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Non-Tariff Measures



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A range of laws/regulations/requirements that influence the flow of goods across borders

- Such as SPS and TBT, also customs procedures
- In place for legitimate regulatory goals

02

NTMs are policy measures, other than ordinary customs tariff, that can potentially have an economic effect on international trade in goods, changing quantities traded, or prices, or both

03

For agro-food, requires greater coordination among agencies (customs/those responsible for SPS)

NTMs

VS

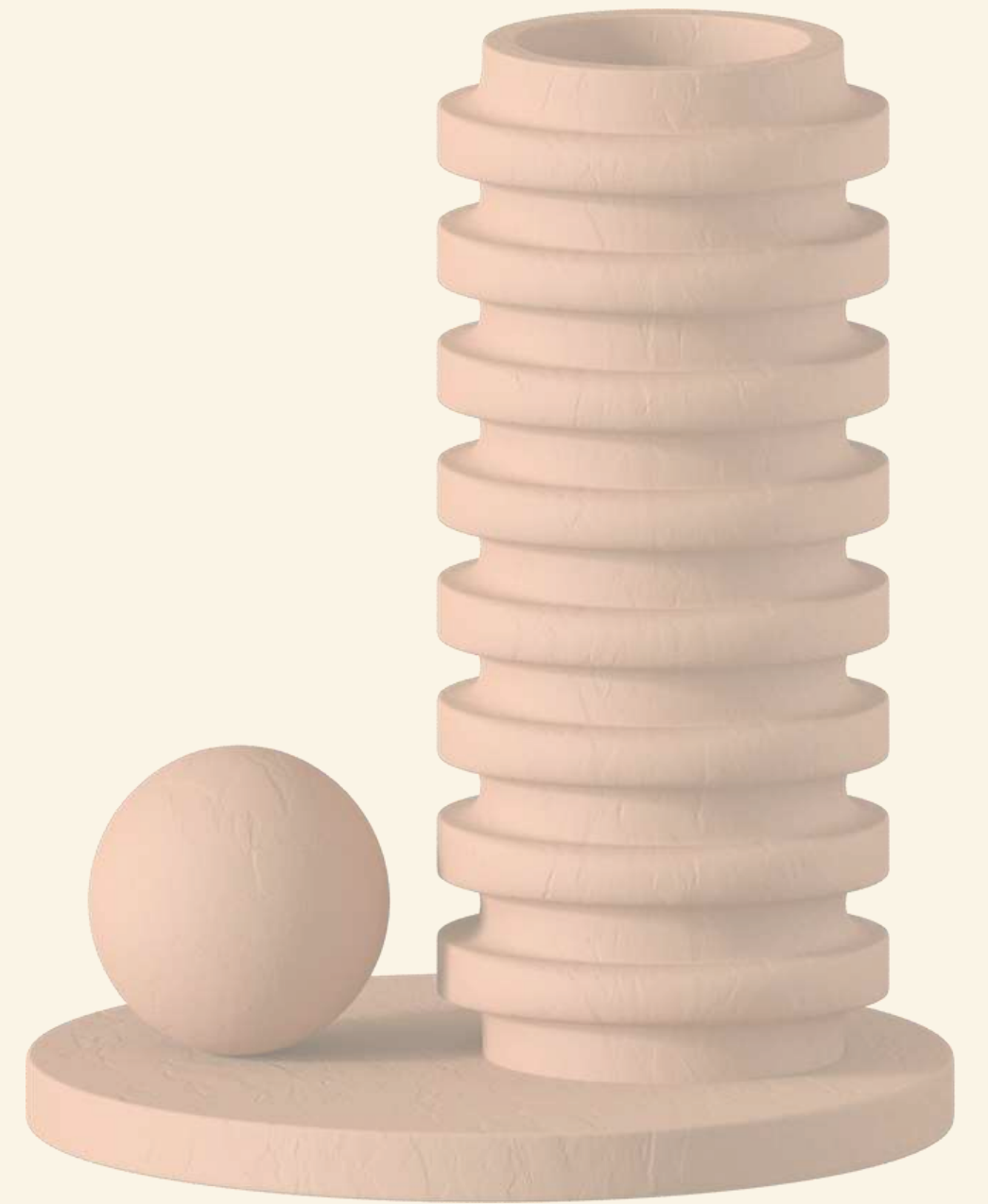
NTBs

- SPS measures which are based on scientific evidence
- Documentation, certificate of origin, health certificate
- Licenses used to verify compliance with safety rules

