

UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

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Committee

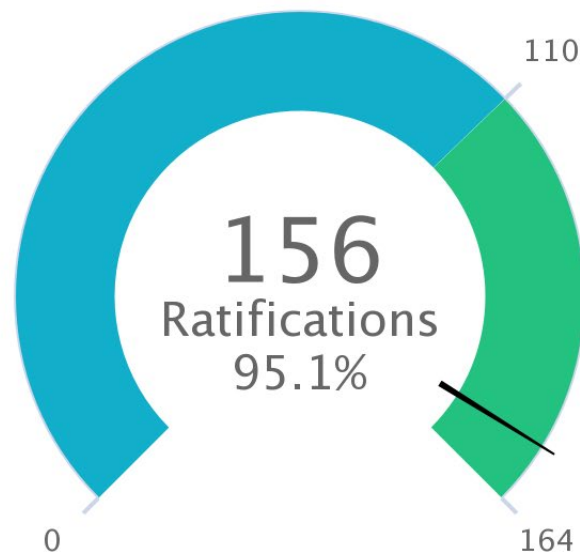
RATIFICATION UPDATES





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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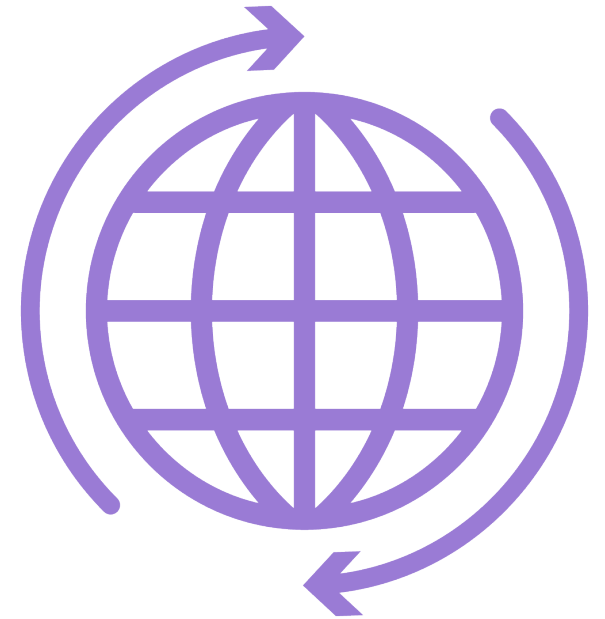


Ratifications yet to be presented

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

SECTION I
TRANSPARENCY
NOTIFICATIONS



TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATION

ARTICLES
1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2
AND 12.2.2

13 Members have presented transparency notifications since the last meeting:

- BELIZE G/TFA/N/BLZ/2/REV.1
- ECUADOR G/TFA/N/ECU/4/REV.2
- ESWATINI G/TFA/N/SWZ/4/REV.1
- HONDURAS G/TFA/N/HND/3/REV.2
- ICELAND G/TFA/N/ISL/1/REV.1
- MOZAMBIQUE G/TFA/N/MOZ/4
- MYANMAR G/TFA/N/MMR/5
G/TFA/N/MMR/2/REV.2
- PARAGUAY G/TFA/N/PRY/3/ADD.1
G/TFA/N/PRY/3/REV.1
- UGANDA G/TFA/N/UGA/2
- UNITED KINGDOM G/TFA/N/GBR/2/REV.2
- URUGUAY G/TFA/N/URY/2/REV.4
- VANUATU G/TFA/N/VUT/3
- ZIMBABWE G/TFA/N/ZWE/3



<https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/transparency/notifications-by-member>

