

Tripartite NTBS Reporting, Monitoring & Eliminating Mechanism

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- RECs developed NTBs monitoring and eliminating mechanisms
 - REC Offline monitoring and eliminating NTBs
 - EAC Time bound mechanism
 - SADC / COMESA eliminating matrix
 - National NTBs Eliminating Strategies
 - NTB structures at National and Regional levels

RECs Structures for monitoring and eliminating NTBs

- COMESA Customs and Trade Committee
- EAC NTBs Forum- (up to Ministerial level)
- SADC Sub Committee on Trade facilitation
- National NTBs Monitoring Committees
- National Public and Private Sector Focal Points
- Each country appoints 5 Focal points to manage reported online /offline complaints

Roles for NTBs Structures

- REC NTB Focal Points facilitate resolution at regional level
- National & Private sector Focal Points (Coordinate national eliminating processes)
- National Monitoring Committees- Develop and implement national NTBs eliminating strategies (Process, resolve and facilitate resolution of reported NTBs.)
- NMC Membership comprises all relevant ministries & private sector organisations to facilitate speedy processing and resolution of NTBs
- Tripartite NMC Register being developed to facilitate direct contact between sister NMC for efficient processing of reported NTBs

Tripartite NTBs Reporting , Monitoring & Eliminating Tools

- Tripartite NTBs Online Reporting and Monitoring Mechanism
- Reporting forms, Telephone, Fax
- Mobile – Email /Text Messaging /SMS Reporting
- National NTBs Eliminating Strategies

Reporting NTBs

- Online system www.tradebarriers.org
- SMS reporting - + 27 72 949 2093
- Report directly or send to association (FESARTA)
- Monitor progress online system
- All systems are managed at Tripartite level by system administrators located in Member/Partner States and the REC Secretariats



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What is a Non-Tariff Barrier (NTB)?

Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) refer to restrictions that result from prohibitions, conditions, or specific market requirements that make importation or exportation of products difficult and/or costly.

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Report a NTB

[Register your complaint](#)

Your complaint will be:

1. Reported to the appropriate country representatives
2. Published on this website

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The South African Technical Barriers to (TBT) Early Warning System for Exporters

Statistics

447 complaints registered

343 complaints resolved

104 complaints unresolved



Documents

02 August 2012



[REPORT OF TWENTY EIGHTH MEETING OF THE CUSTOMS & TRADE](#)

Notifications

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SMS Reporting

- Operates in the online system
- Two operating numbers envisaged (Southern Africa and EAC number)
- Report On + 27 72 949 2093
- Progress establishing EAC number to be hosted by Tanzania
- Complaints to be made in official languages of the region (English, French Portuguese)
- Administrator:
 - Receives notifications from online system
 - In conversation with complainant where necessary
 - Logs in complaint if confirmed NTB

