

# UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

WTO Secretariat

1 April 2022



Trade Facilitation  
**Committee**

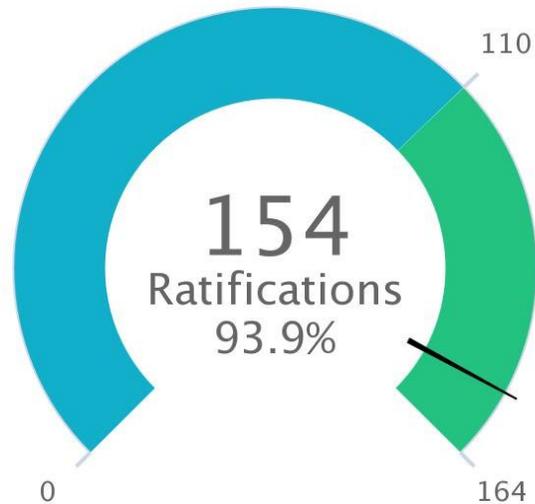
# RATIFICATION UPDATES





## 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.



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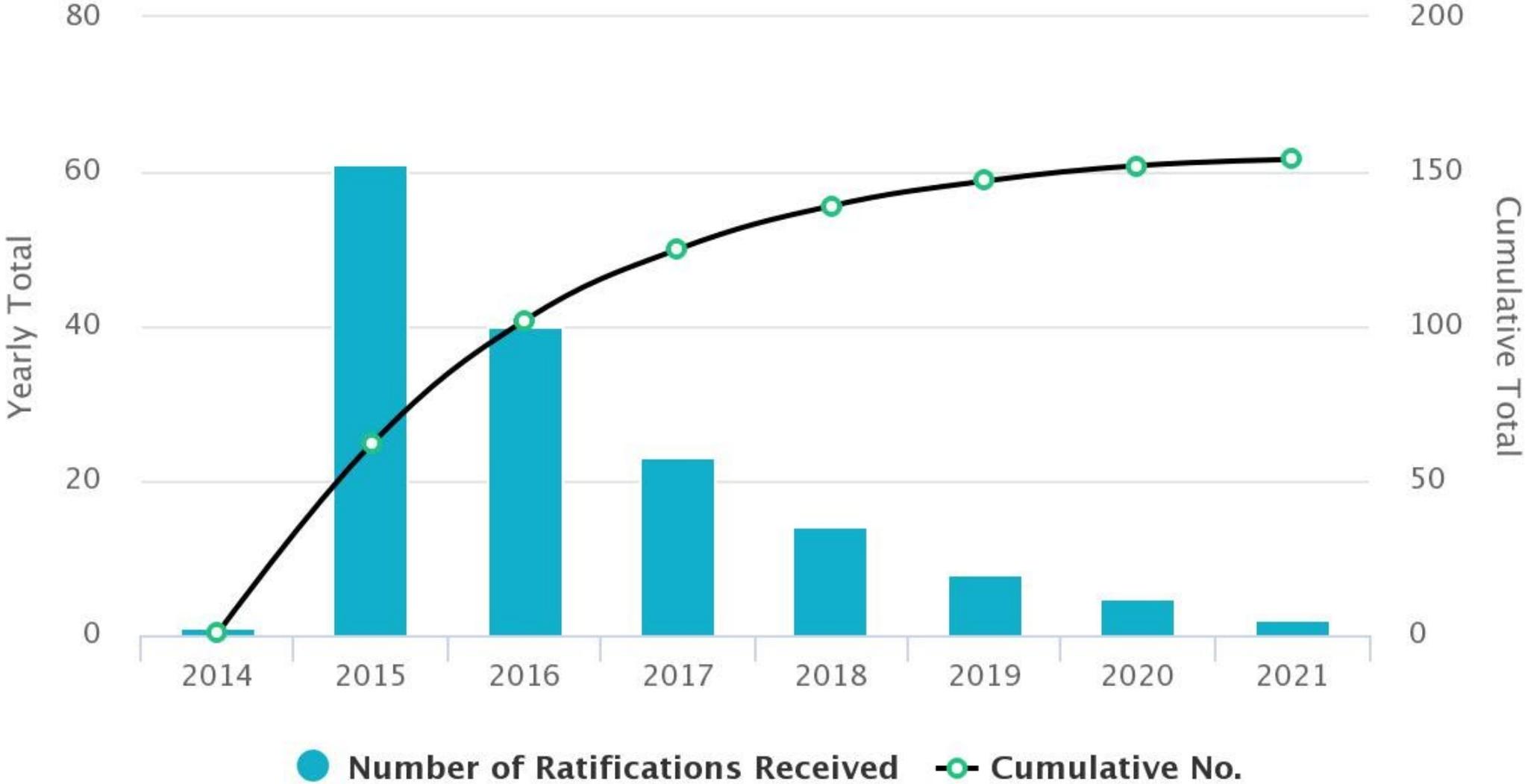
## Ratifications yet to be presented