OVERDUE TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS



Article I.4

23



Article I0.4.3

12



Article I0.6.2

22



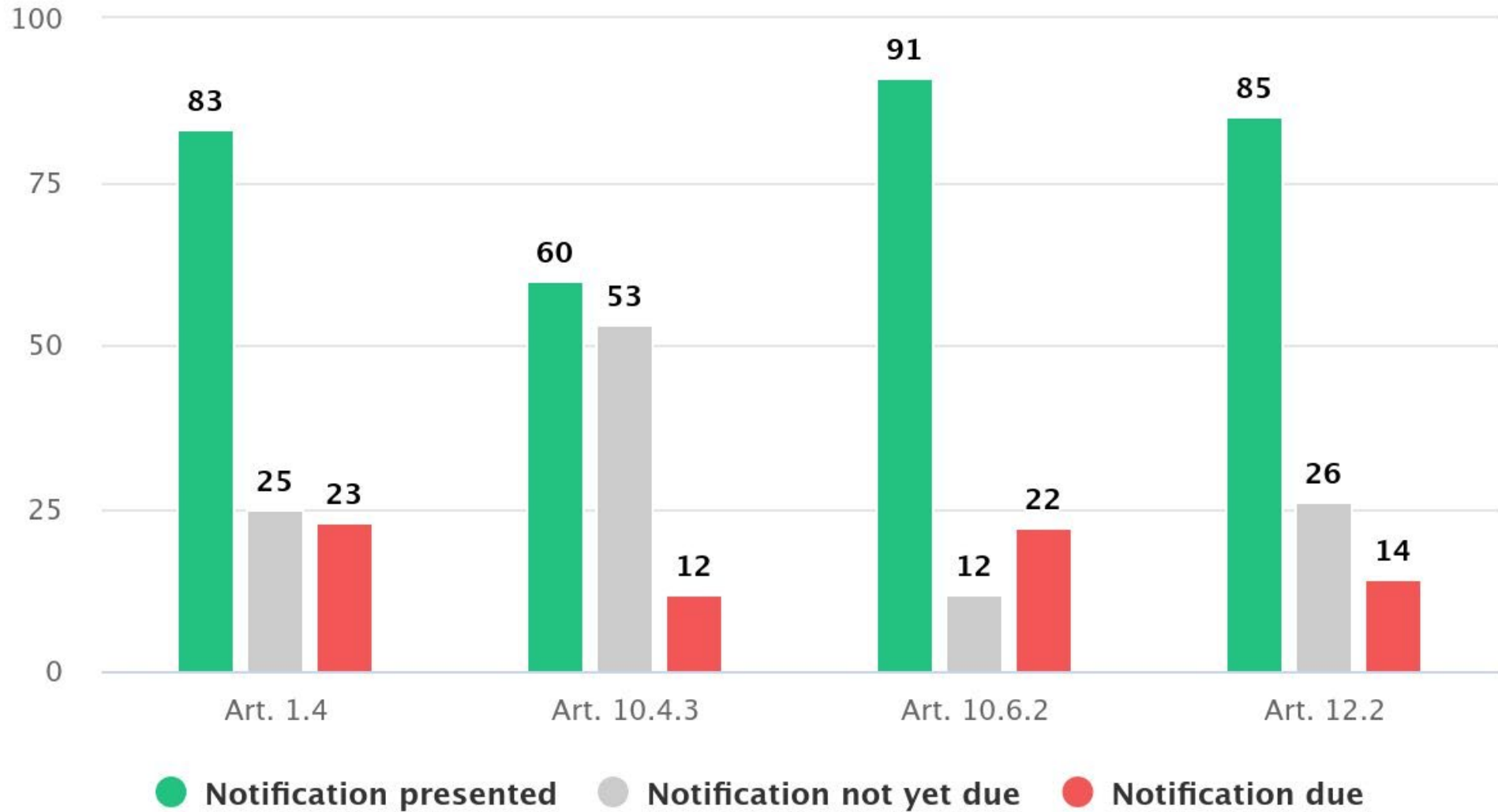
Article I2.2.2

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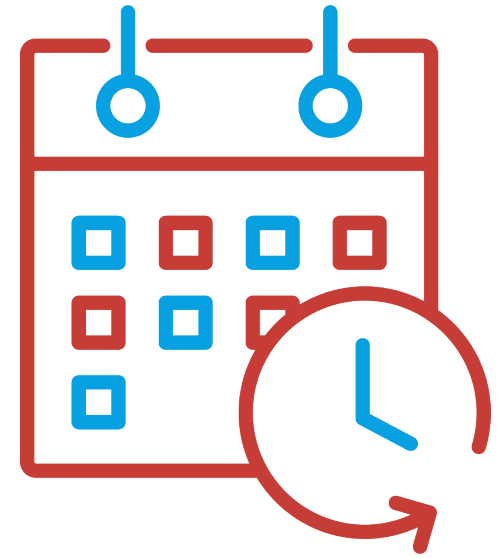
Status of transparency notifications by article

Developing & LDCs



SECTION II

NOTIFICATION DEADLINES





14 overdue notifications

STATUS OF
IMPLEMENTATION
NOTIFICATIONS
UNDER EXPIRED
DEADLINES
2017 - 2023

Notification requirements and due dates	Developing Members	LDCs
ABC designations Developing countries by 22/02/2017 LDCs by 22/02/2018	2	3
Category B definitive dates Developing countries by 22/02/2018 LDCs by 22/02/2020	1	-
Category C definitive dates Developing countries by 22/08/2019 LDCs by 22/08/2022	2	3
Category C TA requirements Developing Members by 22/02/2017 LDCs by 22/02/2019	2	1



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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

91

Members have notified TA requirements

34

Members have notified Donor arrangements and TA progress



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

NOTIFICATION OUTREACH



Overdue transparency notifications:

23 delegations contacted

Pending donor arrangements and TA progress notifications:

10 delegations contacted

Outreach continues...



Explore information on donor arrangements and TA progress as notified by beneficiary Members

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79.4% Current rate of implementation

63 MEMBERS Have committed

38 MEMBERS Have committed

37 MEMBERS Have requested

16 MEMBERS Have notified

59 DONORS OR AGENCIES Are providing

Explore information on technical assistance projects, as reported by beneficiaries

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TRACKER >

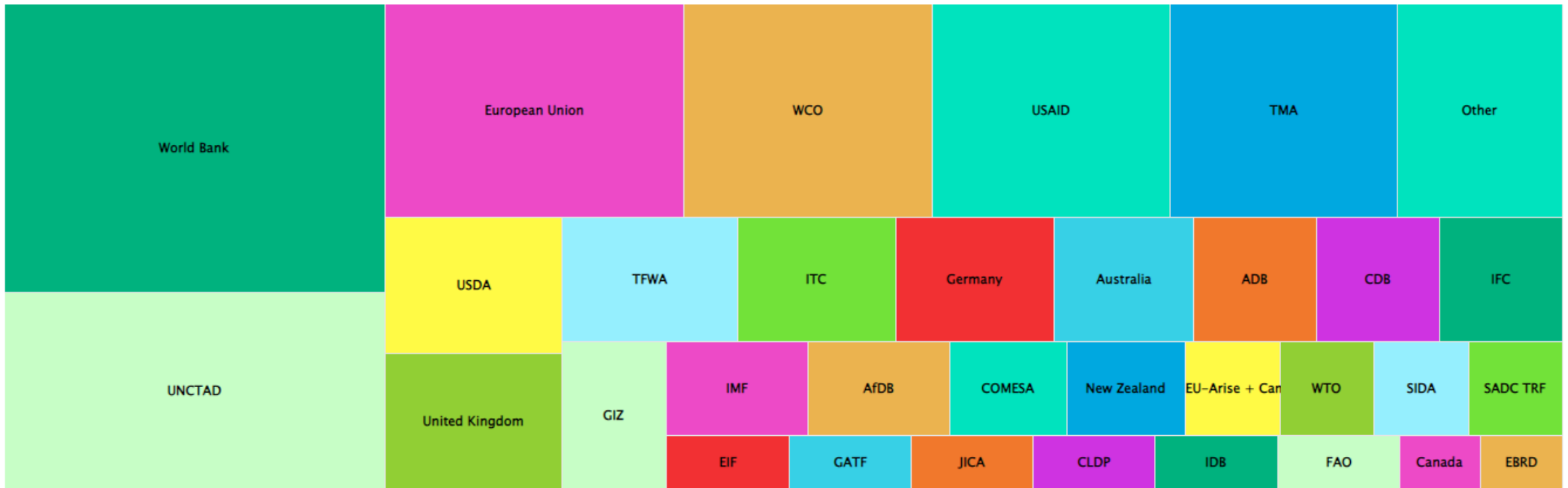


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Mapping of technical assistance arrangements, as notified by beneficiary Members

Development partners identified by beneficiary Members in the donor arrangements notifications

Based on donor arrangements notifications presented by beneficiary Members



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

* Donors, Agencies or implementation programs as notified

Technical Assistance projects

In this page you can search for technical assistance projects as submitted by Members through their notifications on donor arrangements and progress in the provision technical assistance and capacity building support (TACB).

