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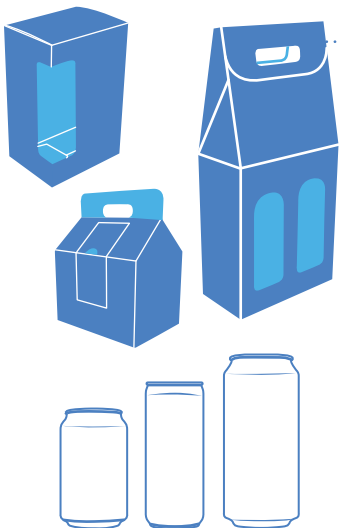
Technical Barriers to Trade

Non-tariff barriers including technical barriers posed by standards, technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures can limit the flow of goods and the growth of businesses.

The Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Chapter aims to make it easier for people and businesses from PACER Plus countries to trade with each

other. It does so by setting rules for how PACER Plus countries design, adopt and apply countries' technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures.

The obligations aim to ensure that TB measures do not create unnecessary obstacles to trade.



Here's an example!

Country A requires imported drinks to be packaged in cans of a size that is different from how they are sold in every other country for no reason related to health or safety.

This could be difficult for foreign manufacturers who would have to make specially sized cans in order to sell its drinks in Country A.

Governments use various methods to regulate the manufacture, sale and trade of goods. These methods can vary from country to country depending on the objectives of the regulation, the market, and the product. The objectives are generally related to protecting health, safety, the environment or providing consumer information. Different methods of regulation can be essential to achieving these objectives.

Support to Implementation	Implementing Partners
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ Adoptions and application of technical regulations, standards, and conformity procedures✦ Development of quality infrastructure and related equipment to enable traders to meet the export requirements into Australia and New Zealand	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ Pacific Island Forum Secretariat✦ New Zealand Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment