



# NIST

Global Standards Information



## Standards and Regulatory Information



# Today's Discussion

- Standards Information Center 
- Inquiry Point and Notification Authority for Trade Agreements 
- **NotifyUS**



## A Congressional mandate

Under 19 U.S. Code, the Department of Commerce is assigned responsibility for operating:

- U.S. national Federal standards information center 
- U.S. national “technical offices” to support the World Trade Organization’s Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO TBT) and U.S. Free Trade Agreements 



## In support of NIST's mission to

- ➔ Promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness via measurement science standards technology 
- ➔ Meet U.S. trade stakeholders' needs for current, authoritative, and actionable information to enable global export success 



## Providing expert research services and resources

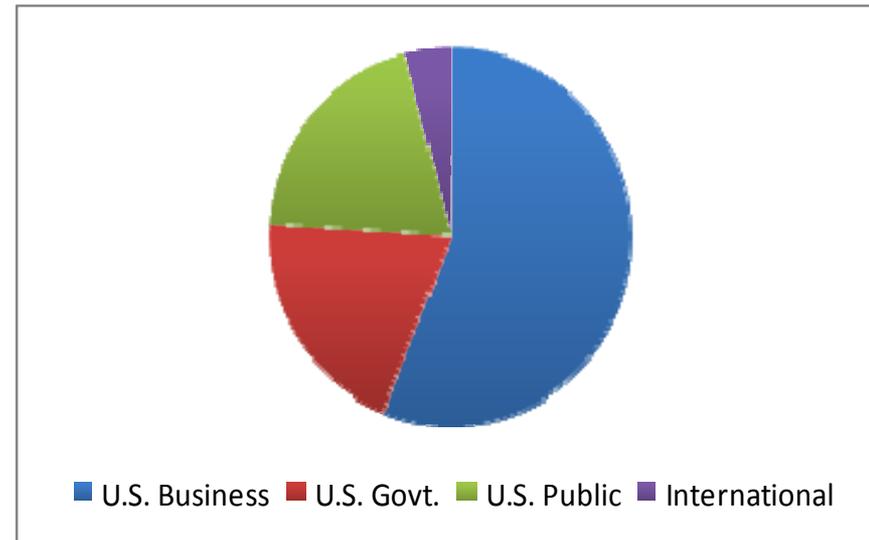
- standards 
- technical regulations 
- conformity assessment procedures 



# Customers are many and diverse



- U.S. business and industry
- **Government regulatory and trade agencies**
- **NIST scientists**
- Industry and trade associations
- Standards developers
- International governments
- WTO Member TBT inquiry points





## Customers' information needs



- Lots and lots of it!
- Increasingly technical and complex
- Electronic
- Customized
- Fast
- Free
- Self-service
- Value to export and trade stakeholders



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**Standards Information Center:  
Do you have a standards-related  
question?**





# A Danish inventor of an ultraviolet water filter asked

**What are the Federal regulations my filter must meet for sale in the U.S.? It is electric and designed for use in the home to treat drinking water.**





## Answer



- **CFR 40 Part 141:** EPA National Primary Drinking Water Regulations
- **EPA Guide:** “Ultraviolet Disinfection Guidance Manual for the Final Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule”



- **UL Standard 979:** Standard for Water Treatment Appliances
- **NFPA 70:** U.S. National Electrical Code



# Information resources

- **Full Texts of Standards**
  - **U.S. Industry, Federal, and Military**
  - **Foreign Country, Regional, and International**
- **Standards Indexes, Catalogs, Directories, Handbooks, Dictionaries, Encyclopedias**
- **Newsletters and Periodicals**
- **Websites**
- **NIST Researchers**

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## Inquiry Point and Notification Authority





