

# UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

WTO Secretariat

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Trade Facilitation  
Committee

# RATIFICATION UPDATES





## Ratifications presented

### 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.



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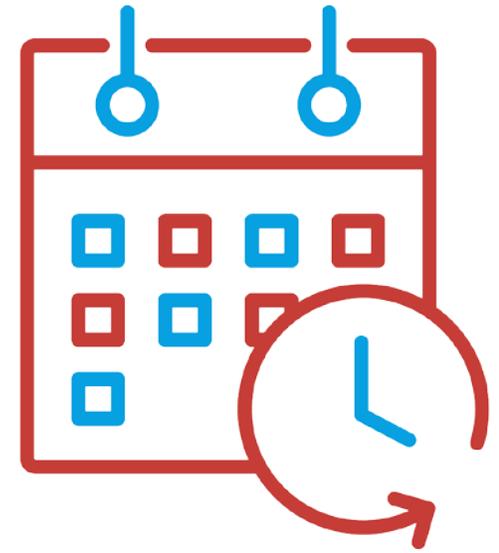


## Ratifications yet to be presented

1. Democratic Republic of the Congo
2. Guinea-Bissau
3. Haiti
4. Liberia
5. Mauritania
6. Solomon Islands
7. Suriname
8. Tonga
9. Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
10. Yemen

**European Union ratification:** For the purposes of calculation of acceptances under Article X.3 of the WTO Agreement, an instrument of acceptance by the European Union for itself and in respect of its Member States shall be counted as acceptance by a number of Members equal to the number of Member States of the European Union which are Members to the WTO.

# NOTIFICATION DEADLINES





## RECENT NOTIFICATION DEADLINE

LDC'S TO  
NOTIFY  
CATEGORY B  
DEFINITIVE  
DATES BY  
**22/02/2020**

- 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 until **21/02/2021** to notify these dates:
  - 7 have already provided the dates:  
Afghanistan; Burkina Faso, Chad, Lao PDR, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Solomon Islands.
  - 2 Members have not yet notified these dates:  
Djibouti and Mauritania.



<https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/extension-to-notify-definitive-dates/b>



## RECENT NOTIFICATION DEADLINE

LCD'S TO  
NOTIFY  
CATEGORY C  
INDICATIVE  
DATES BY  
**22/02/2021**

Out of the 32 LDC Members that have notified Category C designations to date:

- 29 Members have already notified category C indicative dates.
- 3 Members have not yet done so:
  - Djibouti, Myanmar and Rwanda



<https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/implementation-dates/list/c>



## RECENT NOTIFICATION DEADLINE

LCD'S TO  
INFORM OF  
THEIR DONOR  
ARRANGEMENTS  
BY  
**22/02/2021**

Out of the 32 LDC Members that have notified Category C designations to date:

- 5 Members have notified Donor arrangements:
  - Bangladesh, Cambodia, Madagascar, Mali and Niger.
- 27 Members have not yet done so.



<https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/arrangements-and-progress>



## Notifications yet to be submitted

STATUS  
REGARDING  
NOTIFICATIONS  
UNDER EXPIRED  
DEADLINES  
THAT ARE YET  
TO BE  
SUBMITTED  
2017 - 2021

Notification requirements and due dates	Developing Members	LDCs
<b>ABC designations</b> Developing countries by 22/02/2017 LDCs by 22/02/2018	3	3
<b>Category B indicative dates</b> LDCs by 22/02/2018		1
<b>Category B definitive dates</b> LDCs by 22/02/2020 <i>5 LDC Members received an extension until 21/02/2021</i>		2
<b>Category C indicative dates</b> LDCs by 22/02/2021		3
<b>Category C definitive dates</b> Developing countries by 22/08/2019	3	
<b>Category C TA requirements</b> Developing members by 22/02/2017 LDCs by 22/02/2019	4	8

