

# UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

WTO Secretariat  
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Trade Facilitation  
**Committee**

# RATIFICATION UPDATES



## FOUR RATIFICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

Tanzania  
08/04/20

Vanuatu  
06/05/20

Tunisia  
17/07/20

Colombia  
06/08/20

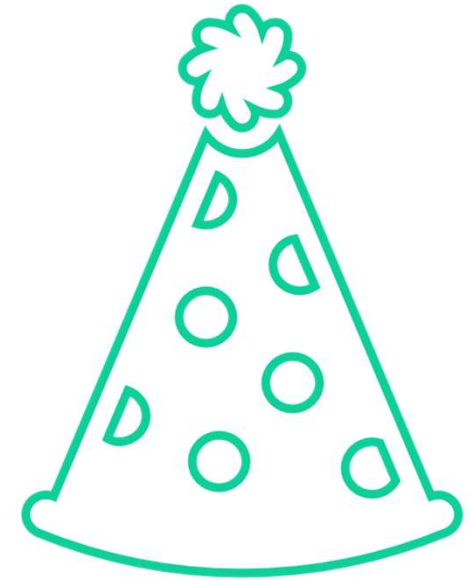


# Ratifications

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



GOOD NEWS!





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DEVELOPING  
MEMBERS HAVE  
100% RATE OF TFA  
IMPLEMENTATION  
COMMITMENTS

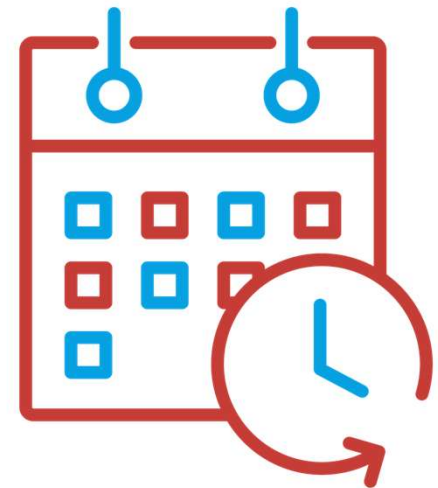
In addition to the 9 developing Members that designated all TFA provisions in **Category A**:

Chile; Hong Kong, China; Israel; Rep. of Korea; Mexico, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Singapore; Chinese Taipei and Turkey...

...6 developing Members have reached 100% implementation of the TFA as their **category B** designations are now due to be applied according to their notifications:

Brazil; China, Georgia; Macao China; North Macedonia and Oman.

# NOTIFICATION DEADLINES



## RECENT NOTIFICATION DEADLINE

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

- 84% of LDCs (27 Members) 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.



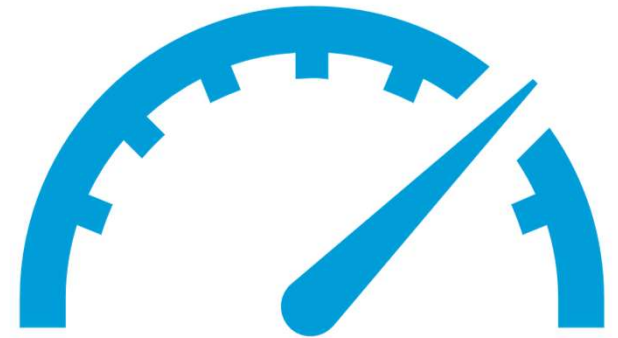
## NEXT NOTIFICATION DEADLINE

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

Out of the 33 LDC Members that have notified  
Category C designations to date:

