



The WTO TBT Agreement and NTMs

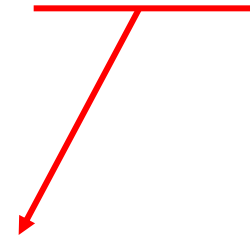
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Technical Barriers to Trade
("TBT Committee")

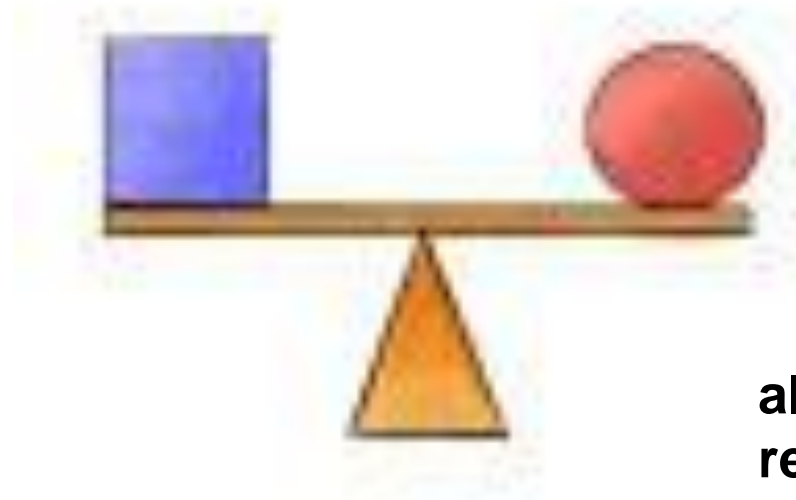
Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs)



Technical regulations, standards and conformity
assessment procedures

TBTs are a sub-set

The balance in the TBT Agreement



avoidance of unnecessary obstacles to international trade

allowing for regulatory autonomy to safeguard legitimate interests

promotion of international standards

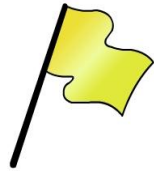


Essentially, the TBT Committee is a forum for multilateral review of

TBT-related NTMs.

This review is based on:

- WTO TBT Notifications
- Discussion of Specific Trade Concerns (STC's)

