

# **SECOND TBT QUARTERLY REPORT**

**2019**



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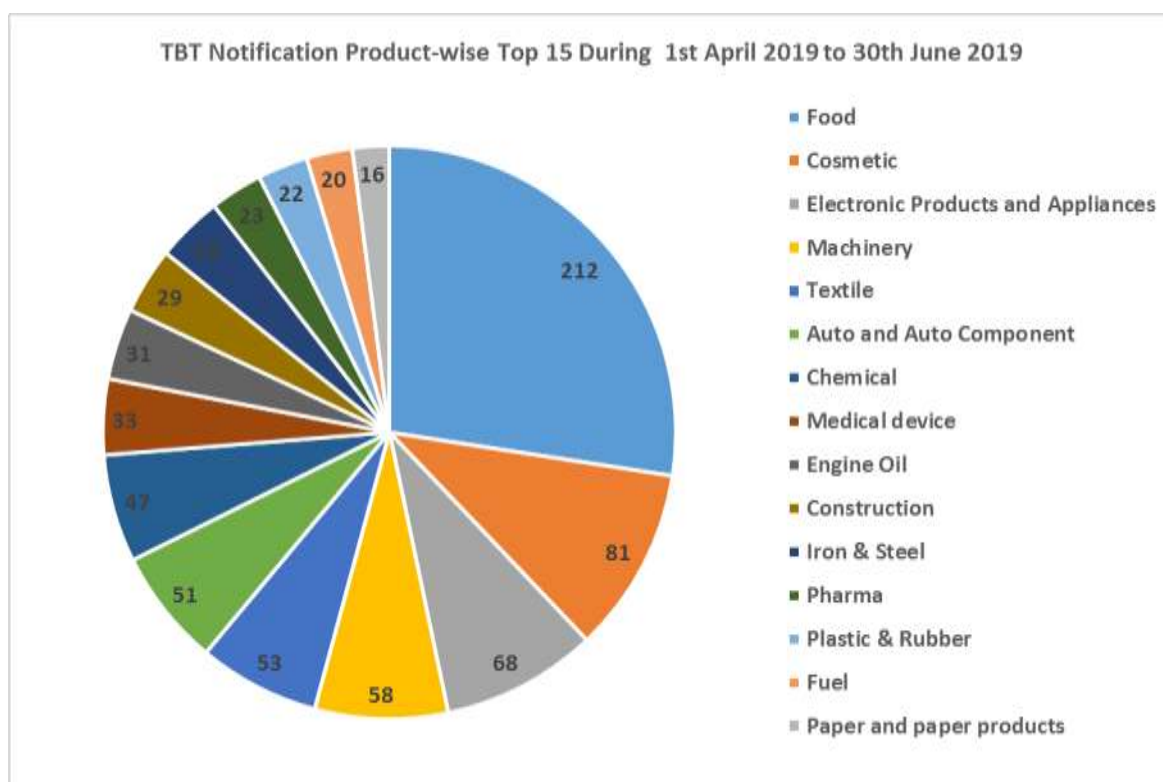
## TBT QUARTERLY REPORT (1<sup>ST</sup> OF APRIL '19 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE'19): AT A GLANCE