76% (25 Members) have already notified these  
dates ahead of the deadline

# IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

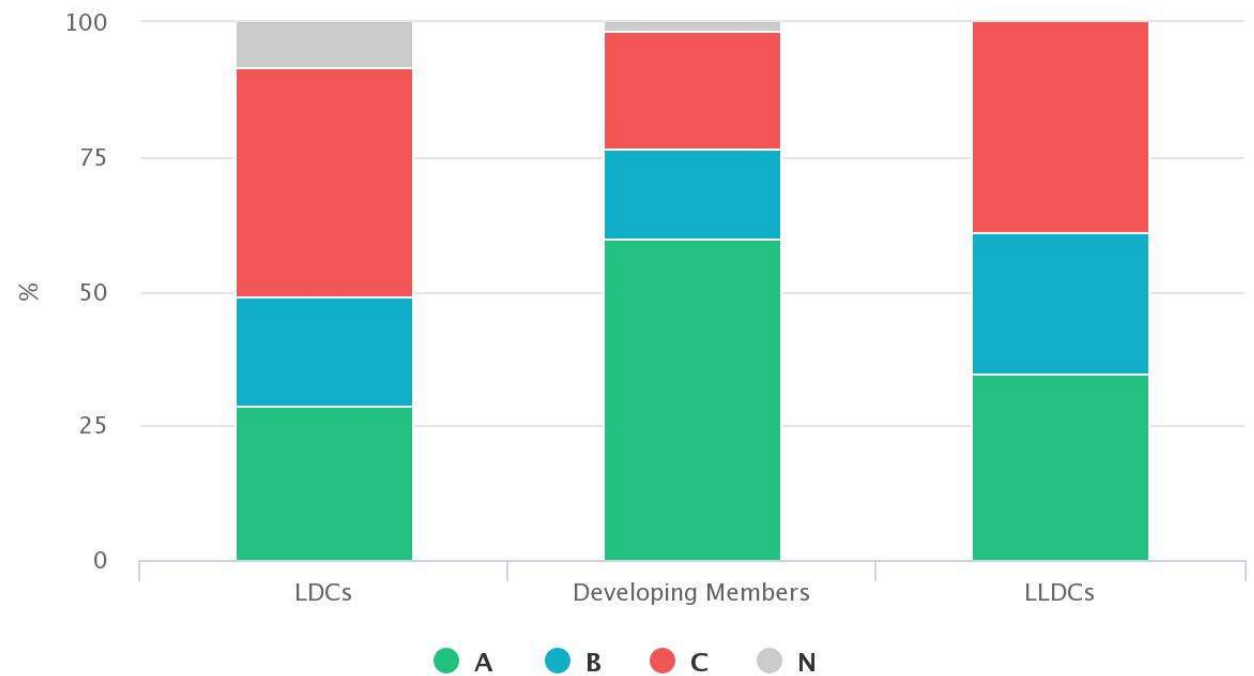


# IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS

43 notifications received since the last meeting

## Share of Categories A, B, C by grouping

Based on % of all notifiable items

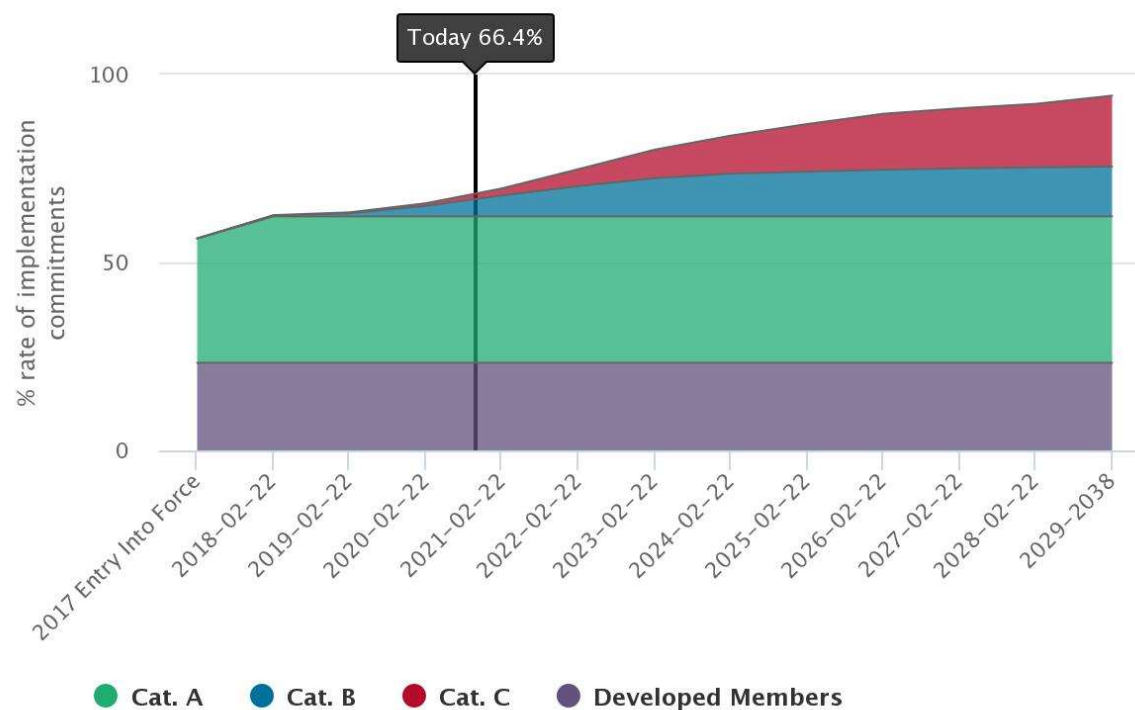


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THE RATE OF TFA  
IMPLEMENTATION  
