

UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

WTO Secretariat

19-21 October 2021



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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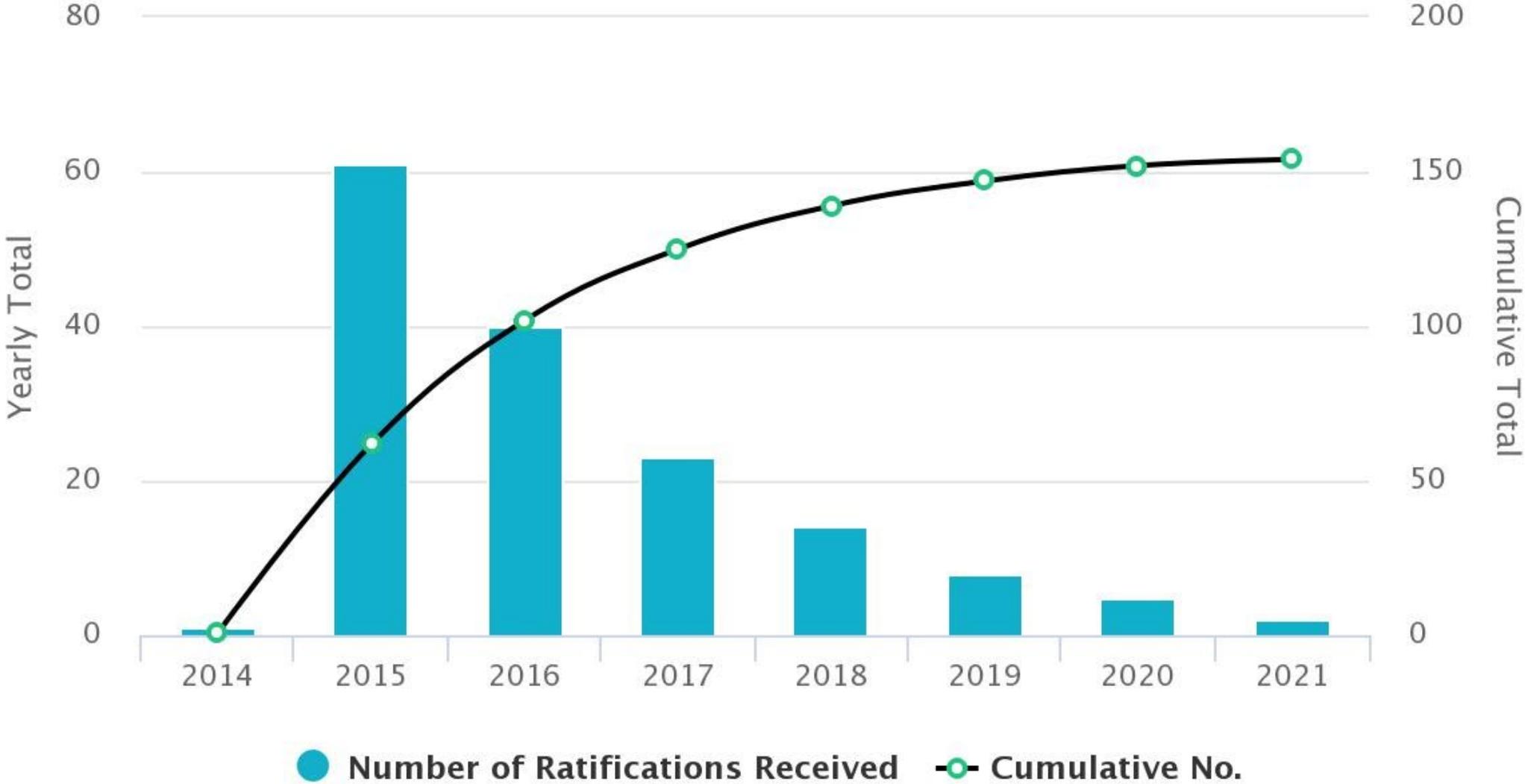
Ratifications yet to be presented

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.