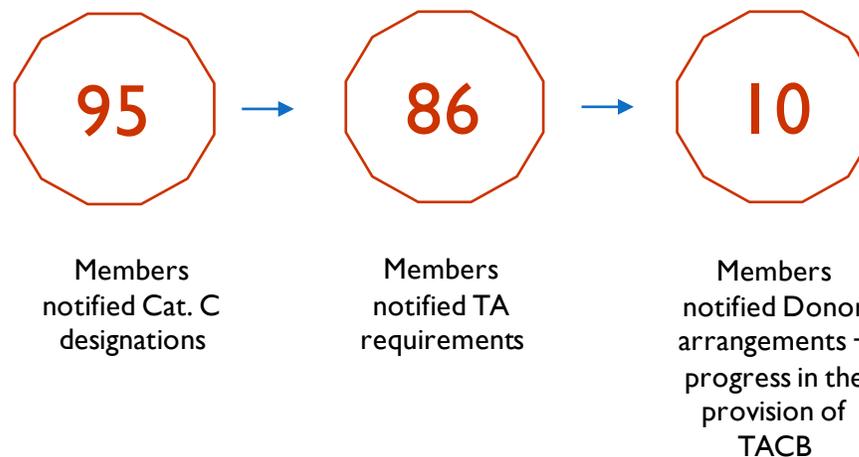


<https://tfadatabase.org/notifications-matrix>



## Information on TA projects – Donor arrangements and progress on the provision of TACB

STATUS  
REGARDING  
INFORMATION  
ON DONOR  
ARRANGEMENTS  
AND TACB  
PROGRESS

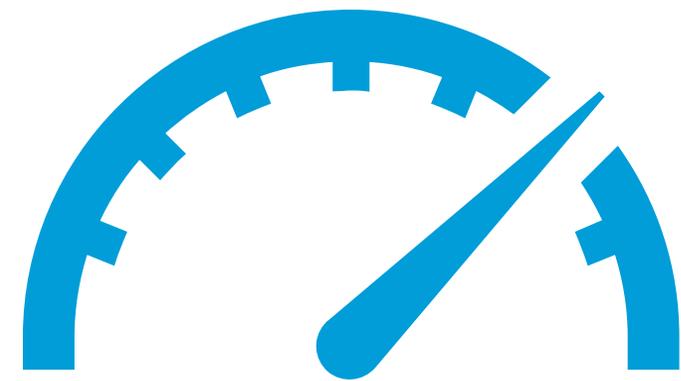


So far no notifications on Arrangements + Progress have been received by Donor Members



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# IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS



# IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS

## ARTICLES 15 & 16

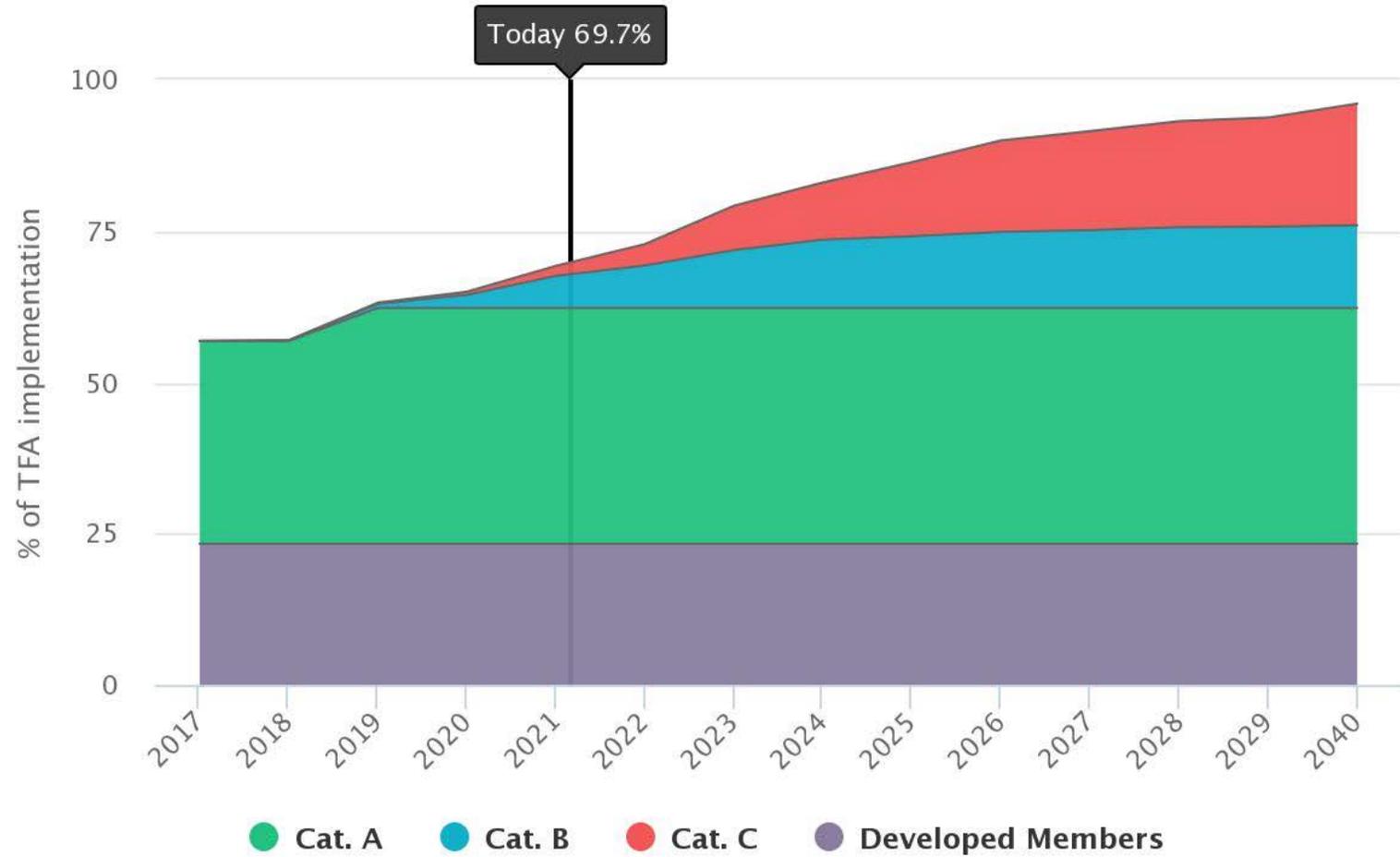


- 8 notifications received since the last meeting:
  - BANGLADESH G/TFA/N/BGD/I/ADD.4
  - BURKINA FASO G/TFA/N/BFA/I/ADD.3
  - CAMBODIA G/TFA/N/KHM/I/ADD.2
  - ECUADOR G/TFA/N/ECU/I/ADD.2
  - LESOTHO G/TFA/N/LSO/I/ADD.2
  - MALI G/TFA/N/MLI/I/ADD.2  
G/TFA/N/MLI/2
  - SIERRA LEONE G/TFA/N/SLE/I/ADD.2

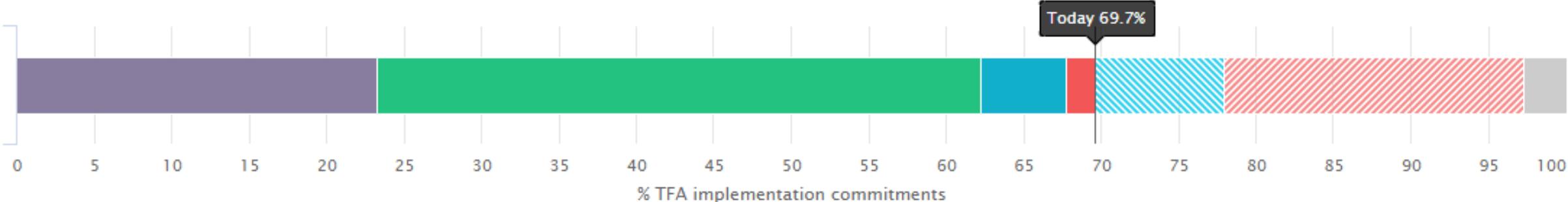
THE RATE OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION COMMITMENTS FOR THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP STANDS AT **69.7%** TO DATE

