UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

WTO Secretariat

1 April 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.

154 Ratifications 93.9%

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. Guinea-Bissau
3. Haiti
4. Mauritania
5. Solomon Islands
6. Suriname
7. Tonga
8. Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
9. Yemen
154 Ratifications received

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

Number of Ratifications Received

Cumulative No.

Yearly Total

Cumulative Total


TFAD (Trade Facilitation Agreement Database) www.tfadatabase.org
SECTION I
TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS
TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS
RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Article 1.4  5  230
Article 10.4.3  4  187
Article 10.6.2  6  223
Article 12.2.2  5  210
OVERDUE TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Article1.4
27

Article10.4.3
10

Article10.6.2
32

Article12.2.2
19

https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/transparency/notifications-by-member
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
SECTION II

NOTIFICATION DEADLINES
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

NEXT NOTIFICATION DEADLINE

https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/implementation-dates/list/c
# 25 overdue notifications

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[https://tfadatabase.org/notifications-matrix](https://tfadatabase.org/notifications-matrix)
Information on Technical Assistance
Donor arrangements and progress in the provision of TACB

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

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

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

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

EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES

Status as 31 March 2022

- Pending to be considered at the CTF meeting 1 April 2022

https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/extension-of-implementation-dates
OVERVIEW OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS UNDER SECTION II
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%

Today 66.6%
Rate of TFA implementation commitments

To date: 67%
2022-2023: 78% (+11%)
2024-2027: 91% (+13%)
2028-2040: 95% (+4%)
Unknown: 5%

Based on notification data

31 March 2022
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING UNDER ARTICLE 22
NOTIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Articles 22.1 & 22.2
- 3
- Cumulative: 49

Article 22.3
- 1
- Cumulative: 62
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
REMINDER OF RECENT AND UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION DATES

2022 - 2023

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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.
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[https://tfadatabase.org/implementation/commitments-due-by-date](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

- 10.4 – Single window
- 1.2 – Information available through online platforms
- 7.4 – Risk management
- 7.6 – Average release times
- 8 – Border Agency Cooperation

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

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Thank you