## U.S. participation in multiple international arenas



**NAFTA** Secretariat  
Secrétariat de l'**ALÉNA**  
Secretariado del **TLCAN**





## U.S. Inquiry Point

- World Trade Organization's Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO TBT)
- 13 Free Trade Agreements
  - Provide relevant documents
    - ✓ Technical regulations
    - ✓ Conformity assessment procedures
    - ✓ Membership and participation of Parties
    - ✓ Location of notices published by Parties
    - ✓ Location of Parties' Inquiry Points
  - Answer all reasonable inquiries



## Networking with WTO TBT Inquiry Points

In partnership and collaboration with 153 WTO Member countries

→ Meetings

→ Workshops

→ Visits





## In support of the WTO TBT Agreement

### Scope:

- ✓ Non-agricultural (manufactured) products
- ✓ Agricultural products when their labeling, marking, or packaging is regulated

Inquiry Point responds bibliographically, not technically

Projected 70,000+ information requests in 2010



## Recent regulatory issues

- Batteries in Argentina
- Electrical plugs in Brazil
- Leather and fur in China
- Infant formula in Israel
- Cosmetics in New Zealand
- Human tissue in Russia
- Wine and liquor in Turkey



## Notification Authority

- ✓ Review and evaluate published U.S. proposed regulations (*Federal Register*)
- ✓ “Notify” U.S. proposed regulations to trade partners
- ✓ Provide full texts of U.S. proposed regulations to trade partners
- ✓ Receive and process trade partners’ comments on U.S. proposed regulations
- ✓ Receive and process U.S. comments on trade partners’ proposed regulations



## Information resources

- **Full Texts of Proposed Technical Regulations**
- **WTO Member Regulatory Information Websites**
- **WTO Member TBT Inquiry Points and Websites**