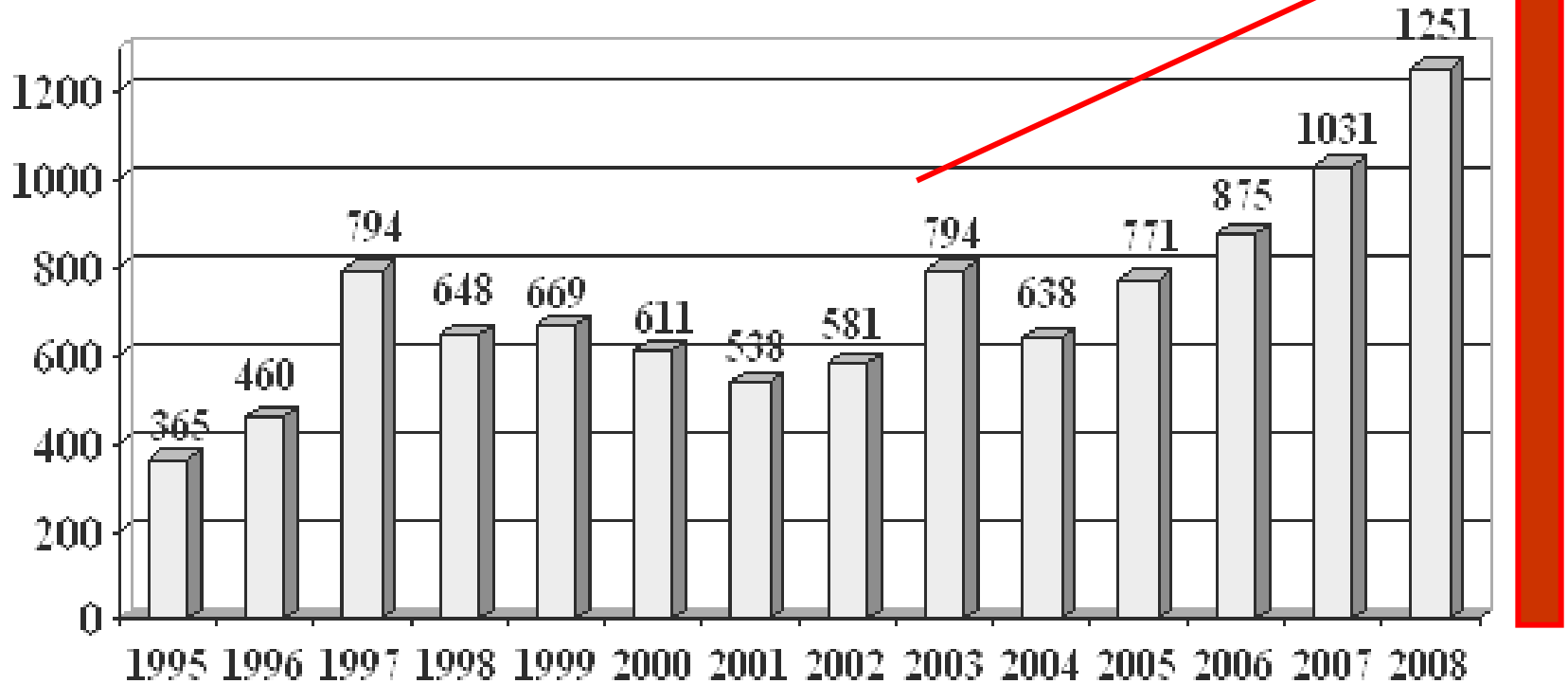


Notifications

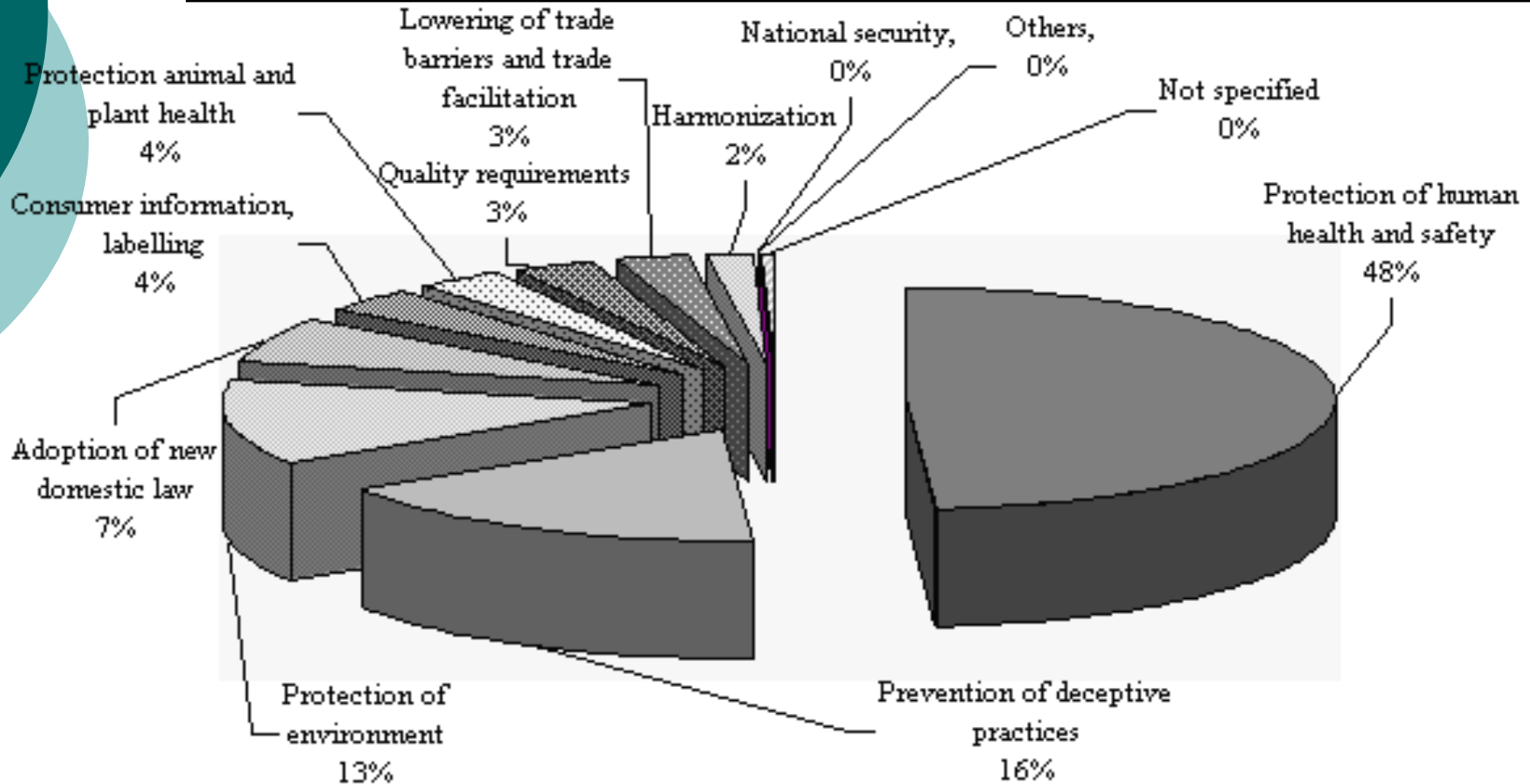


Total Number of TBT Notifications

1500+ (Oct09)