[Search by beneficiary](#)
[Search by Donor / Agency](#)
[Search by Measure](#)


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Albania [↗](#)

Implementation project	Donor / Agency	Definitive implementation dates	TA needs notified	Progress reported	
10.4 - Single window	World Bank	31 January 2024	Yes	Yes	Details

Bangladesh [↗](#)

Implementation project	Donor / Agency	Definitive implementation dates	TA needs notified	Progress reported	
1.3 - Enquiry points	World Bank, United States Agency for International Development	30 June 2026	Yes	Yes	Details
7.1 - Pre-arrival processing	United States Agency for International Development	30 June 2025	Yes	Yes	Details



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

Implementation experiences shared at the Trade Facilitation Committee

Implementation experiences shared at the Trade Facilitation Committee



By subject

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NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 16



13 Members have presented notifications since the last meeting:

- CABO VERDE G/TFA/N/CPV/2
- CAMBODIA G/TFA/N/KHM/1/ADD.4
- CAMEROON G/TFA/N/CMR/1/ADD.1
- DJIBOUTI G/TFA/N/DJI/1/ADD.3
- EGYPT G/TFA/N/EGY/1/ADD.1
- ESWATINI G/TFA/N/SWZ/5/REV.1
G/TFA/N/SWZ/6
- HONDURAS G/TFA/N/HND/4
- KENYA G/TFA/N/KEN/1/ADD.1
- KUWAIT, THE STATE OF G/TFA/N/KWT/1
- MOLDOVA, REPUBLIC OF G/TFA/N/MDA/4
- MYANMAR G/TFA/N/MMR/1/ADD.6
G/TFA/N/MMR/1/ADD.7
- SAINT LUCIA G/TFA/N/LCA/5
- TOGO G/TFA/N/TGO/1/ADD.5

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



8 Members presented notifications since the last meeting:

- ARGENTINA G/TFA/N/ARG/1/Add.3
- ECUADOR G/TFA/N/ECU/1/Add.7
- ESWATINI G/TFA/N/SWZ/6
- GUATEMALA G/TFA/N/GTM/1/Add.4
- KENYA G/TFA/N/KEN/1/Add.2
- NICARAGUA G/TFA/N/NIC/1/Add.5
- PERU G/TFA/N/PER/1/Add.3
- SEYCHELLES G/TFA/N/SYC/1/Add.4



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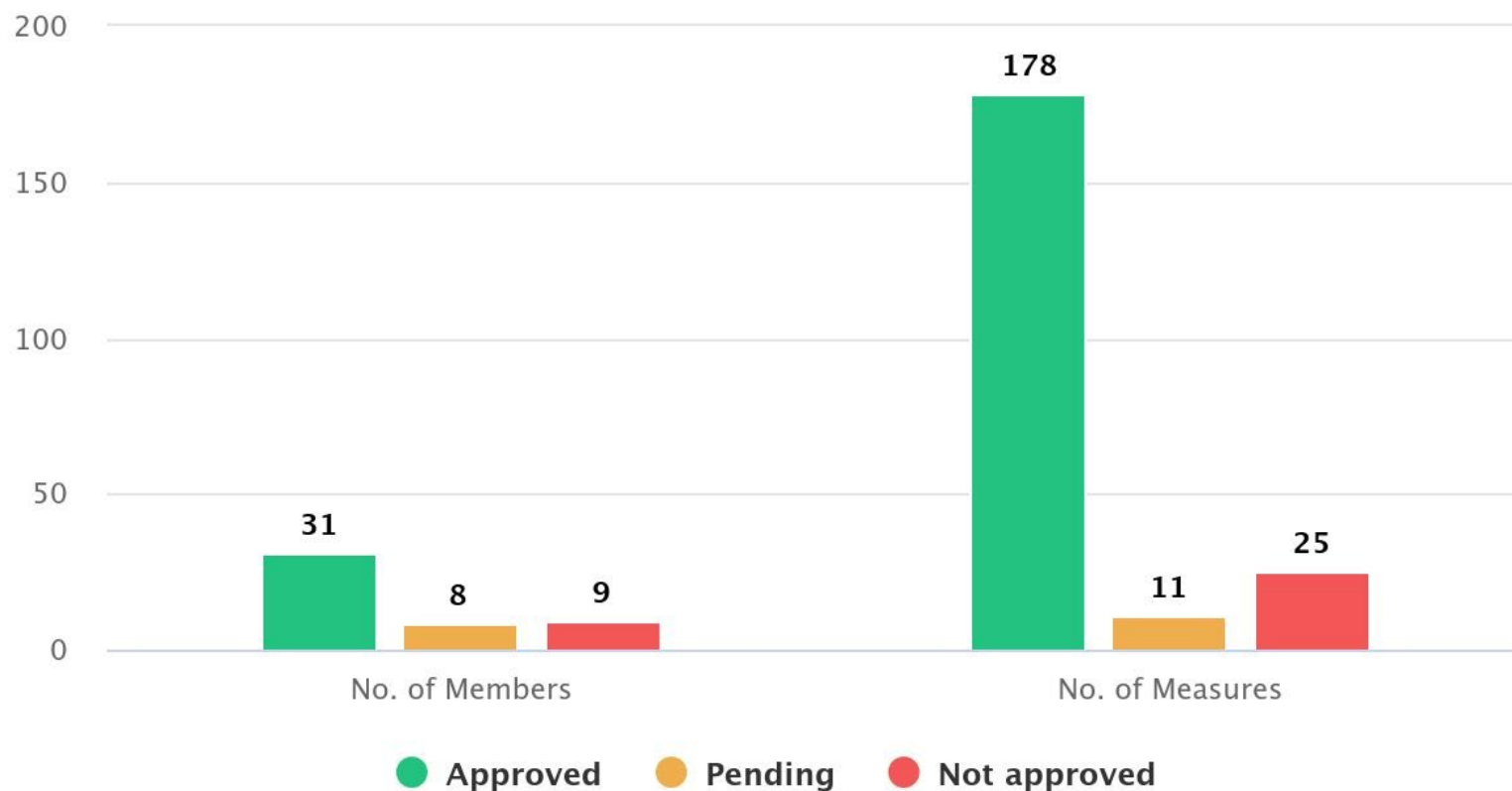
OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

