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## **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.

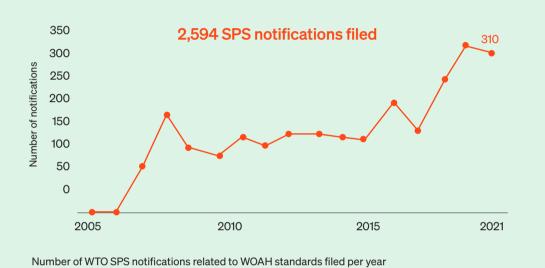
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Source: WTO dataset, 2005-2021

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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



Most WTO SPS notifications are filed by a small subset of WTO Members

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WTO SPS notifications

between 2005 and 2021

However, only 10 WTO Members were responsible for 60% of all notifications. WOAH-related notifications account for just

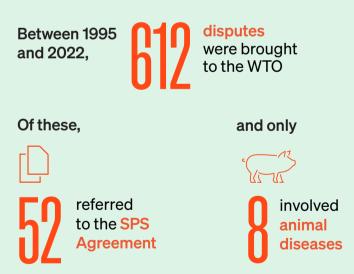
> of all WTO SPS notifications

83% of WOAHrelated WTO SPS notifications claim that the referenced legislation conformed to WOAH standards.

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of WTO SPS notifications linked to WOAH standards relate to terrestrial animal diseases and almost 1/3 to avian influenza.

#### 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:



Percentage of Members with a Level of Advancement of 3 or more for 5 different Critical Competencies relating to access to

markets and interaction with stakeholders

Source: PVS Evaluation or Follow-up missions for 43 Members, 2016-2021 – Analysis of the Level of Advancement for Critical Competencies III.3., IV.2., IV.3., IV.4., IV.6. from the 6th edition of the PVS Tool

#### Recommendations

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#### Members

- Search for additional indicators that assess the implementation of WOAH standards relating to trade.
- File SPS notifications related to new or modified sanitary legislation that may significantly affect trade, as required by the SPS Agreement.

### Access the full information here

Please consider the data limitations outlined in the full Annual Report when consulting this document.



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