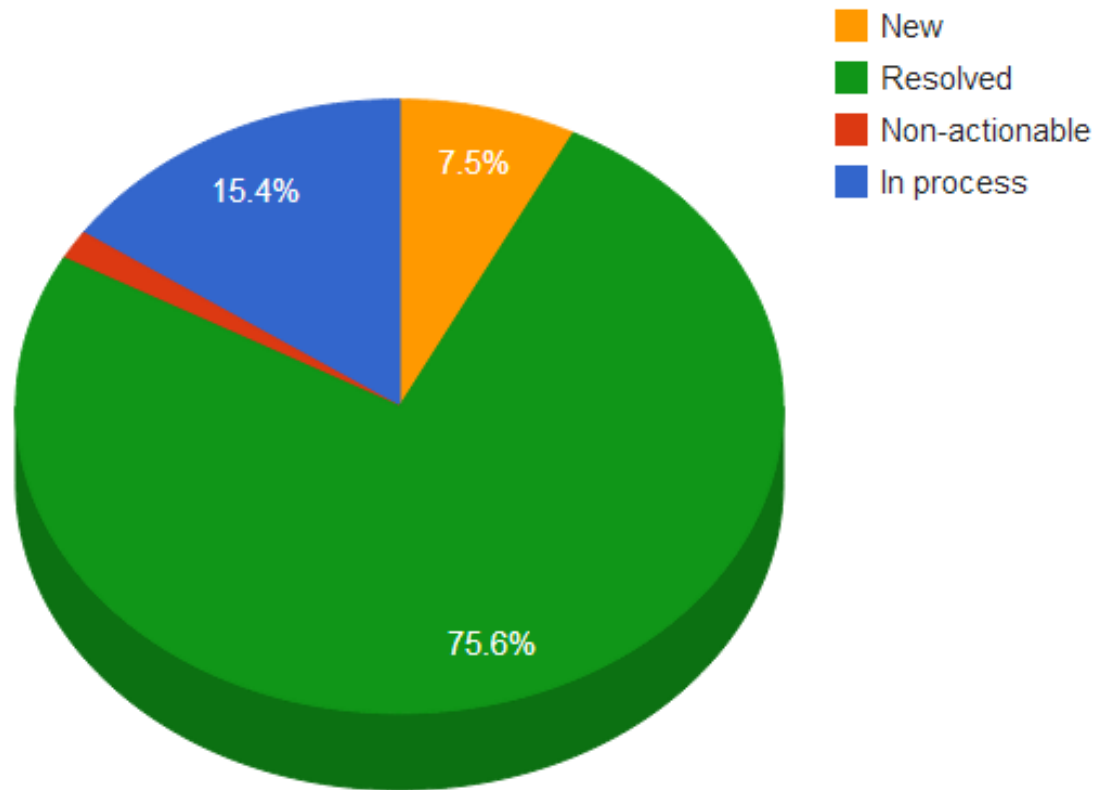
SMS Reporting- Advantages

- Enhances identification of NTBs through wider stakeholder coverage
- Targeting stakeholders with no access to other reporting tools(Internet, fax, Phone)
- Many people have access to cell phone
- Can facilitate speedy processing of urgent NTBs e.g. where perishable goods are concerned
- Requires publicity to increase visibility of NTBs reporting and monitoring tools

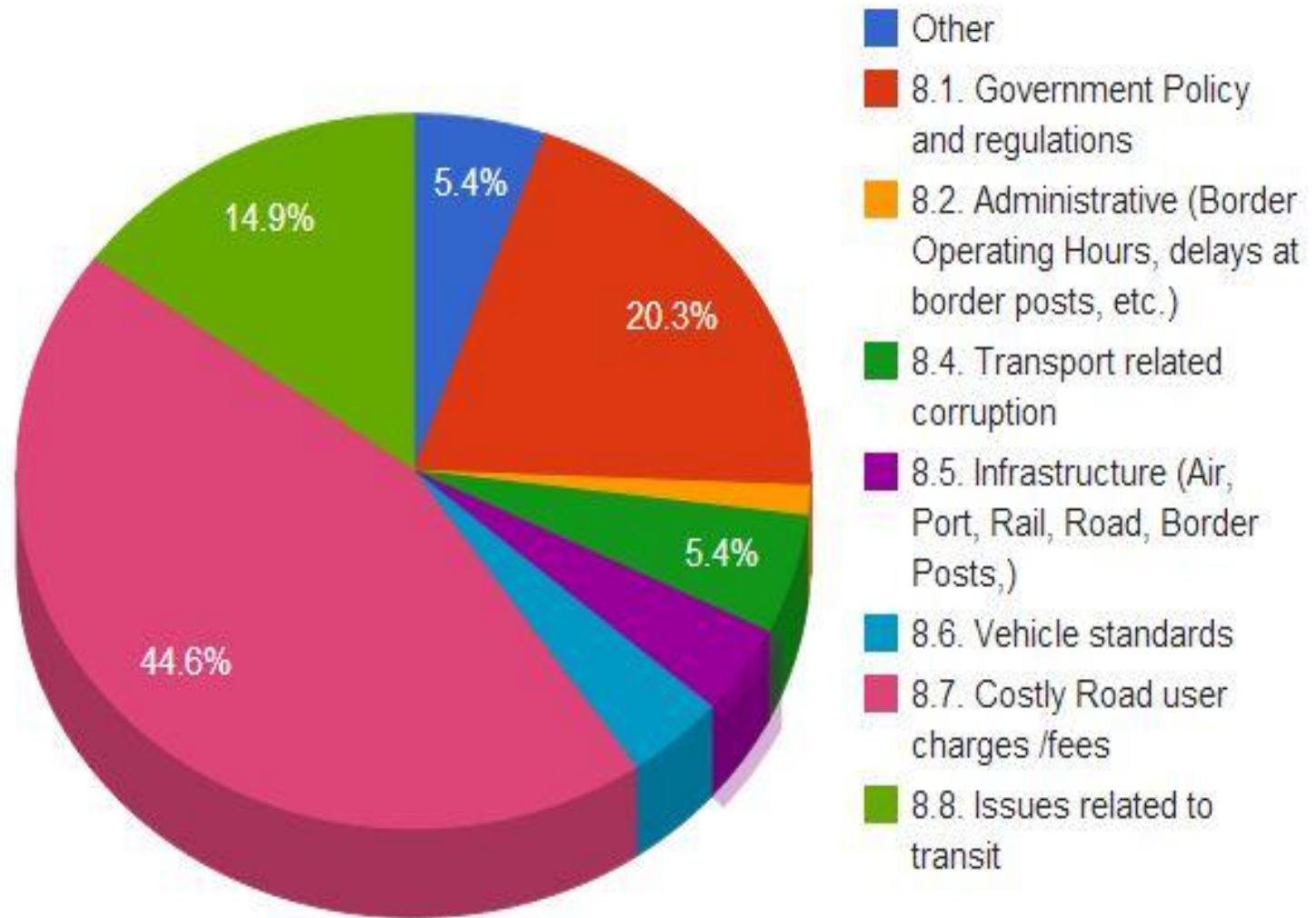
Why Use Tripartite NTBs Reporting & Monitoring Systems