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

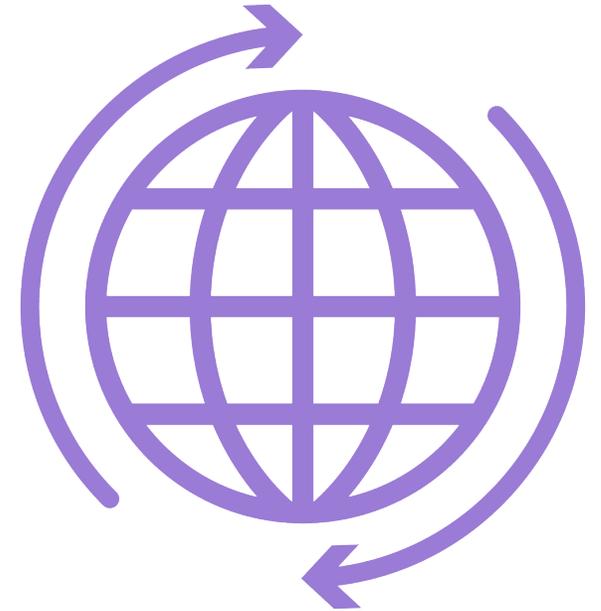
**European Union ratification:** For the purposes of calculation of acceptances under Article X.3 of the WTO Agreement, an instrument of acceptance by the European Union for itself and in respect of its Member States shall be counted as acceptance by a number of Members equal to the number of Member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

# 154 Ratifications received

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



SECTION I  
TRANSPARENCY  
NOTIFICATIONS



# TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING



Article I.4

5

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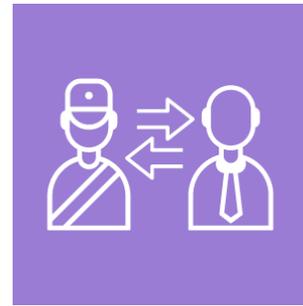
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Article I0.4.3

4

187



Article I0.6.2

6

223



Article I2.2.2

5

210

# OVERDUE TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS



Article I.4

**27**



Article I0.4.3

**10**



Article I0.6.2

**32**



Article I2.2.2

**19**



# BROKEN LINKS



Members have notified approximately **3600** links through their transparency notifications....  
...out of which **450** appear to be broken



Following the TFA Review Decision, the Secretariat will soon roll out a **digital spring cleaning**



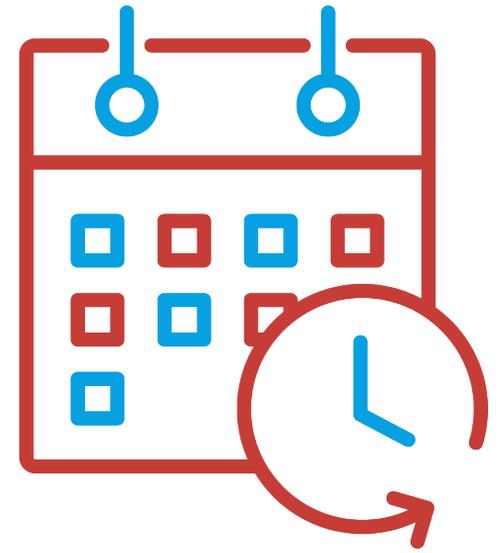
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Trade Facilitation Agreement **Database**