## Timeline of implementation commitments

Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time



# Global implementation progress



- Developed members 23.3%
- Cat. A current implementation 39.0%
- Cat. B current implementation 5.5%
- Cat. C current implementation 1.9%
- Cat. B future implementation 8.3%
- Cat. C future implementation 19.3%
- Unknown 2.7%

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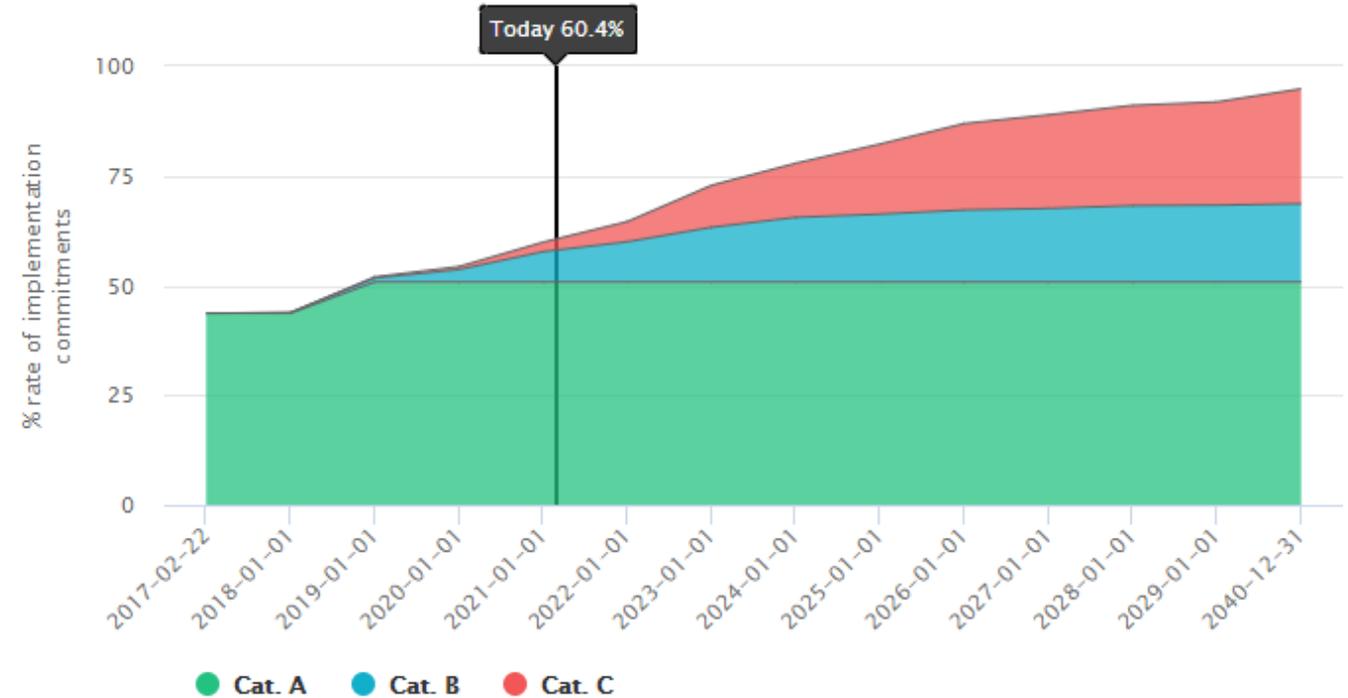
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THE RATE OF TFA  
IMPLEMENTATION  
COMMITMENTS  
OF DEVELOPING  
+ LDCS MEMBERS  
STANDS AT  
**60.4%**  
TO DATE

