

Notifications Relating to Cement Products

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Under the WTO's Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, member states for valid reasons are allowed to regulate markets, protect their consumers, 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 their relevance to India's cement products for August 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 381 TBT notifications during August 2024. One notification is relevant to cement.

Country-wise Break-up of TBT Notifications

Review of TBT Notifications relating to cement products for the month of August 2024 South Africa issued one notification.

Potential Impact of TBT Notifications on Cement Products

Data analysis reveals that Notifications issued by the WTO Member country in August 2024 could potentially affect India's exports worth US\$0.12 million if appropriate measures are not taken to resolve these issues in time.

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 in 2022 (Value in US \$ Million)	Notifying Member country's World Import in 2022 (Value in US\$ Million)
1	South Africa	15-08-2024	G/TBT/N/ZAF/259	The Compulsory Specification covers the requirements for cement manufacture, marking, properties and performance, intended for construction use, irrespective of whether distributed in bulk or bagged form.	2523	0.12	68.51

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