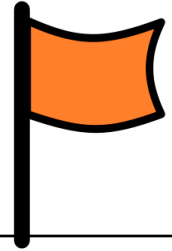


Notifications in 2008 by Objective



Specific Trade Concerns

STC's

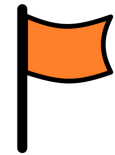


Proposed draft measures

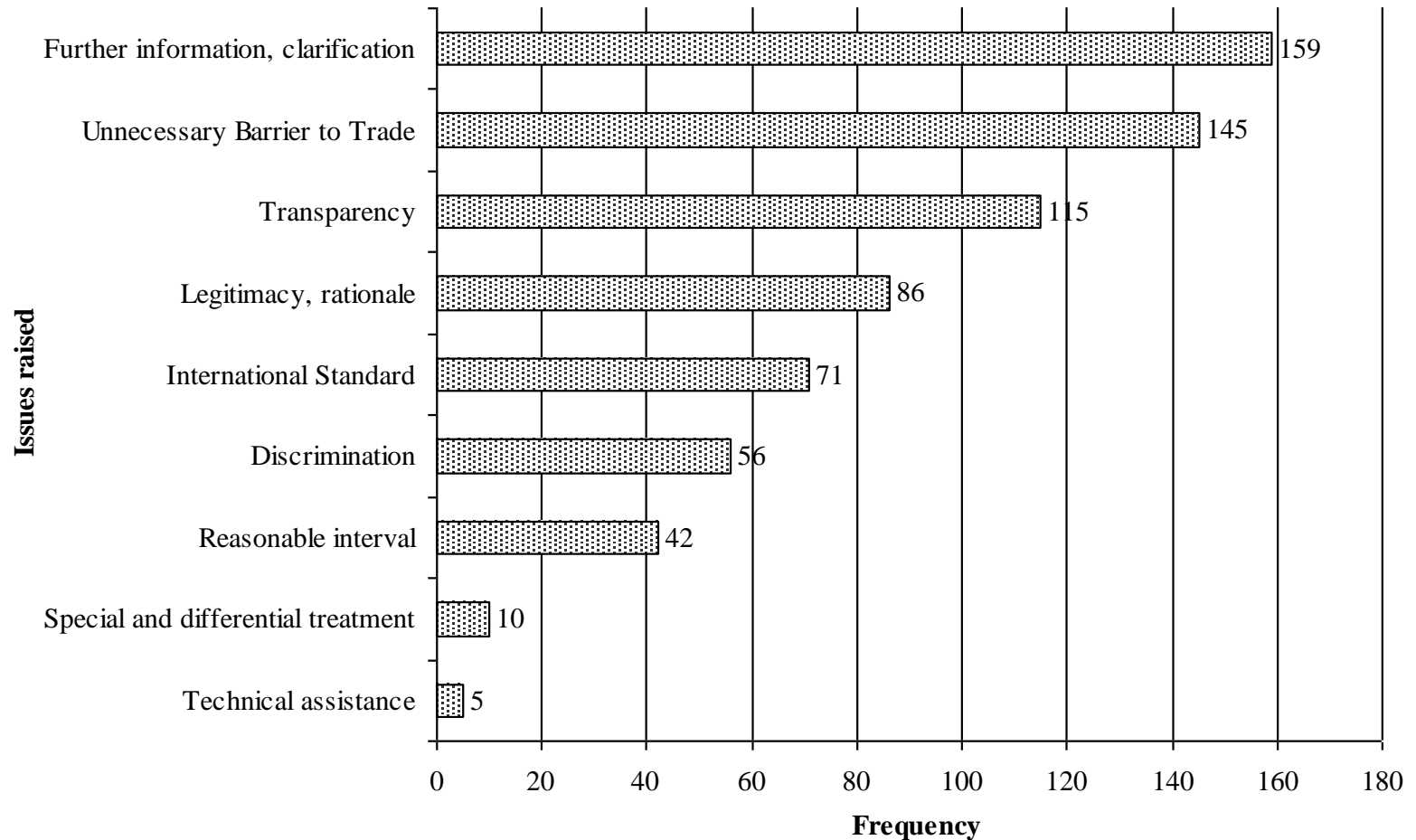
Existing measures (implementation of)

