

WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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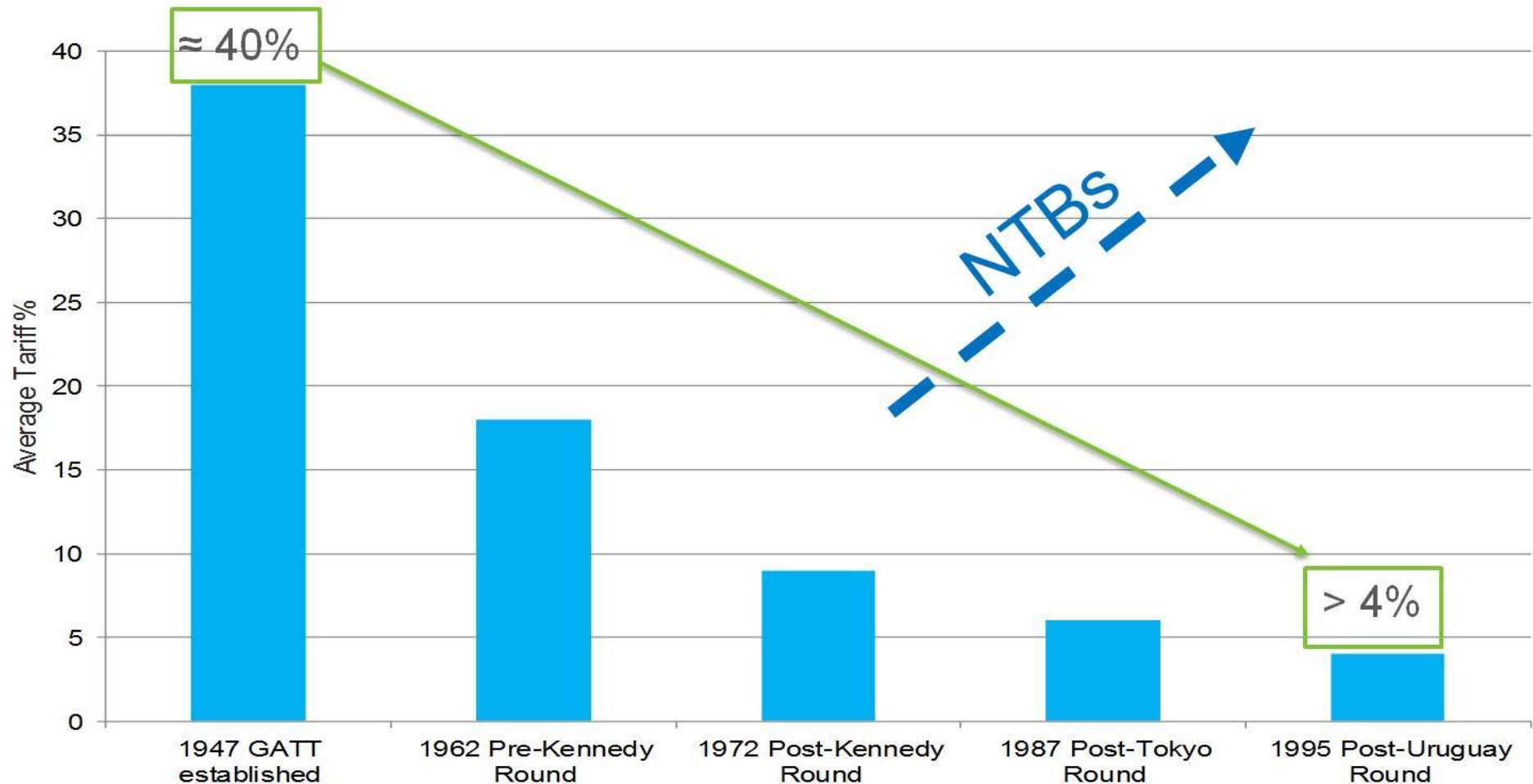


Why an Agreement SPS?

- Before 1995: GATT Art. XX (b) & TBT
- Agreement on Agriculture:
 - Lower tariffs
 - Lower domestic support
 - Lower export subsidies
- Linking health protection, protectionism and trade measures
- Sets clear rules
- More details rights and obligations

Importance of SPS Measures

Tariffs and Non-Tariff Barriers to Trade



The SPS Agreement

- The Agreement entered into force with the establishment of the World Trade Organization on 1 January 1995.
- It sets out basic rules for food safety and animal and plant health requirements.
- Allows countries to set own standards but regulations should be based on scientific evidence.



WTO SPS Agreement

Main Purpose of Agreement:

- to maintain the sovereign right of any Member to provide the level of health protection it deems appropriate,
- *but*, to ensure that these sovereign rights are not misused for purely protectionist purposes, do not result in *unnecessary* barriers to international trade, and are not *inconsistent* with the SPS Agreement.

Structure of the Agreement

Basic provisions

- Article 1** - scope
- Article 2** - rights and obligations
- Article 3** - harmonisation
- Article 5** - risk analysis
- Article 7** – transparency

Developing country provisions

- Article 9** - technical assistance
- Article 10** - special and differential treatment
- Article 14** - entry into force

“Special” provisions

- Article 4** - equivalence
- Article 6** - regionalisation
- Article 8** - control, inspection and approval procedures

Machinery provisions

- Article 11** - dispute settlement
- Article 12** - administration
- Article 13** - implementation

The WTO/SPS Agreement

Minimization of negative effects on trade

MAIN PRINCIPLES

- Non-discrimination
- Measures based on science
- Transparency
- Harmonization
- Equivalence
- Risk assessment
- Recognition of pest- or disease-free areas

SCIENCE

Basic rights and obligations
Article 2

Harmonization
Article 3

Risk assessment
Article 5

Expert advice
Article 11.2

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