

# World Trade Organization (WTO) notifications

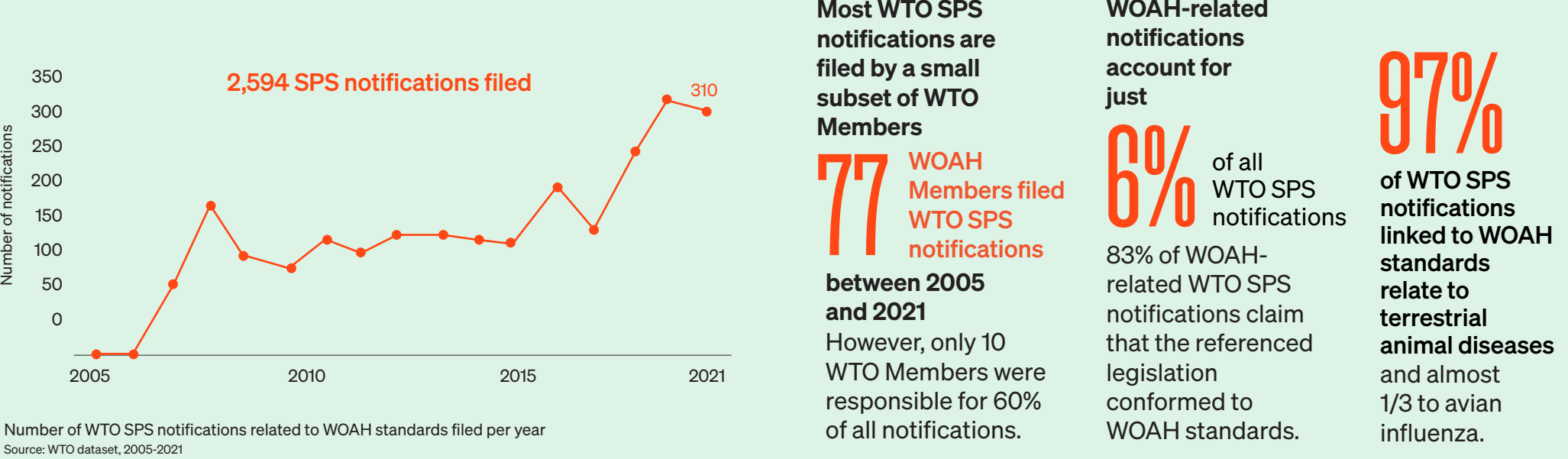
The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, founded as OIE) is the WTO reference organisation for international standards related to animal health and zoonoses. The WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) defines the basic rules for the application of food safety and animal and plant health measures in international trade. Through its Annual Report, the **Observatory** intends to assess the uptake of the WOAH standards that relate to trade.

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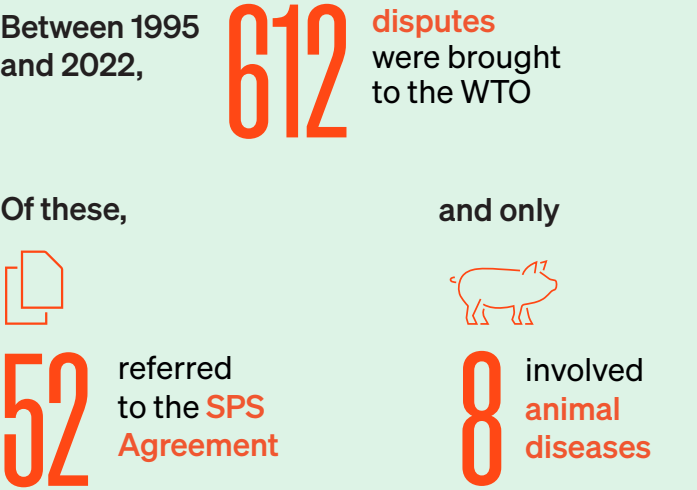
of WOAH Members are also WTO Members

WTO Members file SPS notifications with the WTO related to new or modified sanitary legislation that may have a significant effect on trade. These notifications can indicate whether or not the legislation conforms with WOAH standards.

## WTO SPS notifications related to WOAH standards have seen an increase in recent years

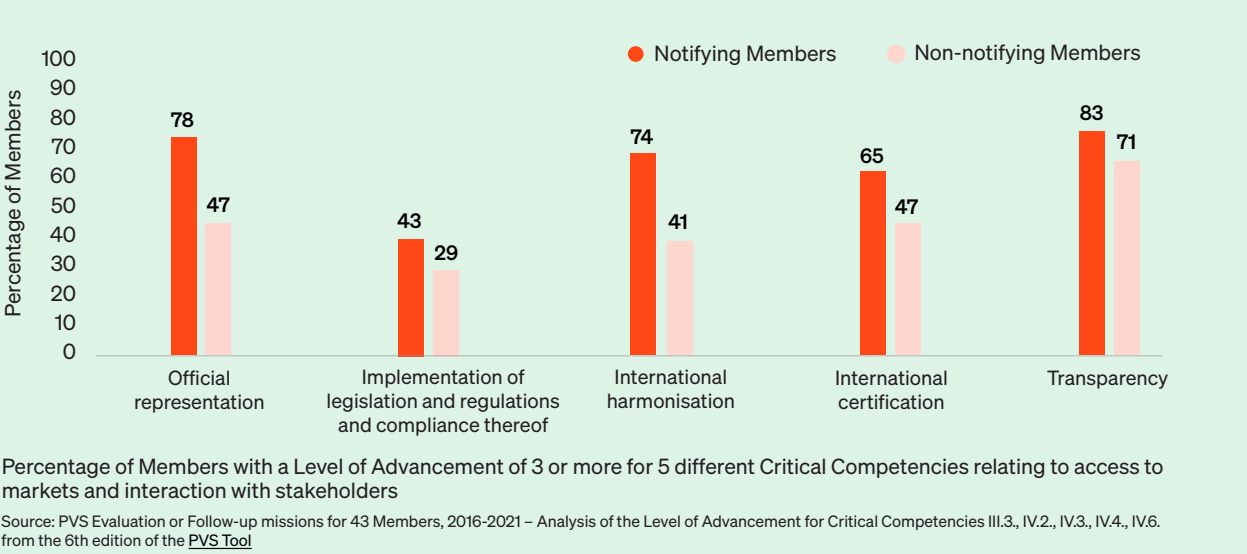


## Historically, very few trade disputes related to animal diseases have been filed with the WTO



## WOAH Members that submit WTO notifications tend to have greater capacity to access trade and interact with stakeholders

Based on recent Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) Pathway missions, the percentage of Members which reached or exceeded the minimal capacity is as follows:



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- Search for additional indicators that assess the implementation of WOAH standards relating to trade.

Members

- File SPS notifications related to new or modified sanitary legislation that may significantly affect trade, as required by the SPS Agreement.