[www.tfadatabase.org](http://www.tfadatabase.org)

# SECTION II

## NOTIFICATION DEADLINES





## NEXT NOTIFICATION DEADLINE

LCD'S TO  
NOTIFY  
CATEGORY C  
DEFINITIVE  
DATES BY  
**22/08/2022**

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

- 7 Members have already notified all category C definitive dates ahead of the deadline:
  - Angola, Benin, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia.
- 1 Member has notified some definitive dates ahead of the deadline:
  - Central African Republic



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



## 25 overdue notifications

STATUS  
REGARDING  
NOTIFICATIONS  
UNDER EXPIRED  
DEADLINES  
THAT ARE YET  
TO BE  
SUBMITTED  
2017 - 2022

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> Developing countries by 22/02/2018 LDCs by 22/02/2020 <i>5 LDC Members received an extension until 21/02/2021</i>	1	2
<b>Category C indicative dates</b> LDCs by 22/02/2021		2
<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	6



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



## Information on Technical Assistance

Donor arrangements and progress in the provision of TACB

STATUS  
REGARDING  
DONOR  
ARRANGEMENTS  
AND TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE  
PROGRESS

95

Members have notified Cat. C designations

88

Members have notified TA requirements

17

Members have notified Donor arrangements and TA progress

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



<https://tfadatabase.org/implementation/technical-assistance/projects>

# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 16



3 notifications received since the last meeting:

- Antigua and Barbuda G/TFA/N/ATG/1/Add.1  
G/TFA/N/ATG/1/Add.1/Corr.1
- India G/TFA/N/IND/1/Add.2
- Indonesia G/TFA/N/IDN/1/Add.1



<https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/implementation>

# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19

## SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES

**B → C**

**C → B**

- No notifications of shifting presented since the last meeting



<https://tfadatabase.org/category-shifts>

# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

## EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



3 notifications received since the last meeting:

- Guatemala G/TFA/N/GTM/I/Add.2
- Lesotho G/TFA/N/LSO/I/Add.3
- Zambia G/TFA/N/ZMB/I/Add.1



<https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/extension-of-implementation-dates>

