

Notifications Relating to Cement Products

1st -31st May 2024

Under the WTO's Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, member states, for valid reasons, are allowed to regulate markets, protect their consumers, and preserve their natural resources, using tools such as rules for product weight, size, or packaging; ingredient or identity standards; shelf-life restrictions; and import testing and certification procedures.

However, often these measures result in perceived discrimination against imports in order to protect domestic industries.

The TBT Agreement seeks to ensure that standards, technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures are non-discriminatory and are applied on a non-discriminatory basis.

This Newsletter captures NTBs notified by WTO members and its relevance to India's cement products for the month of May 2024. It also highlights the potential impact of these NTBs on India's exports, if any.

TBT Notifications Issued by WTO Member Countries

The various WTO Member countries issued 274 TBT notifications in May 2024. One notification is relevant to cement.

Country-wise Break-up of TBT Notifications

Review of TBTs Notifications relating to cement products for the month of April 2024 Panama issued one notification.

Potential Impact of TBT Notifications on Cement Products

Review of data relating to India's export of the one product against which Notifications have been issued reveals that India does not export the product to the Panamanian market. Therefore, this notification will not impact India's exports.

A description of products and the Notifications issued is presented in Table 1.

Details of Notifications

Sl. No.	Notifying Member	Distribution date	Document symbol	Description	HS code(s)	India's Exports of the product to issuing country (Year 2022) Value in US \$ Million)	Notifying Member country's World Import in 2022 (Value in US\$ Million)
1	Panama	03-05-2024	G/TBT/N/PAN/131	The purpose of this technical regulation is to establish the Conformity Evaluation Procedure (PEC) to verify and control the Quality of Hydraulic Cements that are produced, imported, used and/or marketed in the Republic of Panama.	252390	0	0.39