COMMITMENTS  
FOR THE ENTIRE  
MEMBERSHIP  
STANDS AT  
66.4%  
TO DATE

## Timeline of implementation commitments

Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time

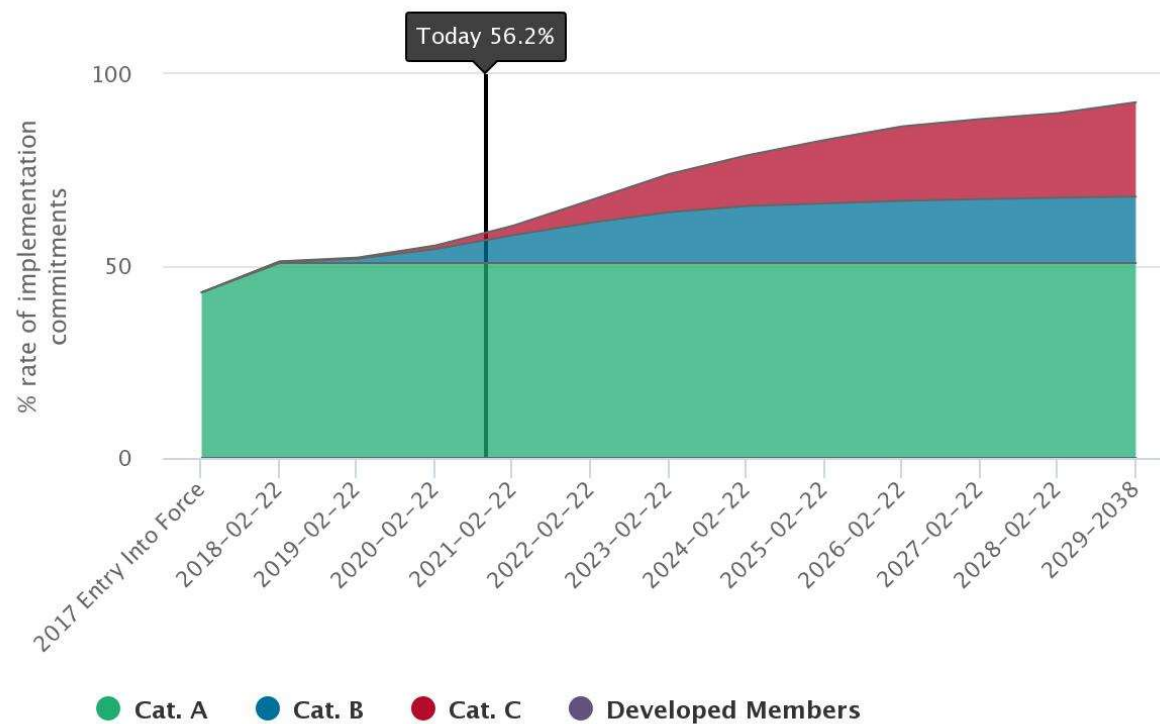


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THE RATE OF TFA  
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OF DEVELOPING  
+ LDCS MEMBERS  
STANDS AT  
56.2%  
TO DATE

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**Grouping:** LDCs, Developing Members