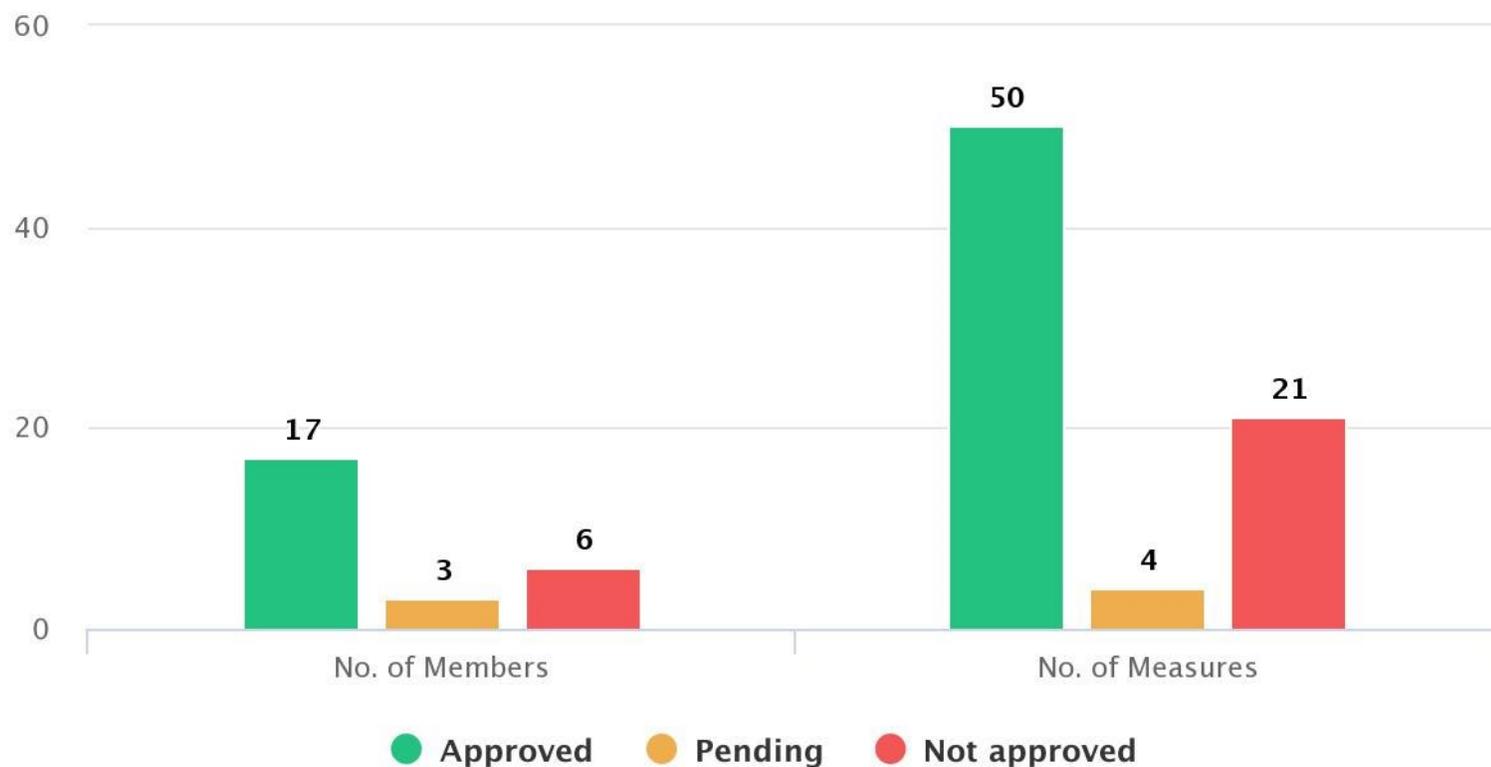
# OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

## EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



### Status of requests for extension of implementation dates

Requests approved, not approved or pending consideration by the Trade Facilitation Committee, by Member and by Measure