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

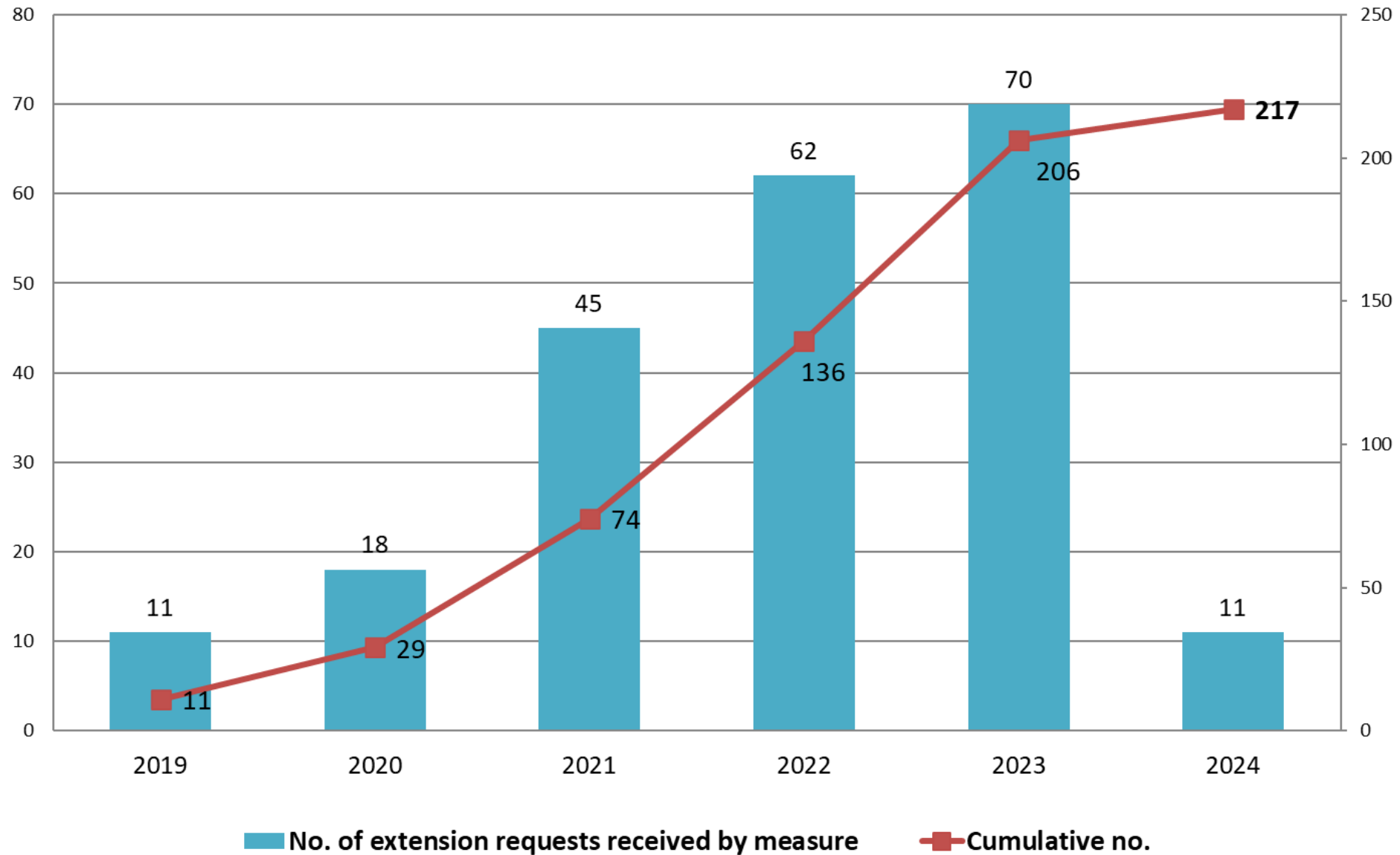


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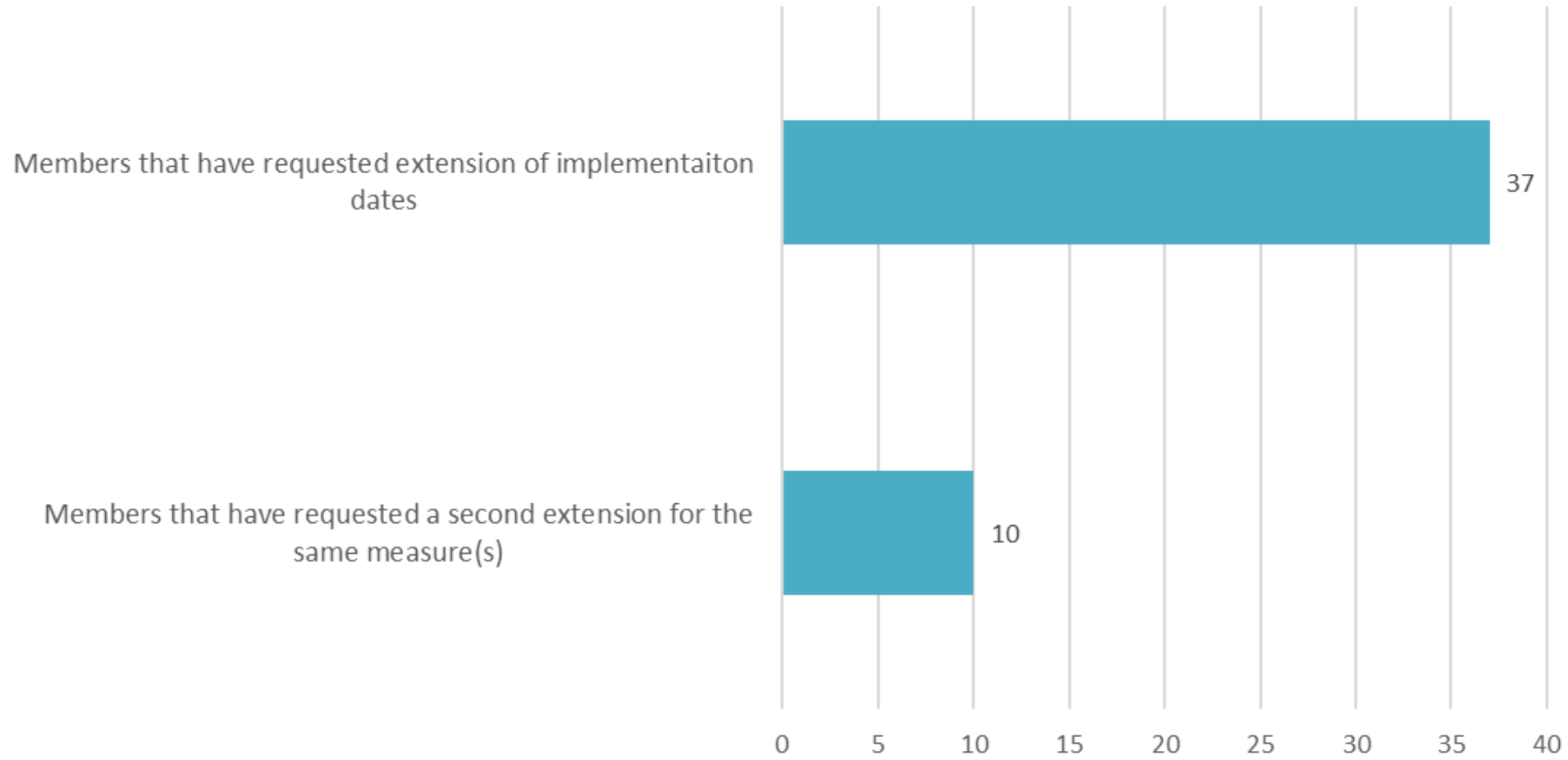


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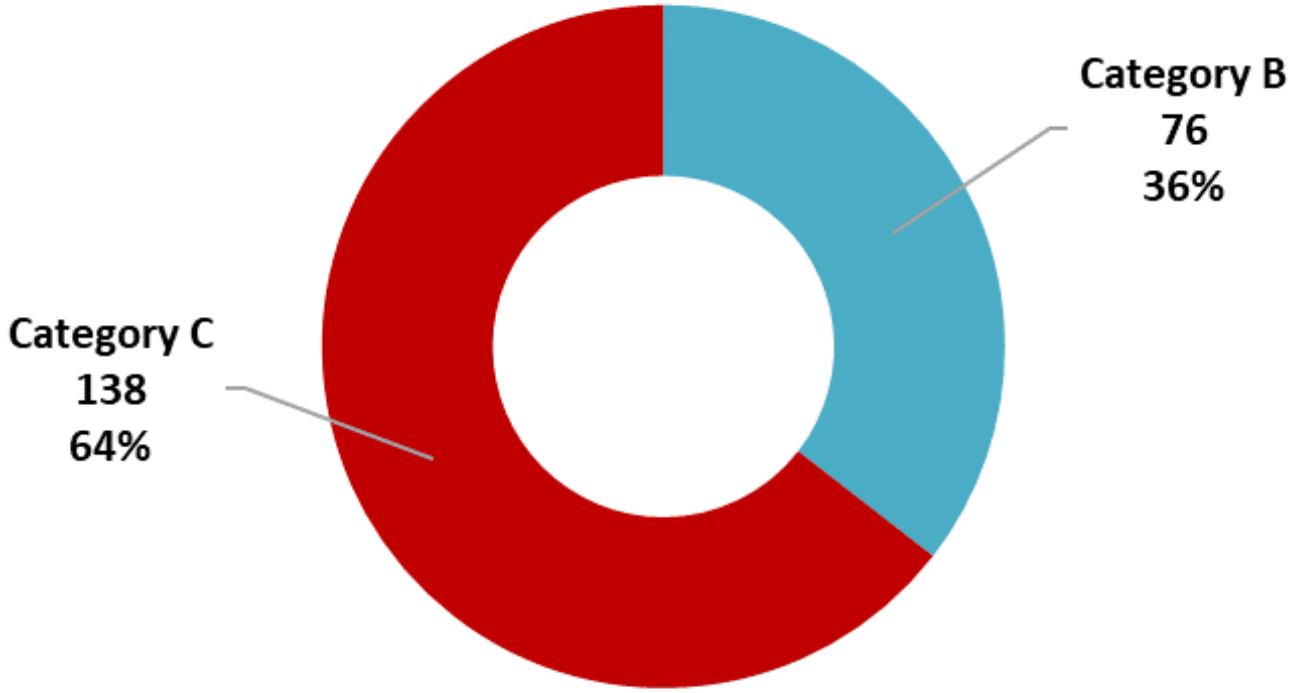
Timeline of extension requests received, by measure



Requests for second extensions



Number of extension requests received,
by measure and by category



NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19

SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES

B → C

C → B

2 Members presented notifications since the last meeting:

Kenya

G/TFA/N/KEN/I/Add.2

Myanmar

G/TFA/N/MMR/I/Add.5



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NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19