- It is the Tripartite tool to identify and monitor NTBs
- REC and National Infrastructure in place to deal with NTBs identified from the system
- NTBs are brought to the attention of policy makers timeously
- Allows speedy consideration and where possible resolution of identified NTB
- All the NTBs in the systems are regularly reviewed in the REC Trade facilitation meetings /forums
- Promotes transparency and gives opportunity for regional approaches to common problems

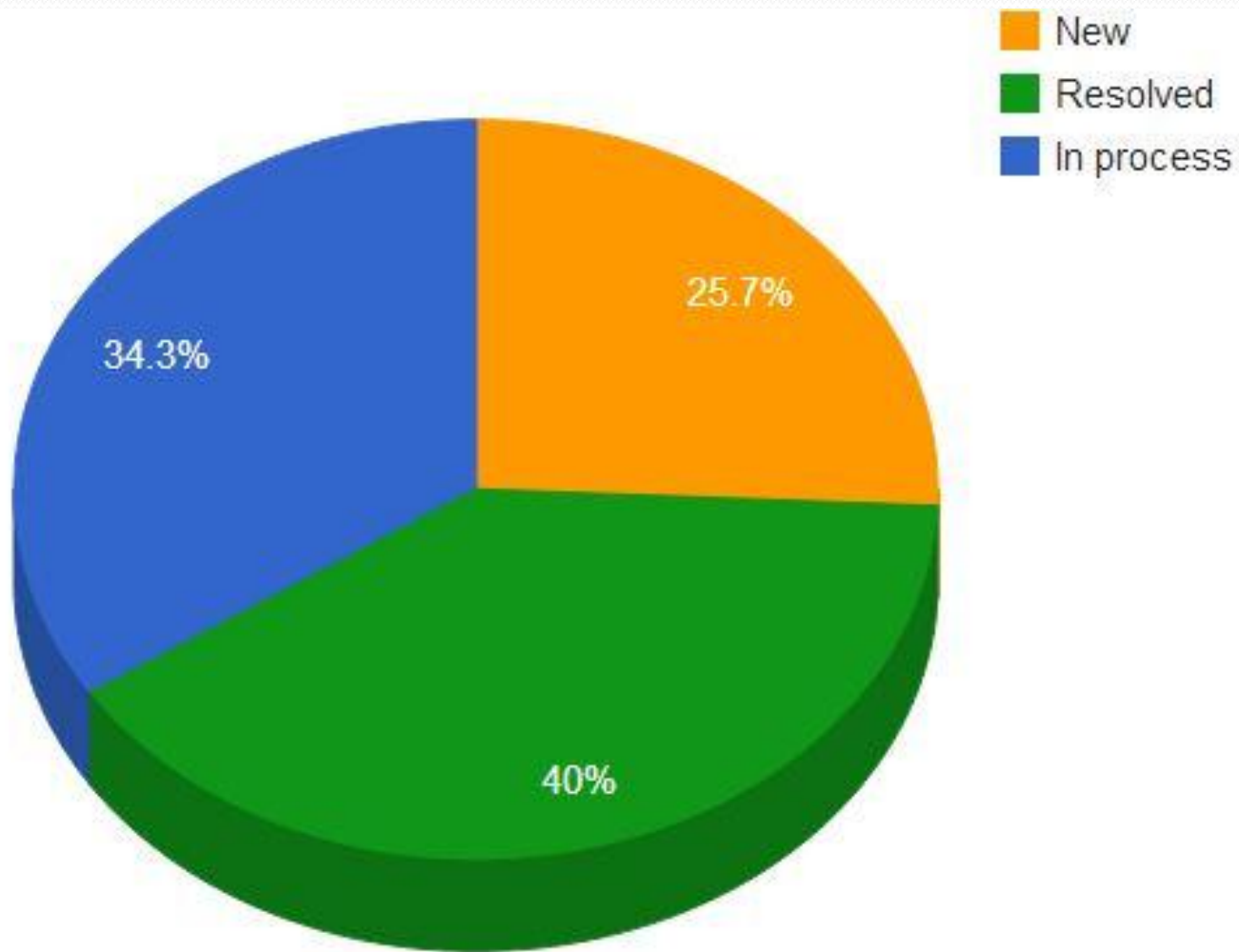
Resolution Status - Online Reporting & Monitoring System asbat 17 April 2013



Category 8 :Transport Related NTBs



Status of Resolution – Category 8



Remember

- Take advantage of the regional instruments and Report NTBs
 - Online Reporting and monitoring
 - SMS reporting
 - Other
- Reporting does not attract any penalties
- Reporting is the Tripartite method for Identification of NTBs
- All online Identified NTBs receive attention of the authorities through the offline processes

CONCLUSION

- **Online Reporting Mechanism – Your Voice**
- **FESARTA- the writing tool**
- **National Monitoring Committee- The Midwife who delivers resolutions**
- **National Focal points – The Facilitator and errands office for processing and coordination of NTB work**
- **REC NTB Focal Point- Deliver Regional Policy Environment to eliminate NTBs**



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