Status as 31 March 2022

- **Pending** to be considered at the CTF meeting | April 2022

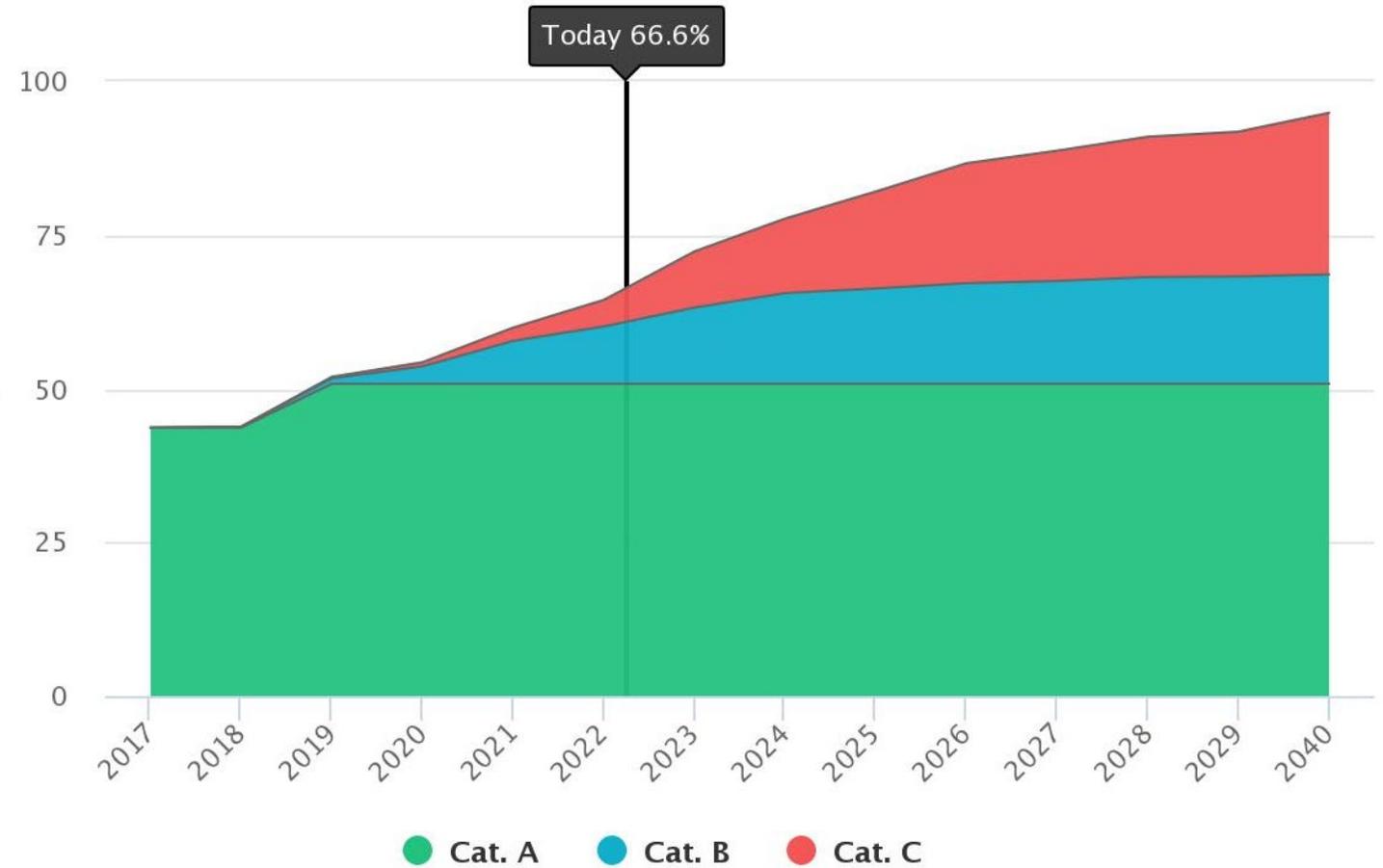


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# OVERVIEW OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS UNDER SECTION II