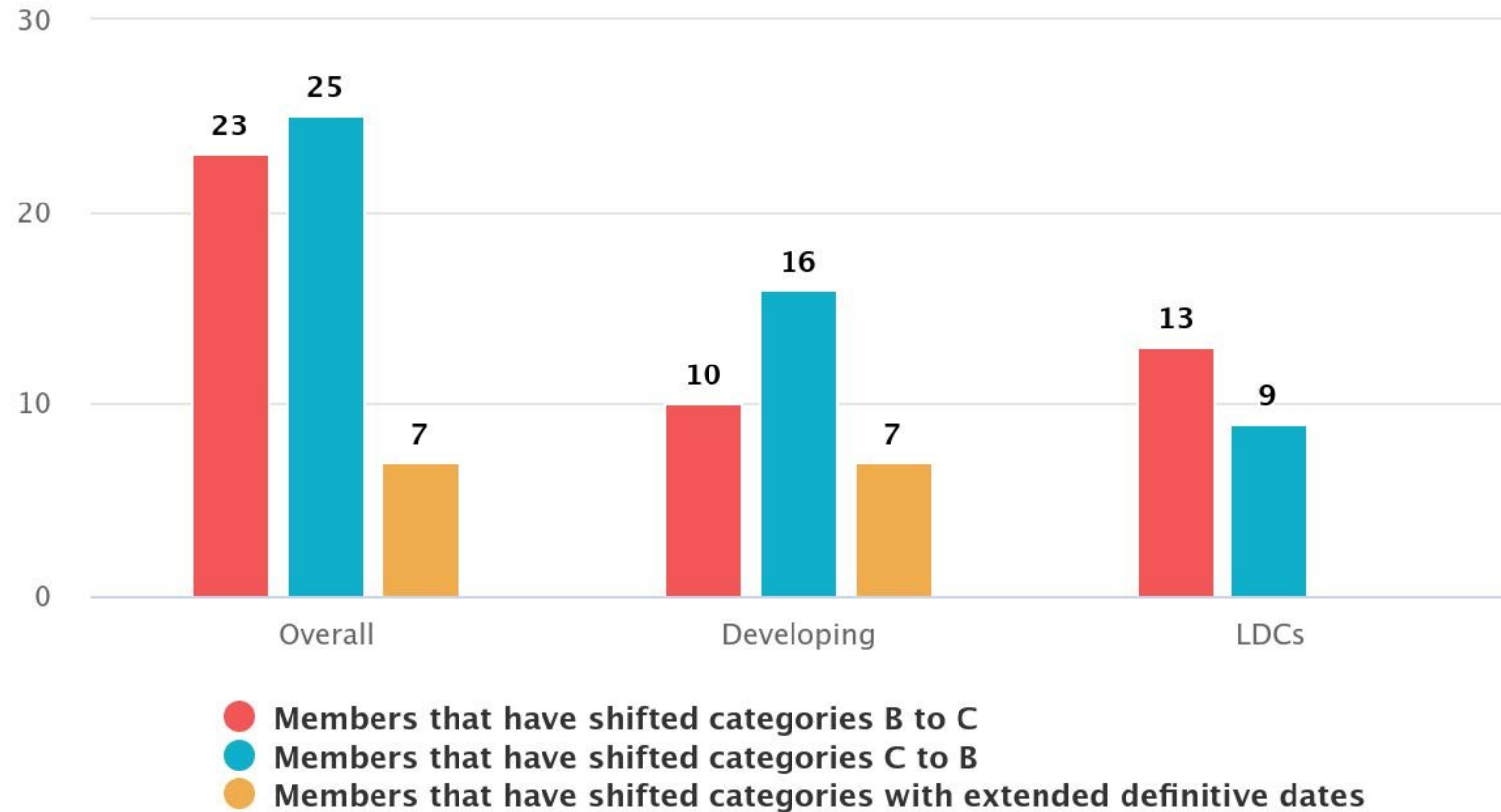
SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES

B → C

C → B

Status of category shifting by Member

No. of Members that have shifted measures



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NOTIFICATIONS OF EARLIER IMPLEMENTATION



No. of Members that have notified earlier implementations dates	16
No. of Measures notified with earlier implementation dates	86
of which in category B	65
of which in category C	21
Average accelerated implementation period	20 months

