UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

WTO Secretariat
28 November 2022
RATIFICATION
UPDATES
Ratifications presented

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

156 Ratifications 95.1%

110

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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.

Ratifications yet to be presented

1. Democratic Republic of the Congo
2. Haiti
3. Mauritania
4. Suriname
5. Tonga
6. Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
7. Yemen
156 Ratifications received

Timeline of Ratifications received to date (no. of Members having presented an instrument of acceptance)

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SECTION I
TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS
TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Article 1.4: 11
Article 10.4.3: 9
Article 10.6.2: 10
Article 12.2.2: 9

Cumulative: 242 195 234 219
OVERDUE TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Article 1.4  27
Article 10.4.3  9
Article 10.6.2  32
Article 12.2.2  18

https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/transparency/notifications-by-member
Following the TFA Review Decision, the Secretariat has started a digital cleaning.

Some Members have already been contacted and revisions of notifications have been issued and the remaining Members will be contacted soon.
SECTION II

NOTIFICATION DEADLINES
### Status of Implementation Notifications Under Expired Deadlines 2017 - 2022

#### 21 overdue notifications

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Information on Technical Assistance
Donor arrangements and progress in the provision of TACB

- Members have notified Cat. C designations: 95
- Members have notified TA requirements: 88
- Members have notified Donor arrangements and TA progress: 23

https://tfadatabase.org/en/implementation/technical-assistance
10.4 Single Window, 7.4 Risk Management, 8 Border Agency Cooperation, 7.6 Average release times, 7.7 Authorized operators, 7.5 Post clearance audit…

https://tfadatabase.org/en/implementation/technical-assistance
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS* IDENTIFIED BY BENEFICIARY MEMBERS IN THE DONOR ARRANGEMENTS NOTIFICATIONS

* Donors, Agencies or implementation programs as notified

https://tfadatabase.org/en/implementation/technical-assistance
13 notifications received since the last meeting:

- **BANGLADESH**: G/TFA/N/BDG/1/ADD.5
- **BURKINA FASO**: G/TFA/N/BFA/1/ADD.4
- **CAMBODIA**: G/TFA/N/KHM/1/ADD.3
- **COSTA RICA**: G/TFA/N/CR/3
- **THE GAMBIA**: G/TFA/N/GMB/1/ADD.3
- **KAZAKHSTAN**: G/TFA/N/KAZ/2/ADD.2
- **LESOTHO**: G/TFA/N/LSO/1/ADD.4
- **MADAGASCAR**: G/TFA/N/MDG/1/ADD.3
- **NIGER**: G/TFA/N/NER/2/ADD.2
- **SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS**: G/TFA/N/KNA/1/ADD.3
- **SENEGAL**: G/TFA/N/SEN/1/ADD.3
- **SIERRA LEONE**: G/TFA/N/SLE/1/ADD.3
- **SOLOMON ISLANDS**: G/TFA/N/SLB/1/ADD.2

12 notifications received since the last meeting:

ARGENTINA: G/TFA/N/ARG/1/ADD.2
BOTSWANA: G/TFA/N/BWA/1/ADD.3
ECUADOR: G/TFA/N/ECU/1/ADD.4
GRENADA: G/TFA/N/GRD/1/REV.2
MONGOLIA: G/TFA/N/MNG/1/ADD.2
NICARAGUA: G/TFA/N/NIC/1/ADD.3
PERU: G/TFA/N/PER/1/ADD.2
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS: G/TFA/N/KNA/1/ADD.2
SAINT LUCIA: G/TFA/N/LCA/1/ADD.3
SIERRA LEONE: G/TFA/N/SLE/1/ADD.4
SRI LANKA: G/TFA/N/LKA/1/ADD.3
ZAMBIA: G/TFA/N/ZMB/1/ADD.2

https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/extension-of-implementation-dates
OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES

Status as 22 November 2022

- Pending to be considered at the CTF meeting 28 November 2022

https://tfadatabase.org/notifications(extension-of-implementation-dates)
6 Members have presented notifications of category shifting:

- CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: G/TFA/N/CAF/1/ADD.3
- LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC: G/TFA/N/LAO/1/ADD.5
- LIBERIA: G/TFA/N/LBR/1/ADD.1
- MAURITANIA: G/TFA/N/MRT/1/ADD.2
- MYANMAR: G/TFA/N/MMR/1/ADD.2
- RWANDA: G/TFA/N/RWA/1/ADD.4

[https://tfadatabase.org/category-shifts](https://tfadatabase.org/category-shifts)
Status of category shifting by Member

No. of Members that have shifted measures

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- **Members that have shifted categories B to C**
- **Members that have shifted categories C to B**
- **Members that have shifted categories with extended definitive dates**

https://tfadatabase.org/category-shifts
1 Member notified earlier implementation dates for a total number of 3 measures:

**KAZAHKSTAN**

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https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/earlier-implementation
OVERVIEW OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS UNDER SECTION II

Timeline of implementation commitments
Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time

TFAD (Trade Facilitation Agreement Database) www.tfadatabase.org
Implementation commitments of LDCs and Developing members

Implementation commitments according to notification data

Today 66.1%

% TFA implementation commitments

- Cat. A commitments for implementation to date: 50.8%
- Cat. B commitments for implementation to date: 11.2%
- Cat. C commitments for implementation to date: 4.1%
- Cat. B commitments for future implementation: 7.3%
- Cat. C commitments for future implementation: 23.0%
- Unknown: 3.6%

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Rate of TFA implementation commitments

Timeline

Developing and LDCs

To date | 2022-2023 | 2024-2027 | 2028-2050
---|---|---|---
66% | 73% | 87% | 92%
+7% | +14% | +5% | 8%

Not yet notified

Based on notification data

28 November 2022
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING UNDER ARTICLE 22
NOTIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

- Articles 22.1 & 22.2: 0 (Cumulative: 51)
- Article 22.3: 5 (Cumulative: 68)
5 notifications received since the last meeting:

**Article 22.3** – contact points for coordinating technical assistance support

- **GHANA** G/TFA/N/GHA/3
- **HONDURAS** G/TFA/N/HND/2/REV.2
- **LAO PEOPLE’S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC** G/TFA/N/LAO/4/REV.1
- **CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC** G/TFA/N/CAF/3
- **BOTSWANA** G/TFA/N/BWA/3
UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION DATES

2023-2024

https://tfadatabase.org/implementations/commitments-due-by-date

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01 Jan 2023 to 31 Dec 2024
TOP 5 CATEGORY C MEASURES DUE FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 2023-2024

Top 5 measures due for implementation
2023-2024

- 7.7 – Authorized operators
- 7.4 – Risk management
- 8 – Border Agency Cooperation
- 10.4 – Single window
- 7.6 – Average release times

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https://tfadatabase.org/implementation/commitments-due-by-date
TOP 5 CATEGORY B MEASURES DUE FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 2023-2024

Top 5 measures due for implementation (2023-2024)

- 1.1 – Publication
- 2.2 – Consultations
- 10.2 – Acceptance of copies
- 11 – Transit
- 3 – Advance rulings

No. of Members

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THANK YOU

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