### Details Pertaining to TBT Notifications Issued By All WTO Member Countries

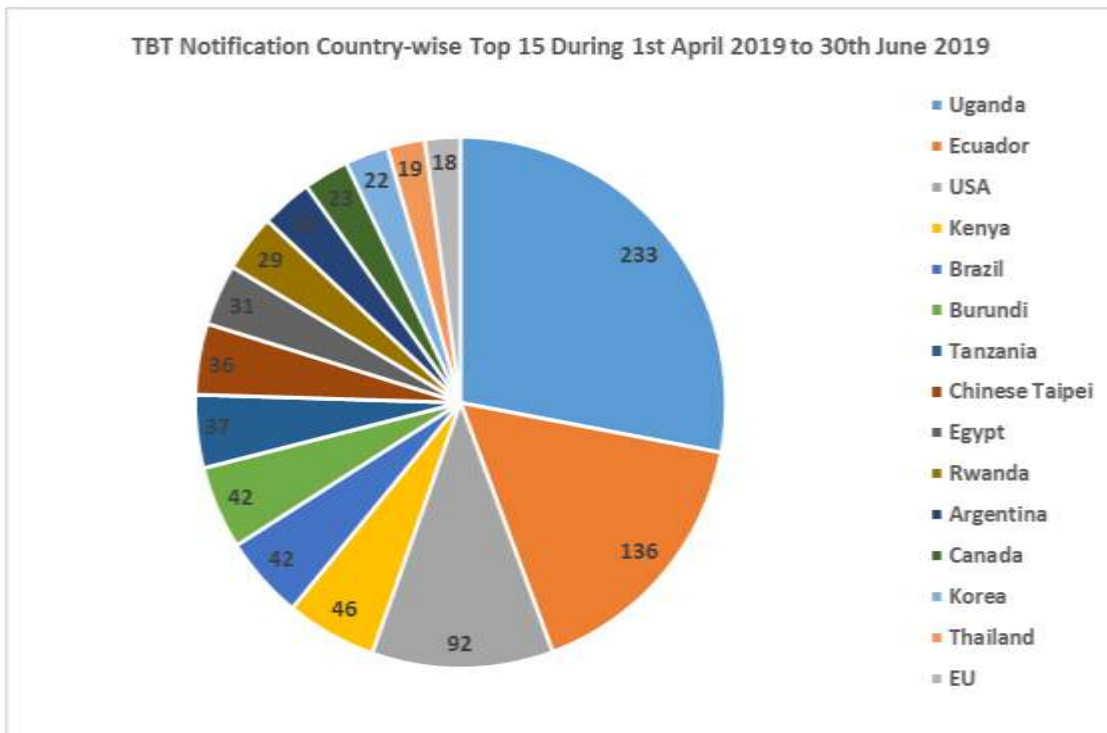
The total number of TBT notifications issued by the various WTO-member countries from 1st of April 2019 to 30th June 2019 was 1020. Out of these 1020 notifications, India issued 11 TBT notifications. Hence, a total of 1009 notifications were studied in the quarter 1st of April 2019 to 30th June 2019 which was relevant to India. Out of 1009 notifications, 225 notifications were the addendum of draft regulations notified earlier in the WTO.

### Details Pertaining to TBT Notifications Relevant To India

**Product-wise Information:** Out of the total 1009 TBT notifications which were relevant to India, 212 related to food products, 81 related to cosmetic, 68 related to electronic products and appliances, 58 related to machinery, 53 related to textile, 51 related to auto and auto component, 41 related to chemical, 33 related to medical device, 31 related to engine oil, 29 related to construction, 29 related to iron & steel, 23 related to pharmaceutical, 22 related to plastic & rubber, 20 related to fuel, 16 related to paper and paper products and the remaining 236 related to other products.



**Country-wise Information:** Out of the total 1009 TBT notifications relevant to India, Uganda issued 233 notifications, followed by Ecuador, USA, Kenya, Brazil, Burundi, Tanzania, Chinese Taipei, Egypt, Rwanda, Argentina, Canada, Korea, Thailand, EU with 136, 92, 46, 42, 42, 37, 36, 31, 29, 26, 23, 22, 19 and 18 notifications, respectively. These countries are among the top 15 TBT notification issuing countries. The remaining 188 notifications were from other WTO Member countries.



## Details Pertaining to Notifications which require responses

### **Notifications-May Impact Indian Industry: (Require Responses)**

6 TBT notifications in the months of May and June 2019 were identified as requiring responses. In these notifications stakeholders were of the view that, though they may be in line with International Standards, they may adversely impact Indian exports. Hence, APJ-SLG suggests that the Government of India may seek clarifications from the concerned enquiry point requesting them to provide justification for setting the proposed regulations. Additionally, a response was sent to 1 notification from the first quarter. These notifications are mentioned below:

<b>S.no.</b>	<b>Notification Number</b>	<b>Notifying member</b>	<b>Product concerned</b>	<b>Details of Response</b>
1	G/TBT/N/SAU/1105	Saudi Arabia	Nutrition labelling of food product	Sought transition period to ensure compliance.
2	G/TBT/N/BDI/43	Burundi	Aftershave	Seeking clarification on whether the product compliant to Indian standard will be deemed equivalent, as BIS standard is referred in their standard.
3	G/TBT/N/BDI/47	Burundi	Glycerine	
4	G/TBT/N/BDI/49	Burundi	Lip balm	
5	G/TBT/N/ARG/309/Add.5	Argentina	Textiles	Seeking clarification on whether Affidavit of Product is to be given per consignment or per article, as translation could not provide clarity.
6	G/TBT/N/PHL/217	Philippines	Pesticides	Questioning the Filipino authorities on whether they are aligning only to the Pesticide aspect of International conventions mentioned in the

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				notification.
7	G/TBT/N/PHL/220	Philippines	Products under categories of building and construction, chemicals, electrical and electronics and consumer products	Products under mandatory certification require a holographic sticker. Sending an Interim response seeking more time for sending a detailed response.

**Note:**