248 to date

Types of concerns raised



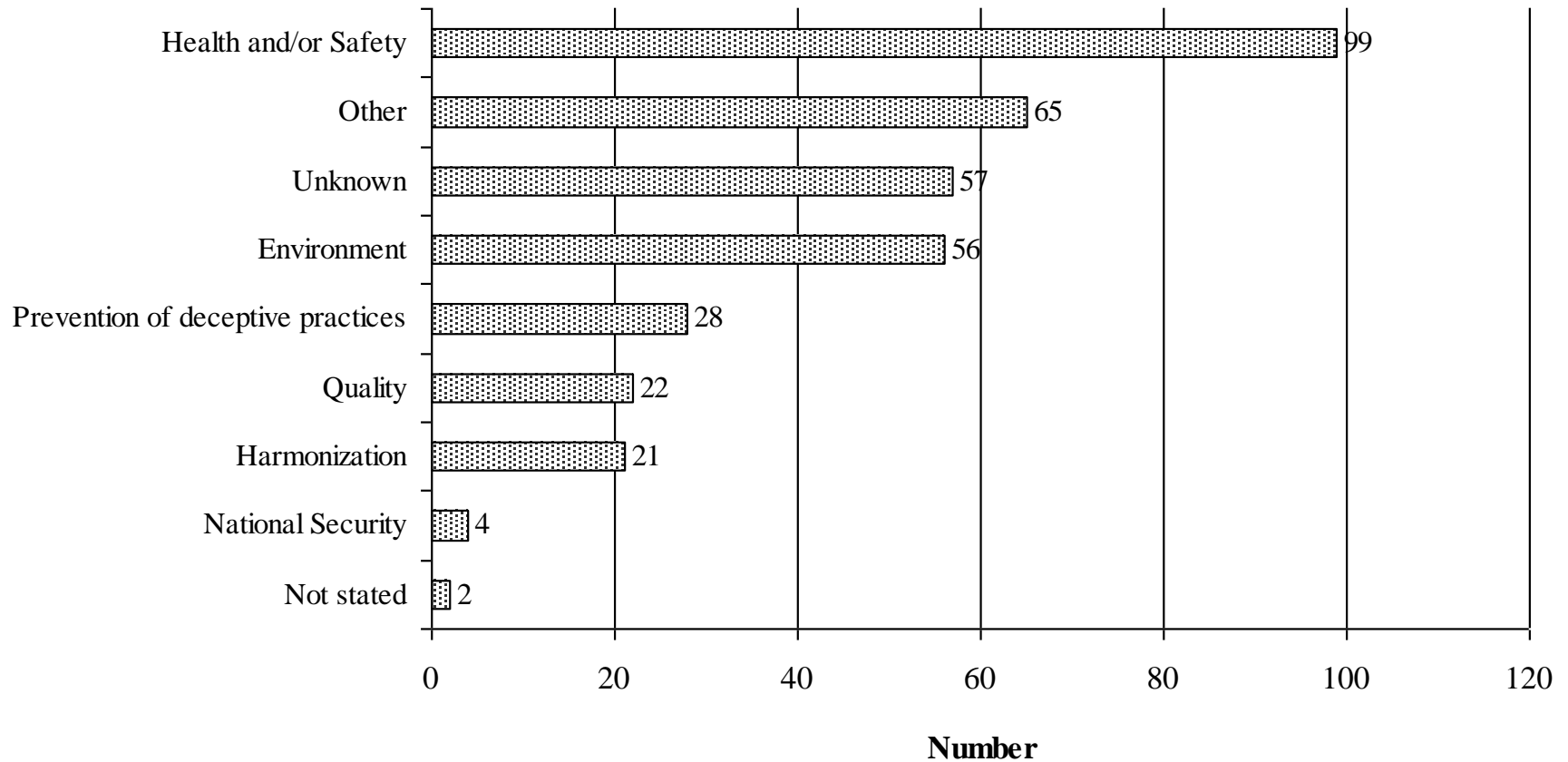
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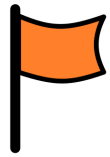