- Excessively stringent regulations or SPS measures without scientific basis
- Licenses used to restrict imports
- Quotas
- Additional burden of private attestation or certification

Emerging NTMs in Global Markets

- Measures that is maintained without sufficient scientific basis
- Measures that restricts origins of the products or the inputs



Common Issues of NTMs



NTMs ARE OFTEN BADLY DESIGNED, INCOHERENT

- Did not target the problem
 - Too broad
 - Include cumbersome compliance verification mechanism
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THE CHALLENGE OF NTMs

- Research, justification and scientific basis
 - Consultations
 - Improvements in domestic regulations
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TRANSPARENCY & COORDINATION MECHANISM

- WTO commitments
- Bilateral, regional and multilateral arrangements
- National policies



Malaysia's View on NTMs

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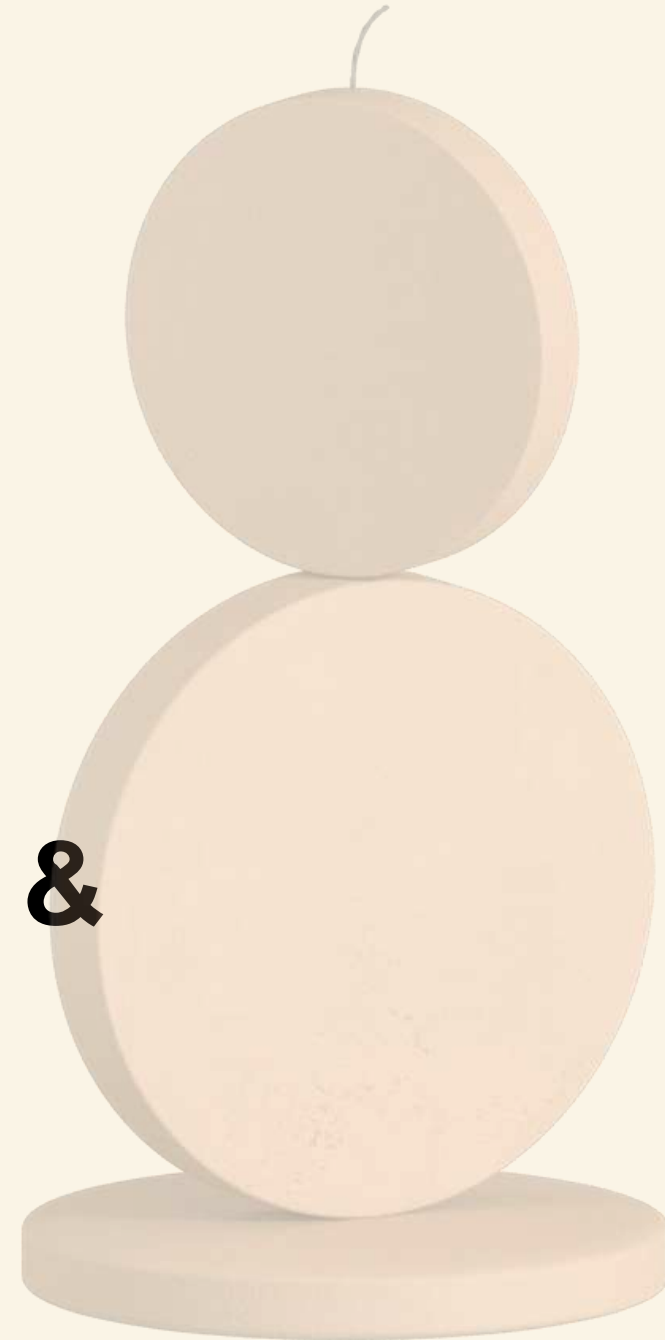
Malaysia as Trading Nation

- Ease of Doing Business
- Productivity
- Attract investors

02

Malaysia for Food Security & Sovereignty

- Most NTMs are essential
- Streamline existing NTMs
- Transparency



Way Forward

- **Launching of National Policy on Good Regulatory Practice (NPGRP) 2021**
 - ❑ providing clearer/better guidelines on the adoption of GRP
 - ❑ focus on improving quality of both new and existing regulations
- **Implementation of bilateral, regional and multilateral commitments**
 - ❑ Trade Facilitation Agreement WTO
 - ❑ ASEAN SPS Contact Points
 - ❑ Various Bilateral Trade and Free Trade Agreements
- **Standards harmonization and equivalence**
- **Capacity building on training partner standards**
- **Electronic certification and single windows**





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