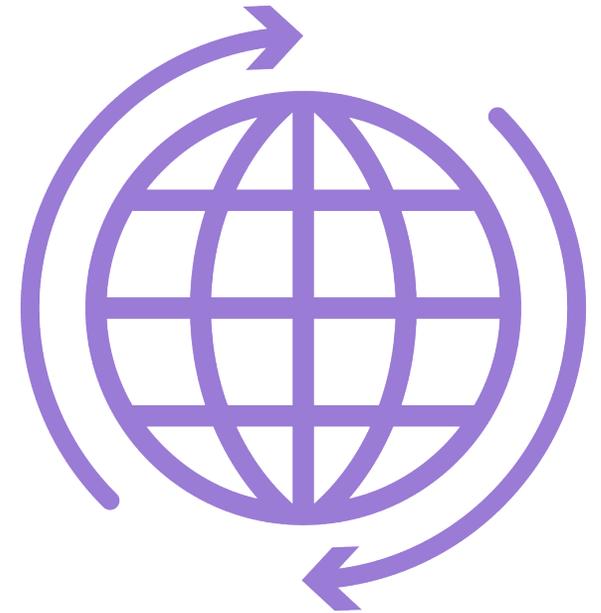
154 Ratifications received

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

4

Cumulative

224



Article I0.4.3

2

184



Article I0.6.2

5

217



Article I2.2.2

3

205

OUTSTANDING TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS



Article I.4

25



Article I0.4.3

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Article I0.6.2

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Article I2.2.2

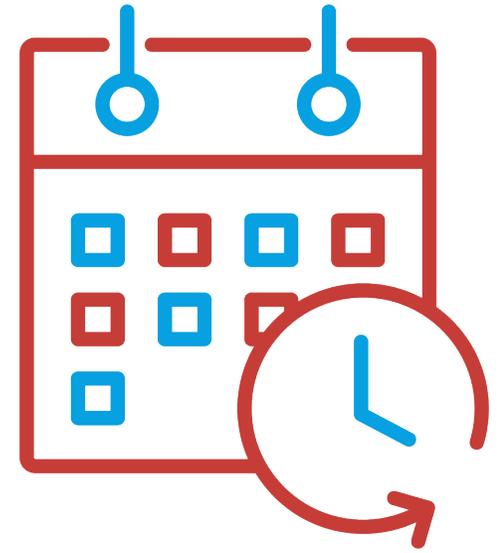
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<https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/transparency/notifications-by-member>

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>



Notifications yet to be submitted

STATUS
REGARDING
NOTIFICATIONS
UNDER EXPIRED
DEADLINES
THAT ARE YET
TO BE
SUBMITTED
2017 - 2021

Notification requirements and due dates	Developing Members	LDCs
ABC designations Developing countries by 22/02/2017 LDCs by 22/02/2018	3	3
Category B indicative dates LDCs by 22/02/2018		1
Category B definitive dates 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
Category C indicative dates LDCs by 22/02/2021		2
Category C definitive dates Developing countries by 22/08/2019	3	
Category C TA requirements 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 ARTICLES 15 & 16



- 1 notification received since the last meeting:

MALAYSIA

G/TFA/N/MYS/I/ADD.2



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

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19

SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES

B → C

C → B

- No notifications for shifting presented since the last meeting



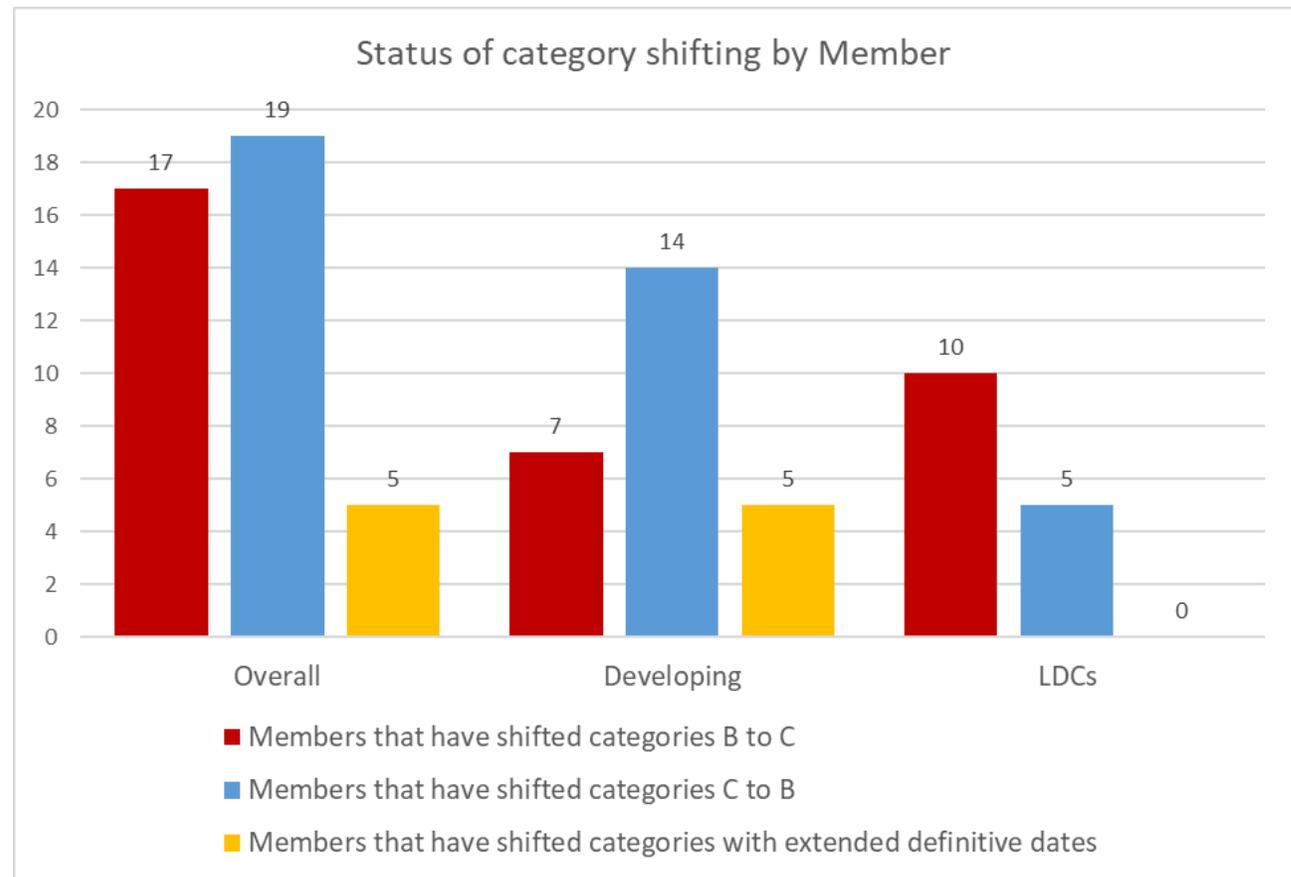
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OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19

SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES

B → C

C → B



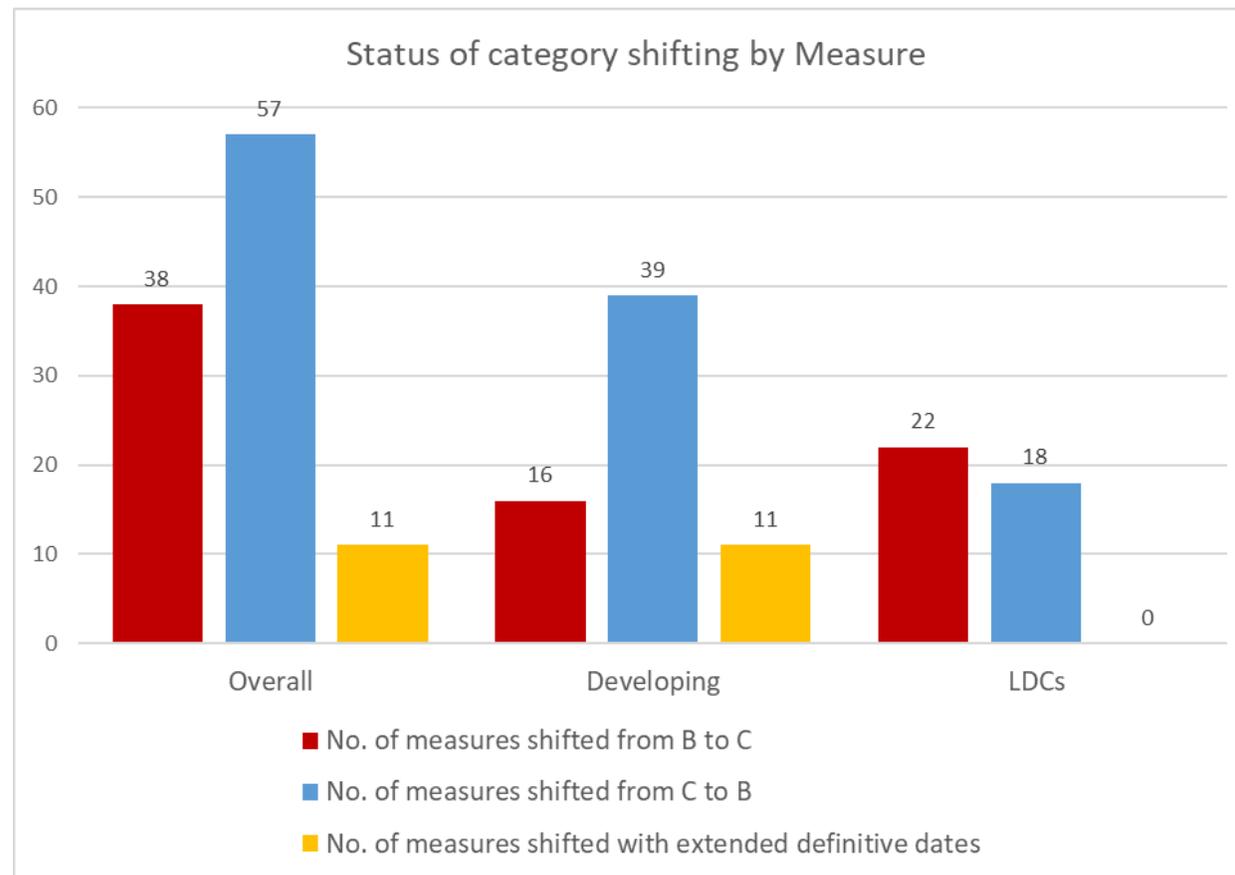
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OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19

SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES

B → C

C → B



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NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



- 5 notifications received between the last meeting and 7 October 2021:

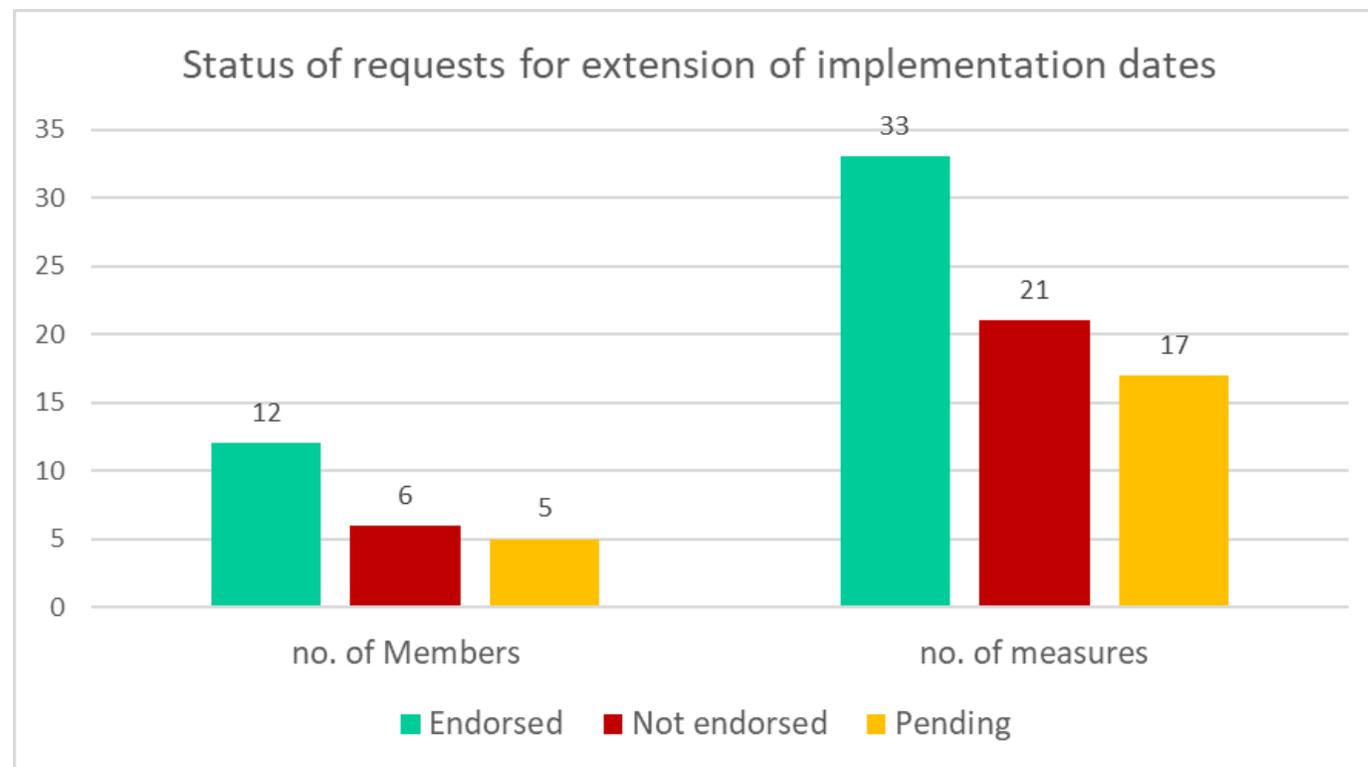
BOTSWANA	G/TFA/N/BWA/I/ADD.2
ECUADOR	G/TFA/N/ECU/I/ADD.3
NAMIBIA	G/TFA/N/NAM/I/ADD.1
SAINT LUCIA	G/TFA/N/LCA/I/ADD.2
SRI LANKA	G/TFA/N/LKA/I/ADD.2 G/TFA/N/LKA/I/ADD.2/CORR.1