Stated objectives for the measures

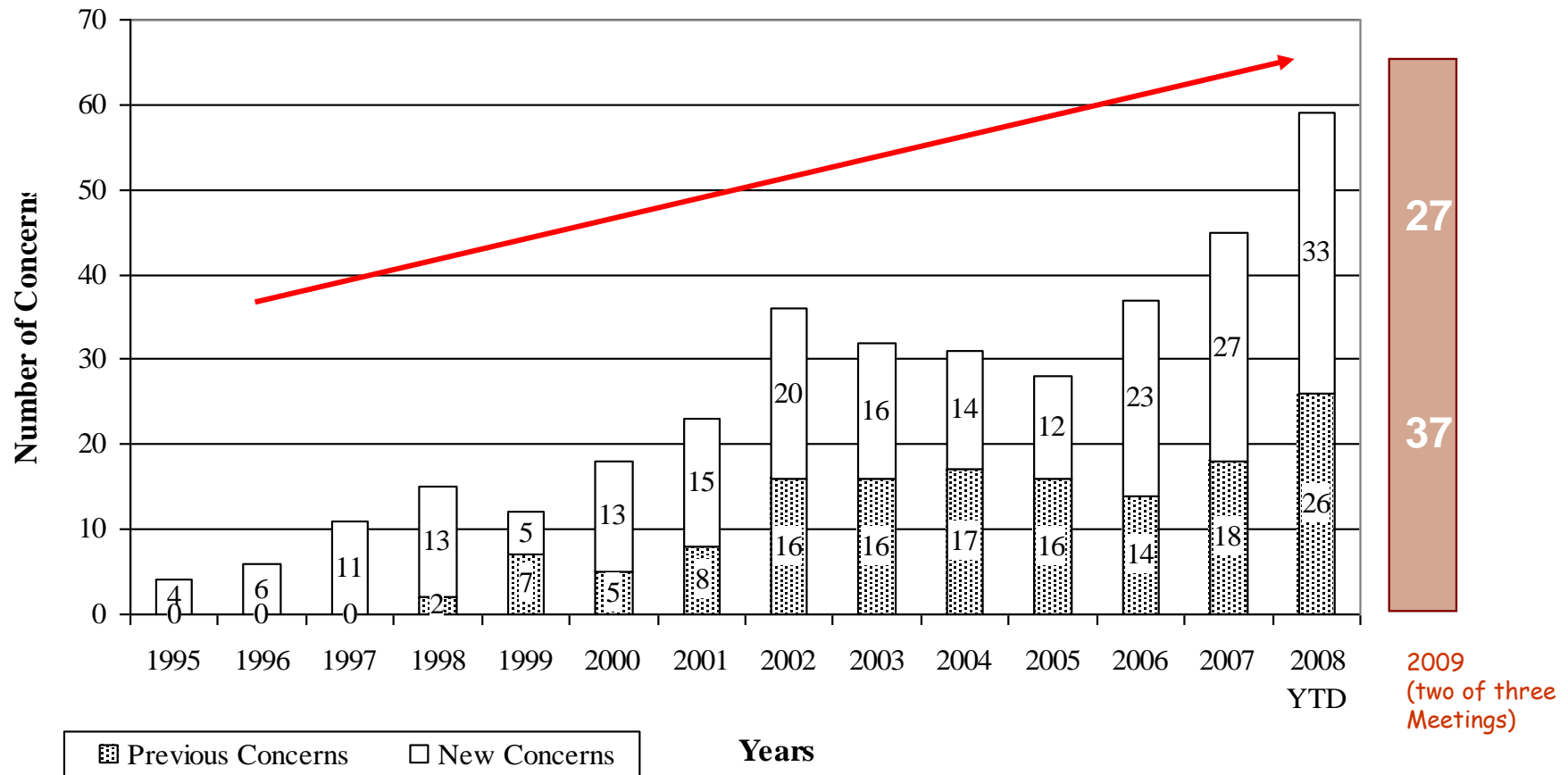


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Specific Trade Concerns (STCs) raised



Dispute Settlement



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European Communities — Trade Description of Sardines

Complainant: Peru.

Mainly: TBT Article 2.4

Notification of Mutually Agreed Solution: 29 July 2003

(only one – although there are pending consultations)

The process of multilateral review



≈ 10,000+
(Oct09)

(not raised formally)

Request clarification from Enquiry Point

Bilateral consultations

NAMA



≈ 248
(Oct09)

Raised in TBT Committee

Request formal consultations



1 (+ pending)

Dispute(s)



Thank you.