UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

WTO Secretariat

26 January 2021
RATIFICATION UPDATES
On 1 January 2021, the United Kingdom deposited an instrument of continued acceptance for the TFA Protocol.
Ratifications

The Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) entered into force on 22 February 2017 when the WTO obtained the two-thirds acceptance from its 164 Members.

TFAD (Trade Facilitation Agreement Database) www.tfadatabase.org
• 84% of LDCs (26 Members) that have designated category B commitments, have also notified their category B definitive dates before the deadline.

• 9 LDCs requested an extension of time to notify these dates:
  • 4 have already provided the dates: Afghanistan; Lao PDR, Senegal and Solomon Islands.
  • the remaining 5 Members are required to notify these dates by 21 February 2021:
    Burkina Faso; Chad, Djibouti; Mauritania and Sierra Leone.
Out of the 32 LDC Members that have notified Category C designations to date:

75% (24 Members) have already notified category C indicative dates ahead of the deadline
One LDC – Bangladesh – has already informed the Committee of their Donor arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance in advanced of the deadline.
Notifications yet to be submitted

- Notification of ABC designations: 6 Members
- Category B indicative dates: 2 Members
- Category B definitive dates: 1 Member
  (5 Members received an extension until 21/02/2021)
- Category C definitive dates: 3 Members
- Category C TA requirements: 13 Members
IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS
IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS

4 notifications received since the last meeting
THE RATE OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION COMMITMENTS FOR THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP STANDS AT 69.5% TO DATE
THE RATE OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION COMMITMENTS OF DEVELOPING + LDCS MEMBERS STANDS AT 60.3% TO DATE

Timeline of implementation commitments

Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time

Grouping: LDCs, Developing Members

Today 60.3%

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Rate of TFA implementation commitments

Timeline

Developed, developing and LDCs

To date | 2021-2023 | 2024-2027 | 2028 onwards | unknown
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70% | 83% | 92% | 95% | 5%

+13.5% | +9% | +3% | Not yet notified

Based on notification data and developed Members commitments

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING
2 NOTIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Articles 22.1 & 22.2

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