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Initiative on the Progress of the APEC Cross Cutting Principles on Non-Tariff Measure

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Study of APEC Economies' TBT and SPS Specific Trade Concerns: An Analysis from the APEC Cross Cutting Principles on Non-Tariff Measures

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Background

NTMs are sources of concern, as some of them turn into non-tariff barriers (NTBs).

NTBs are in some cases unclear and unpredictable for the insertion of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in regional and global value chain.

NTBs concerns seems to be still a predominant topic for trade facilitation purposes.

In this context, on November 15th 2018, during the 30th APEC Ministerial Annual Meeting (AMM), the Cross-Cutting Principles on Non-Tariff Measures (2018/AMM/011app01) were endorsed.

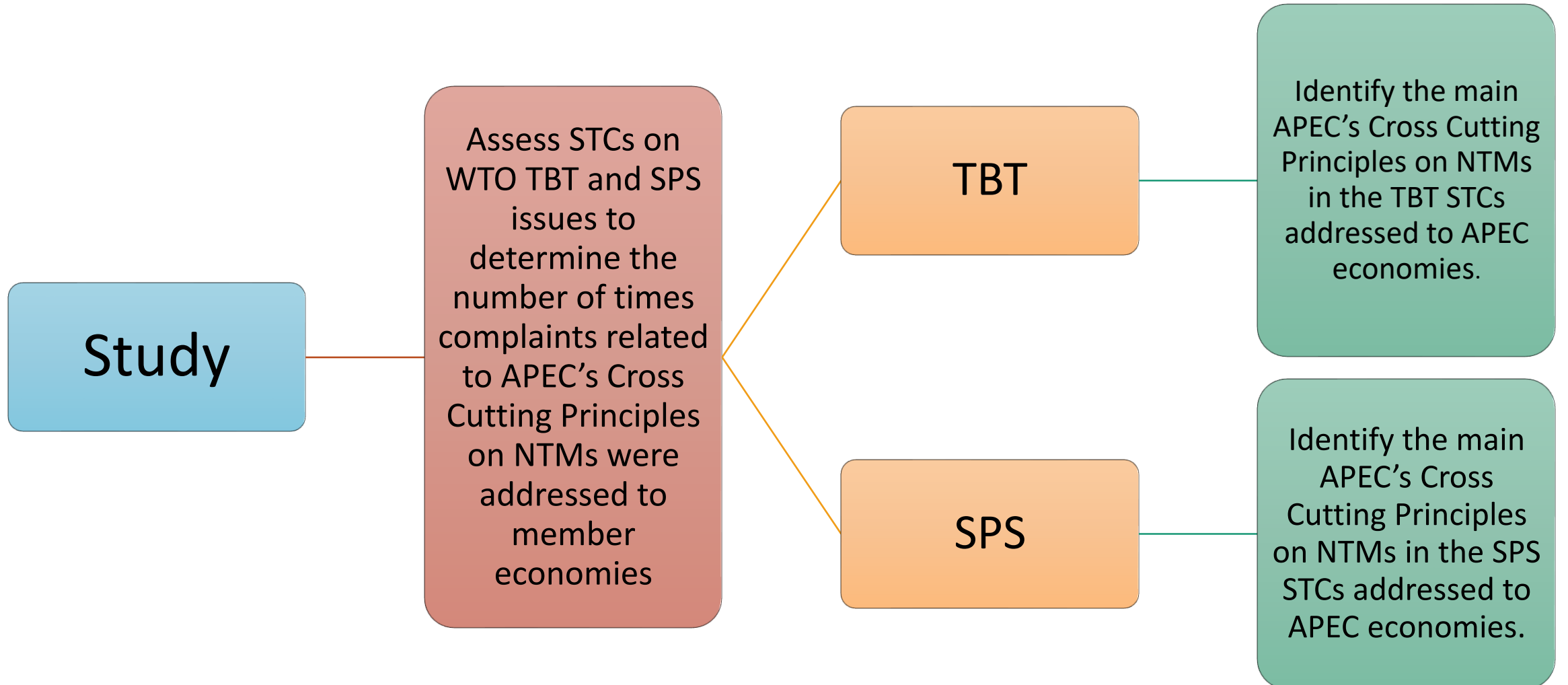
APEC's Bogor Goals Progress Report (2018), it is stated that: *“while the trend of new specific trade concerns seem to have fallen in recent years, information reported at the WTO SPS Committee suggests that there is an accumulation of unresolved concerns restricting trade in the APEC region.”*



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Objectives





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Results

Identification of APEC's Cross Cutting Principles on NTMs in STCs raised by WTO Members

Transparency

Trade restriction

International standards

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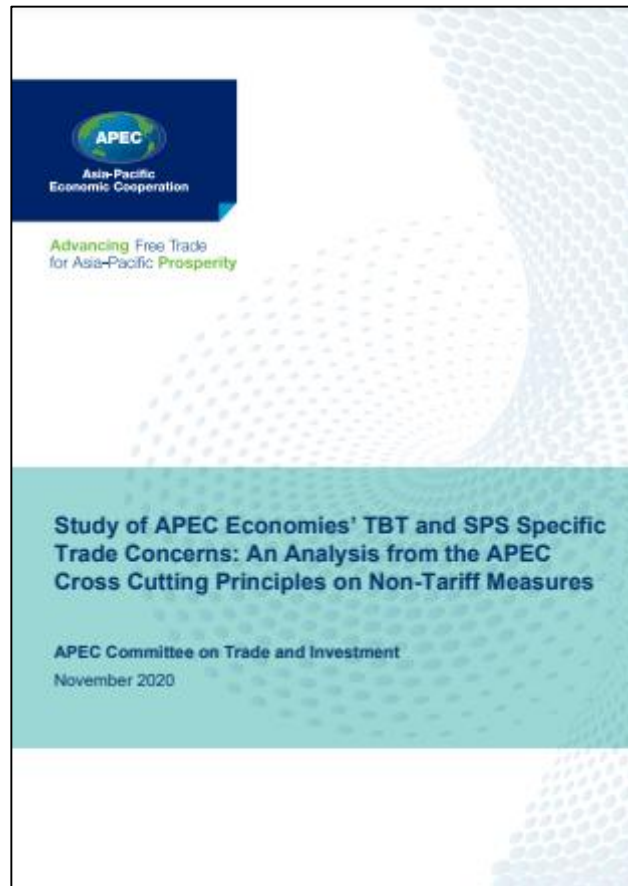
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Link for the study:

<https://www.apec.org/Publications/2020/11/Study-of-APEC-Economies-TBT-and-SPS-Specific-Trade-Concerns>



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