## Timeline of implementation commitments

Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time



# Implementation commitments of LDCs and Developing members

Implementation commitments according to notification data

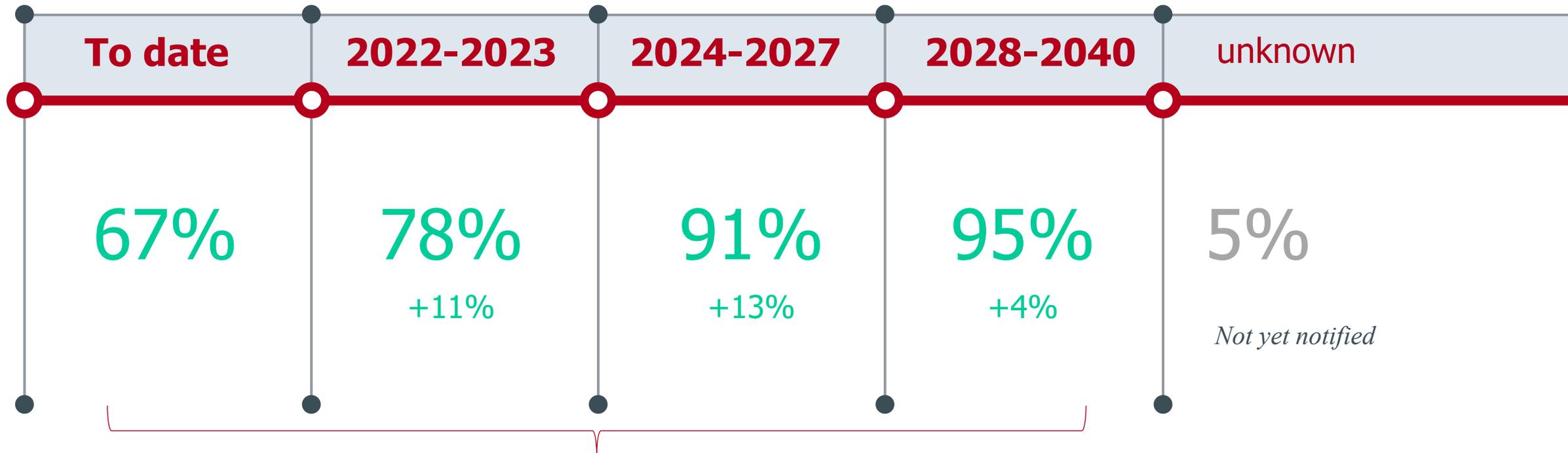


- **Cat. A commitments for implementation to date:50.8%**
- **Cat. B commitments for implementation to date:10.3%**
- **Cat. C commitments for implementation to date:5.6%**
- **Cat. B commitments for future implementation:7.7%**
- **Cat. C commitments for future implementation:22.1%**
- **Unknown:3.6%**

# Rate of TFA implementation commitments

*Timeline*

*Developing and LDCs*

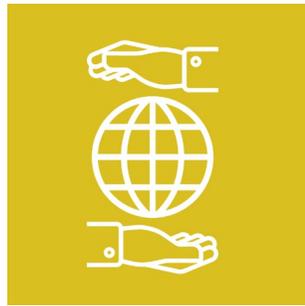


Based on notification data

TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE AND  
CAPACITY BUILDING  
UNDER ARTICLE 22



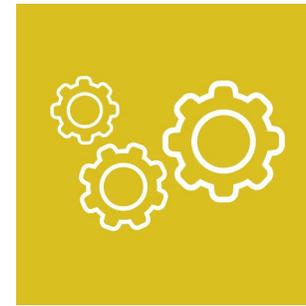
# NOTIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING



Articles 22.1 & 22.2

3

49



Article 22.3

1

62

Cumulative

# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 22



3 notifications received since the last meeting:

**Article 22.1 / 22.2** – support for capacity building provided by Donors and processes to obtain assistance

- European Union G/TFA/N/EU/2/Add.3  
G/TFA/N/EU/2/Add.3/Corr.1
- United Kingdom G/TFA/N/GBR/3

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

- Zambia G/TFA/N/ZMB/2/REV.1

## G/TFA/INF/I/REV.1

# REMINDER OF RECENT AND UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION DATES

2022 - 2023



WORLD TRADE  
ORGANIZATION

G/TFA/INF/1/Rev.1

10 December 2021

(21-9283)

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### Committee on Trade Facilitation

#### TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT'S DEFINITIVE IMPLEMENTATION DATES COVERING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

##### *Revision*

As was agreed at the meeting of the Committee on Trade Facilitation on 22-23 April 2021, the following listing of the Trade Facilitation Agreement's definitive implementation dates covering the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023 is being sent to Members for their information. The document has no legal status and serves only to assist Members to keep track of their deadlines.

#### Afghanistan

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
10.1.1	Formalities	B	31 December 2022
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	B	31 December 2023

#### Angola

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
7.9	Perishable goods	B	30 June 2022
1.1.1	Publication	B	30 June 2022
1.2	Information available through internet	C	30 June 2023
2.2	Consultations	B	30 June 2023
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	C	30 June 2023
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	C	30 June 2023
7.3	Separation of release	B	30 June 2023
7.4	Risk management	C	30 June 2023
7.7	Authorized operators	C	30 June 2023

# RECENT AND UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION DATES

## 2022-2023



01 Jan to  
31 Dec 2022

no. of Members with due implementation dates	31
no. of measures	229
of which in <b>Cat. B</b>	124
of which in <b>Cat. C</b>	105



