



# **Introduction to the WTO Non-tariff Measures and the SPS & TBT Agreements**

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# Introduction to the WTO

1. General Introduction to the WTO
2. Non-Tariff Measures and the WTO
3. Introduction to the SPS & TBT Agreements
  - Why the SPS & TBT Agreements?
  - What are their objectives? What do they cover?

# What is it all about?





# Multilateral trading system

**1948–94: GATT**

*General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade*

**Goods**

**1995–now: WTO**

**Goods  
+ Services  
+ Intellectual  
property**

**Members are governments → now 161  
'member-driven' → about trade policies**





# 'Multilateral' trading system

## Result:

- Freer-flowing trade  
*lower trade barriers*
- Less trade friction between governments  
*agreed rules*
- Growth, access to goods + services, welfare
- Economic stability





# Multilateral trading system

## Objectives:

**Freer-flowing trade**  
lower trade barriers

**Less trade friction between governments**  
agreed rules, 'rules-based'



# Multilateral trading system

The means:



- **Negotiations ...**

... resulting in **agreements**: principles and commitments



- **Implementation, monitoring** ('regular' work): agreements and protectionism in general



- **Dispute settlement:** rulings and legal interpretations (of agreements)



# Negotiations



Starting point of all WTO work

Agreement only by **consensus**

Everyone has to be persuaded

No one forced by a majority

Everything else **follows from negotiations ...**



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