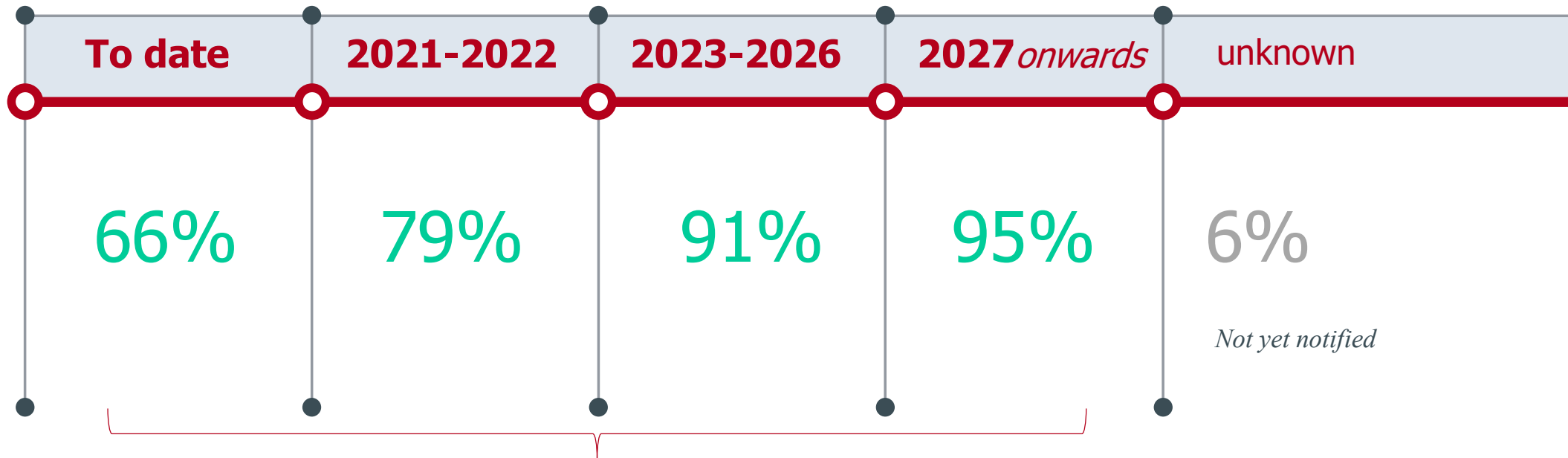


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# Rate of TFA implementation commitments

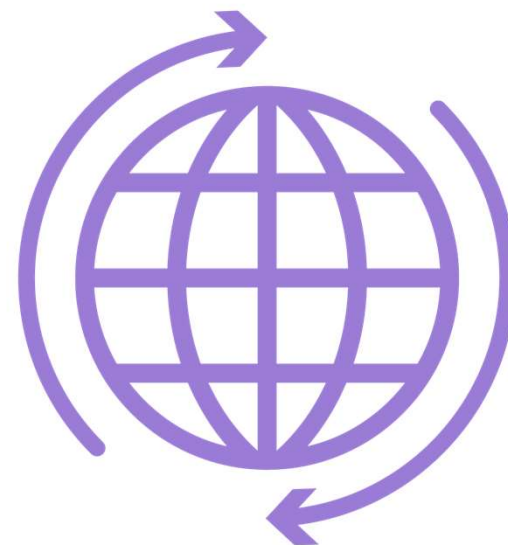
*Timeline*

*Developed, developing and LDCs*



Based on notification data and developed Members commitments

TRANSPARENCY



## 40 NOTIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING



Article I.4

32



Article I0.4.3

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Article I0.6.2

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Article I2.2.2

25



# BROKEN LINKS



Members had notified approximately 3000 links through their transparency notifications....

...out of which **600** seemed to be broken

After a digital spring and summer cleaning in which members kindly provided 20 revised notifications...

..the number of broken links went down to **400**

*Work continues...*

Thank you!



# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING



## 18 NOTIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING



Articles 22.1 & 22.2

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Article 22.3

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# UPDATES

## Database

- **NEWS:** we are working on adding more tools and functionalities to analyse implementation progress and make general improvements to the site
- The database has a tool that detects broken web-links in transparency notifications. A report identifying broken links can be provided to Members
- Visit the TF committee page to access all **experience-sharing presentations** made during the meetings:

<https://tfadatabase.org/trade-facilitation-committee>



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