Original definitive
implementation date:
30 June 2033



Earlier definitive
implementation date:
8 September 2023

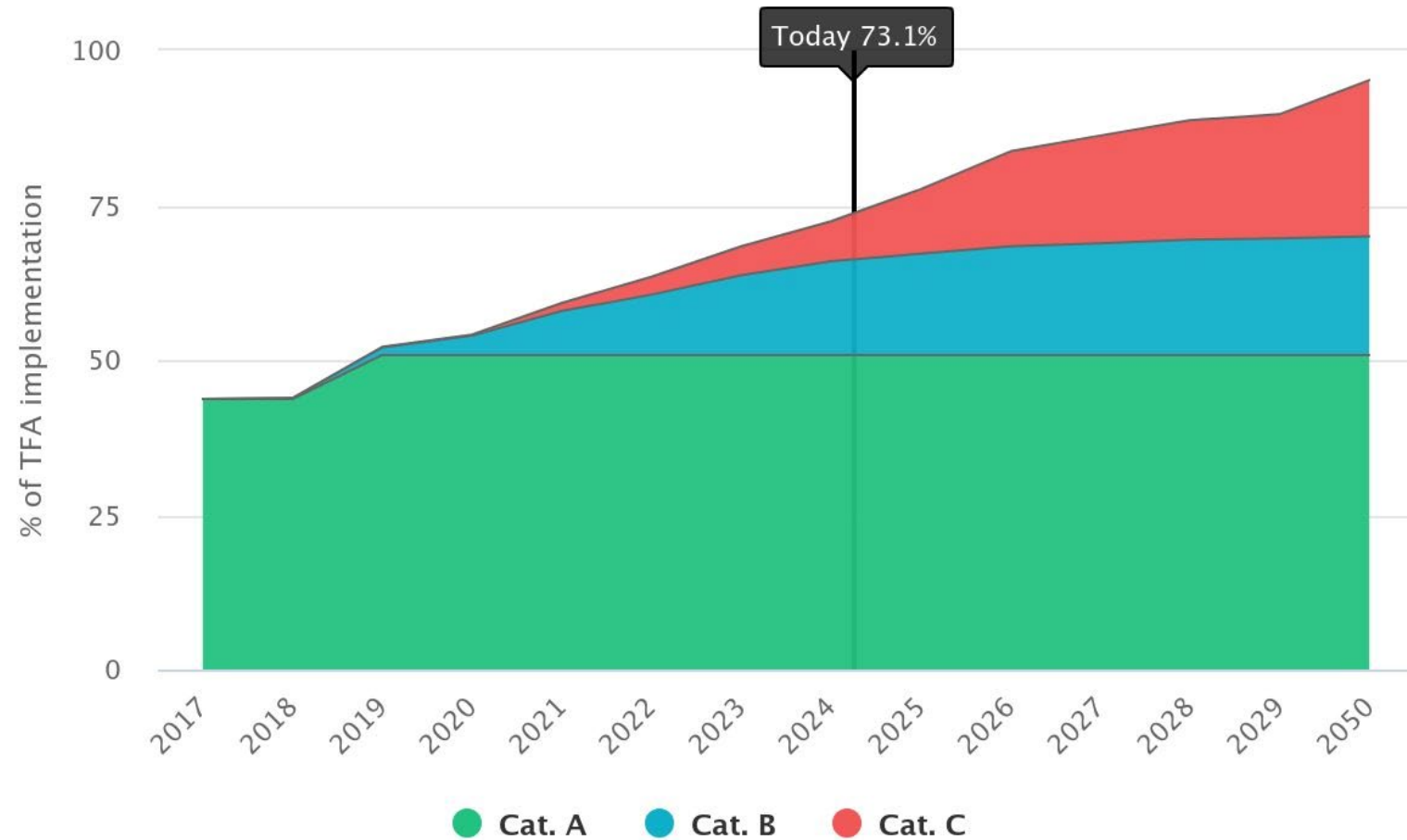


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OVERVIEW OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS UNDER SECTION II

Rate of implementation commitments by developing and LDC Members

Timeline of implementation commitments



TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE AND
CAPACITY BUILDING
UNDER ARTICLE 22



NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 22



7 notifications received since the last meeting:

Article 22.1-22.2 – donor notifications

UNITED KINGDOM G/TFA/N/GBR/5

Article 22.3 – contact points of developing and LDC Members for coordinating capacity building support

Belize	G/TFA/N/BLZ/3/Rev.1
Costa Rica	G/TFA/N/CRI/5
Ecuador	G/TFA/N/ECU/3/Rev.1
Eswatini	G/TFA/N/SWZ/3/Rev.1
Saint Lucia	G/TFA/N/LCA/4
Zimbabwe	G/TFA/N/ZWE/2/Rev.1

UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION DATES

2024-2025



01 Jan 2024 to
31 Dec 2025

no. of Members with due implementation dates	71
no. of measures	485
of which in Cat. B	116
of which in Cat. C	366
of which in Cat. B and Cat. C	2