01 Jan 2022 to  
31 Dec 2023

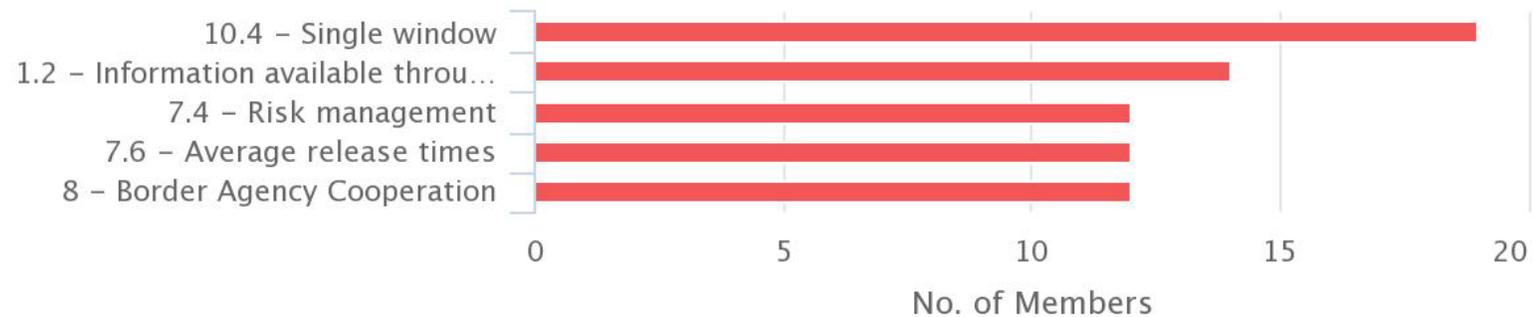
no. of Members with due implementation dates	77
no. of measures	444
of which in <b>Cat. B</b>	229
of which in <b>Cat. C</b>	215



<https://tfadatabase.org/implementation/commitments-due-by-date>

TOP 5 **CATEGORY C**  
MEASURES DUE  
FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION  
IN  
2022-2023

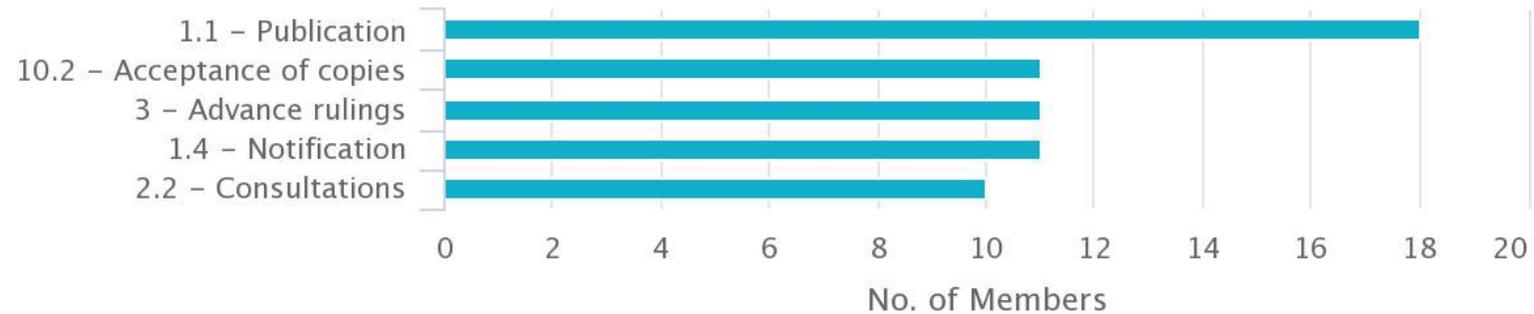
Top 5 measures due for implementation



<https://tfadatabase.org/implementation/commitments-due-by-date>

TOP 5 **CATEGORY B**  
MEASURES DUE  
FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION  
IN  
2022-2023

Top 5 measures due for implementation



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