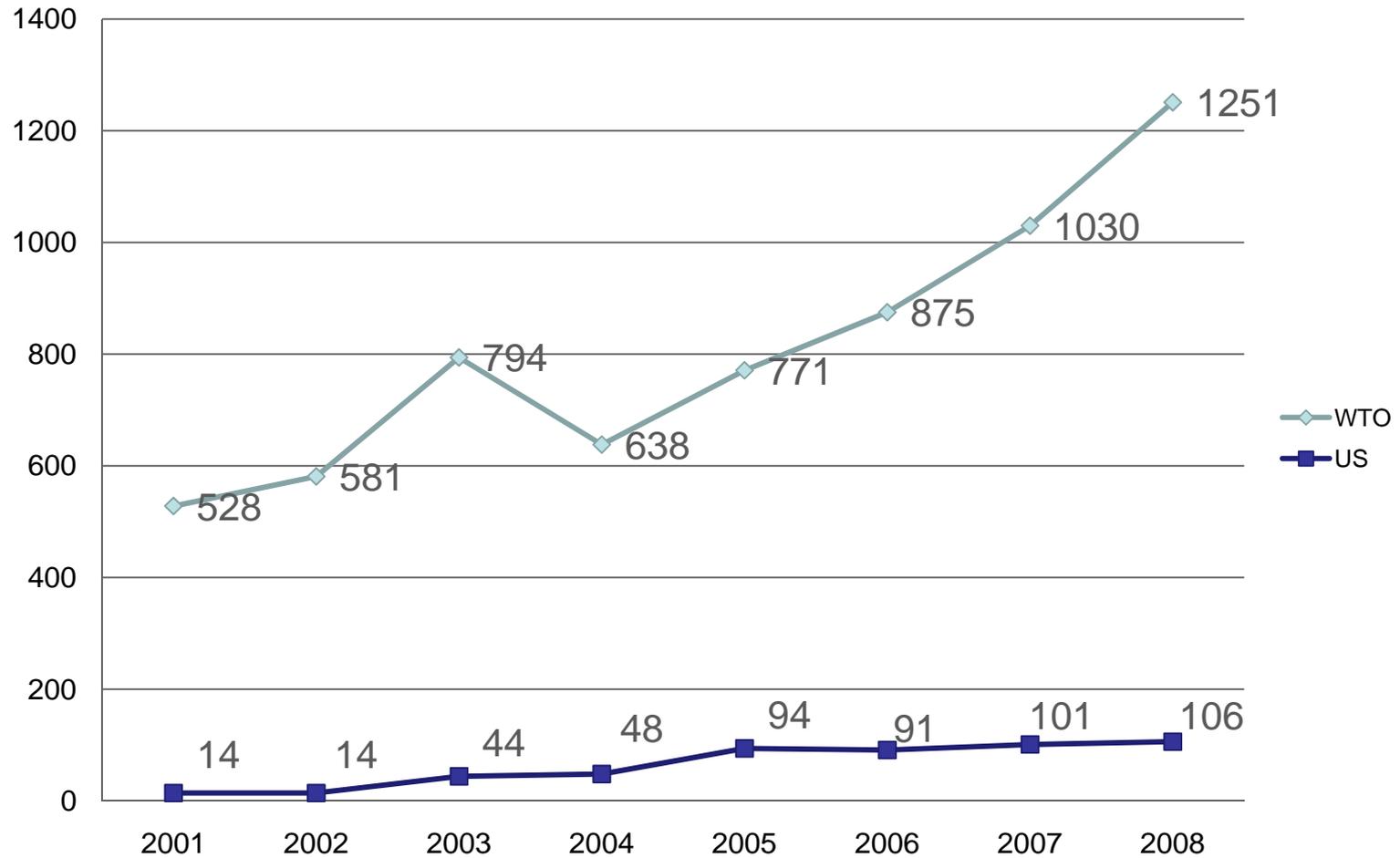
 **Service for U.S. Trade and Export**

**[www.nist.gov/notifyus](http://www.nist.gov/notifyus)**



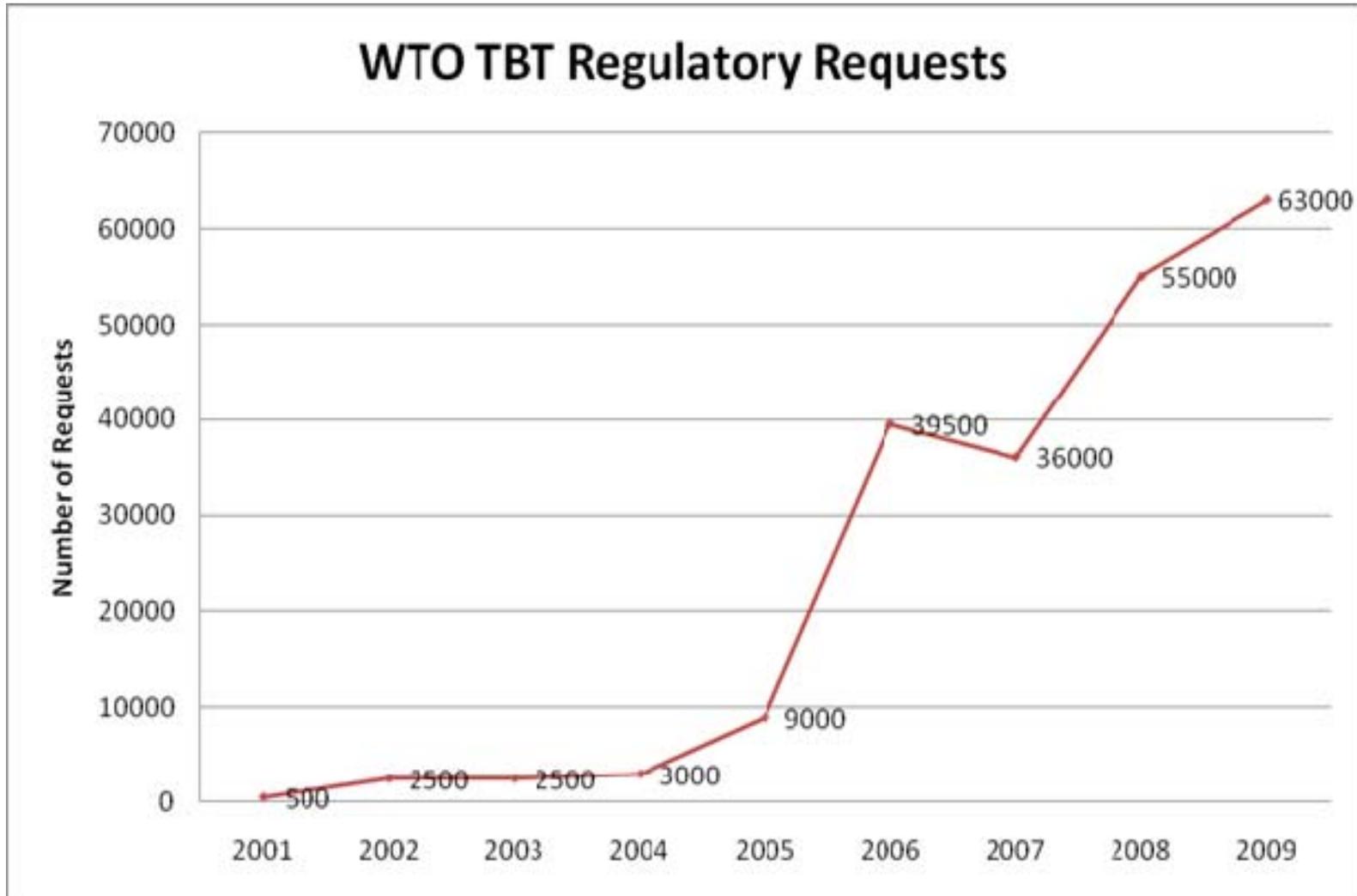


# WTO and U.S. regulatory notification trends





## U.S. industry need for export/trade information trends





- Immediate information on proposed regulations in global markets
- Opportunity to comment on and potentially influence those proposed regulations
- Value and assistance in global trade issues

 **NotifyUS** = actionable export information

- Read or request the full text of a proposed regulation
- See deadlines for dates to comment
- Request an extension on comment deadlines
- Learn how to submit effective comments
- Submit comments to WTO Member countries
- Access a wealth of WTO TBT-related information



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### New Country Joining the WTO

Vietnam has joined the WTO and if you wish to track that country, you must update your country profiles.

### Welcome

Welcome to the **Notify U.S.** Web site. **Notify U.S.** is a free, web-based e-mail subscription service that offers U.S. entities (citizens, industries, organizations) an opportunity to review and comment on proposed foreign technical regulations that can affect their businesses and their access to international markets. This service and its associated web site is managed and operated by the [National Center for Standards and Certification Information \(NCSCI\)](#) an organization within the [National Institute of Standards and Technology \(NIST\)](#). NIST is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce's (DOC) Technology Administration.

### Purpose

The purpose of **Notify U.S.** is to collect and fulfill subscriber requests for information on [World Trade Organization \(WTO\)](#) Agreements relating to **Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)**. Member countries of the [World Trade Organization \(WTO\)](#) are required under the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT Agreement) to report to the WTO all proposed technical regulations that could affect trade with other Member countries. The WTO Secretariat distributes this information in the form of "notifications" to all Member countries.

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- **NCSCI** [www.nist.gov/ncsci](http://www.nist.gov/ncsci)
- **Notify U.S.** [www.nist.gov/notifyus](http://www.nist.gov/notifyus)
- **Standards.Gov** [www.standards.gov](http://www.standards.gov)
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- **Export.Gov** [www.export.gov](http://www.export.gov)
- **Trade.Gov** [www.trade.gov](http://www.trade.gov)

# and

- **ANSI** [www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org)
- **US Military Standards** [www.dodssp.daps.mil](http://www.dodssp.daps.mil)
- **Standards Index** [www.nssn.org](http://www.nssn.org)
  
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# Review

- Can you find standards information? 
- Can you find regulatory (export and trade) information? 
- Can **NotifyUS** help you do your job?

**Widen your world of standards and regulations at NIST!**

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Thank You

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