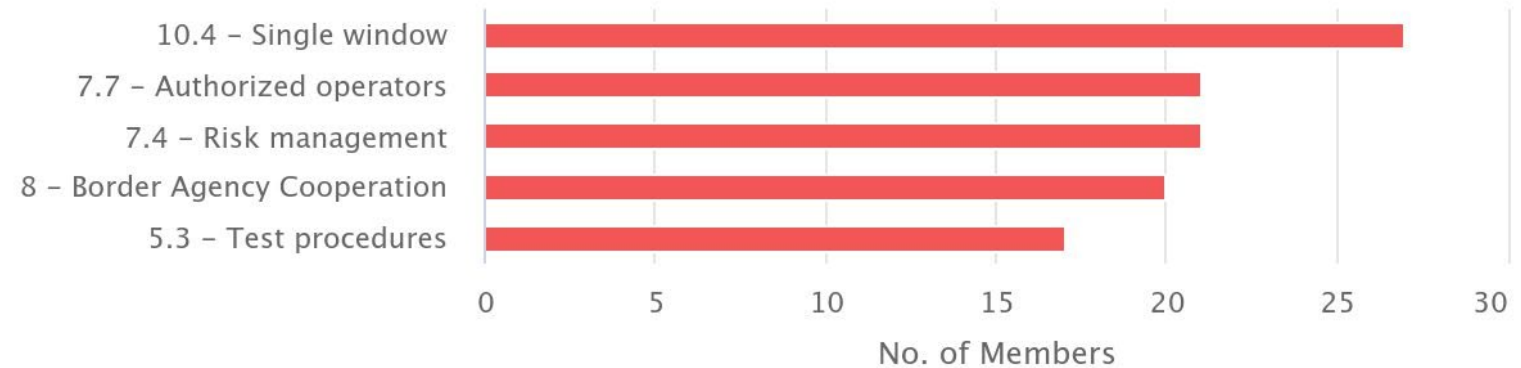


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TOP 5 **CATEGORY C**
MEASURES DUE
FOR
IMPLEMENTATION
IN
2024-2025

Top 5 category C measures

2024-2025

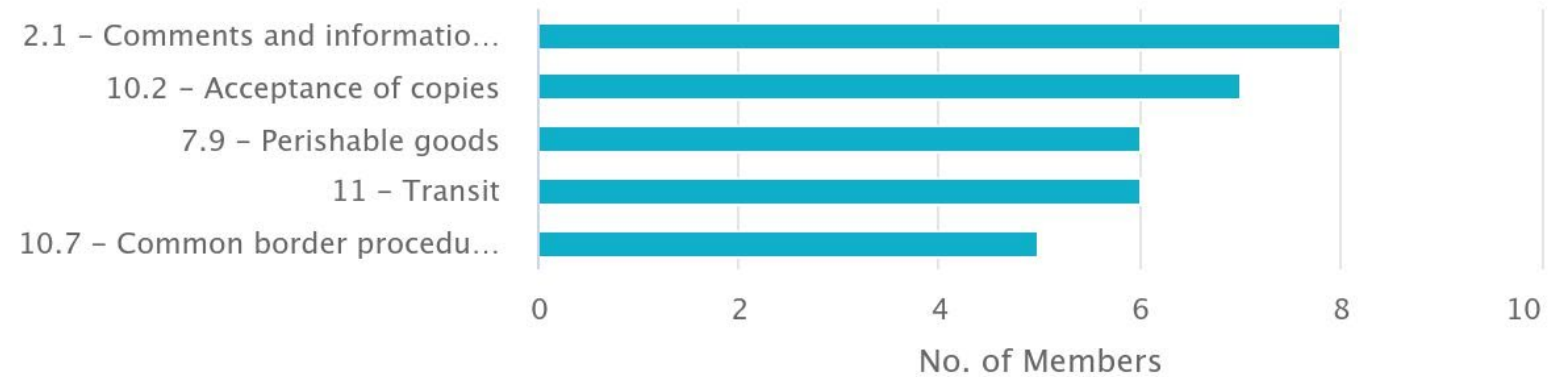


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TOP 5 CATEGORY B MEASURES DUE FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 2024-2025

Top 5 measures due for implementation

2024-2025



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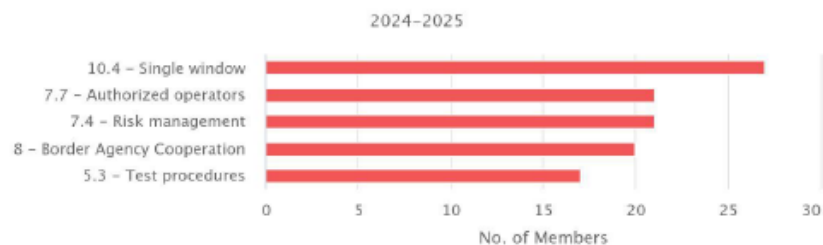
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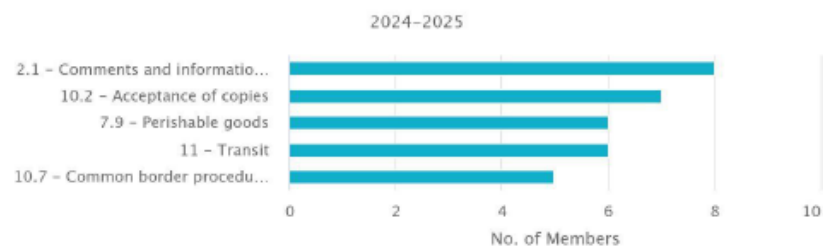
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**TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT'S DEFINITIVE IMPLEMENTATION DATES
COVERING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025**
Revision

As was agreed at the meeting of the Committee on Trade Facilitation on 22-23 April 2021, the following information and listing of the Trade Facilitation Agreement's definitive implementation dates covering the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025¹ 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.

63 Members have committed to implement 365 Category C measures in 2024-2025

Top 5 measures due for implementation


38 Members have committed to implement 117 Category B measures in 2024-2025

Top 5 measures due for implementation


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¹ This document was updated on 20 February 2024.

Afghanistan

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
9	Movement of goods	B	31 December 2024
7.9	Perishable goods	B	31 December 2025

Albania

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
10.4	Single window	C	31 January 2024

Angola

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
5.3	Test procedures	C	30 June 2024
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	30 June 2024
10.6	Use of customs brokers	C	30 June 2024
10.7	Common border procedures	B	30 June 2024
10.9	Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing	B	30 June 2024
12.1, 12.2, 12.4, 12.6, 12.8, 12.9, 12.10, 12.12	Customs cooperation	B	30 June 2024
3	Advance rulings	B	30 June 2024

Antigua and Barbuda

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
1.4	Notification	B	1 January 2025
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	B	1 January 2025
10.7.2	Common border procedures	B	1 January 2025

Argentina

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
3.9 (a) (ii)	Advance rulings	B	23 July 2024
10.4	Single window	B	25 July 2024

Banladesh

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
7.7	Authorized operators	C	30 June 2024
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	C	30 June 2025

Barbados

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
4.4	Procedures for appeal or review	C	31 December 2024
7.4	Risk management	C	31 December 2024
7.7	Authorized operators	C	31 December 2024

IMPORTANT:

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Go to **Member profiles**

Select the **Member** you wish to subscribe to reminders for

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Senegal

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Once on the Member page*, go to **implementation schedule**



Implementation schedule

- 13 Measures due for implementation in **2017-2023** →
- 15 Measures due for implementation in **2026-2027** →
- 8 Measures due for implementation in **2028-2035** →

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Fill out the **subscription form**



Subscribe to reminders of upcoming implementation deadlines ✕

You can sign up to receive automatic reminders before a TFA measure is due to be implemented. The first reminder will be sent **9 months** before the due implementation date and will be followed by a second reminder **6 months** before the due date.

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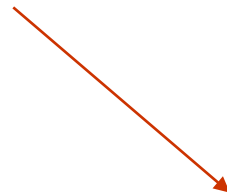
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The WTO Trade Facilitation Committee team

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First reminder:

9 months before the due implementation date...



Second reminder:

6 months before the due implementation date

The reminder will contain the deadline to present an **extension request**, if required

TFA Database: reminder of upcoming implementation deadlines



TFA Database <noreply@tfadatabase.org>

To Alvarez de Cozar, Maria

Follow up. Start by 08 May 2023. Due by 08 May 2023.
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Reminder of upcoming implementation deadlines

The following measure(s) are 6 months away from their notified implementation date, the 31 December 2023:

Gabon

Article 7.5 - Post-clearance audit

Deadline for [extension request](#), if required:

2 September 2023

Due implementation date:

31 December 2023

Article 7.6 - Average release times

Deadline for [extension request](#), if required:

2 September 2023

Due implementation date:

31 December 2023

You can view the timeline for Gabon [here](#)

Questions



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THANK YOU

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16 April 2024



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