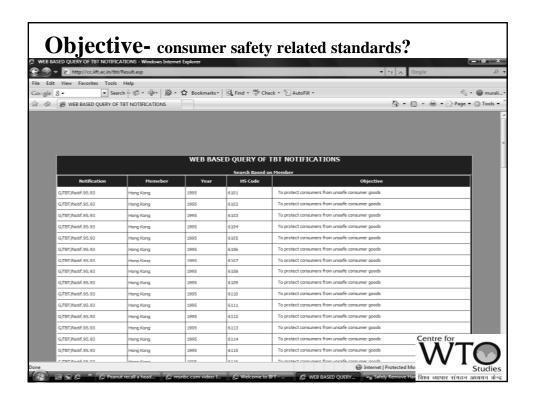


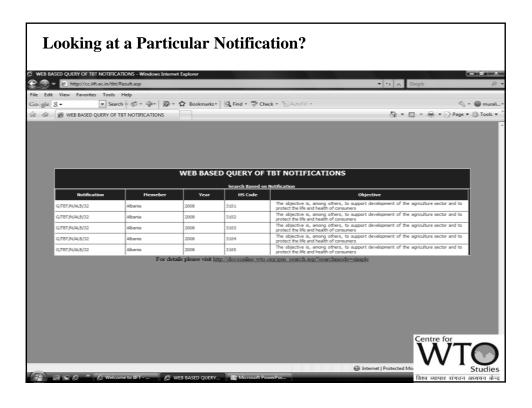












Where does India Stand?

- India had nearly 31 % NTM/B's incidence (frequency) out of a total of 5243 HS eight digit product list- in 1999.
- It means India had 1625 commodities with the presence of either TBT or SPS measures
- This list is inclusive of products under import Quota, which was removed in **April 2001**.
- Indian NTM/B's incidence have substantially reduced after these quota restriction removal.
- 1995 to 2009 India has only added a total of less than 150 SPS and TBT notifications.
- So India is not a major player in terms of use of NTM/B's.



Temporarily one can look for these details

- Until the CWS web portal is fully functional it is now on trail run- one can find further details on the WTO official website.
- If one wants to go to the exact TBT or SPS notifications beyond what has been provided in the CWS Database.
- You can use WTO Website http://docsonline.wto.org/gen_search.asp?searchmode= simple.
- This link can also be visited through the CWS Website WTO Website link – Search – Simple Search

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