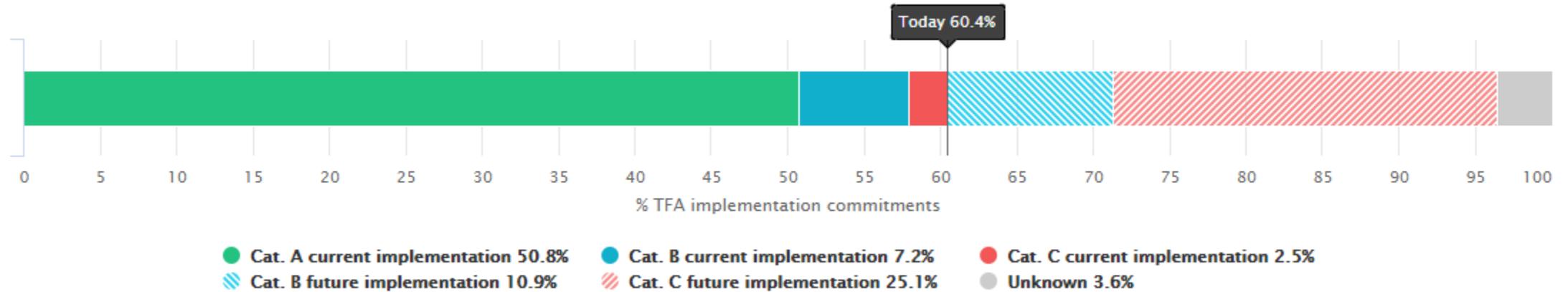
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Grouping: LDCs, Developing Members



## Implementation progress for LDCs and Developing members



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# Rate of TFA implementation commitments

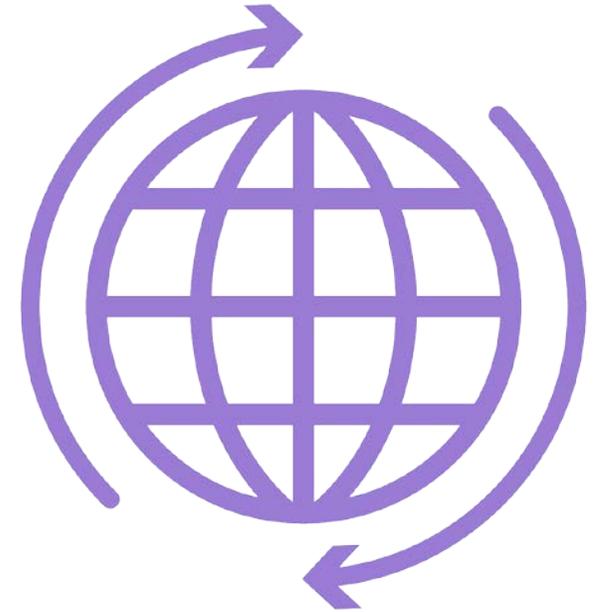
## *Timeline*

*Developed, developing and LDCs*



Based on notification data and developed Members commitments

TRANSPARENCY



# 10 NOTIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING



Article I.4

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Article I0.4.3

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Article I0.6.2

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Article I2.2.2

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# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING

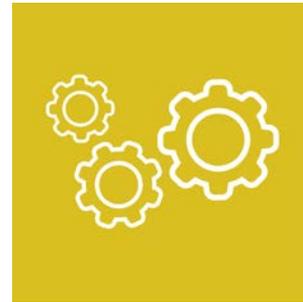


## 2 NOTIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING



Articles 22.1 & 22.2

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Article 22.3

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**Thank you**