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

OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



Status as of 7 October 2021

- **Pending** to be considered at the CTF meeting 19-21 October

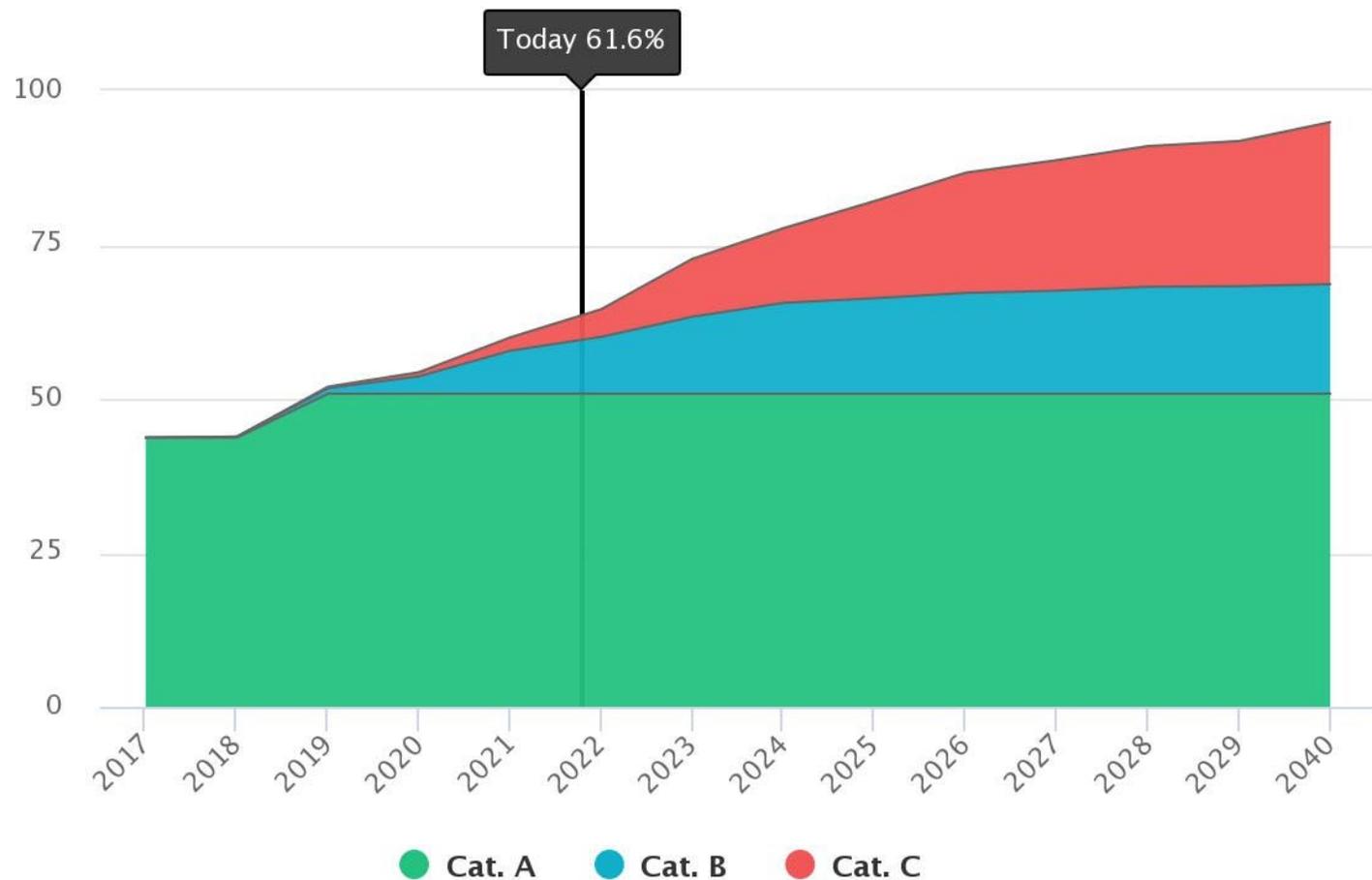


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OVERVIEW OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS UNDER SECTION II

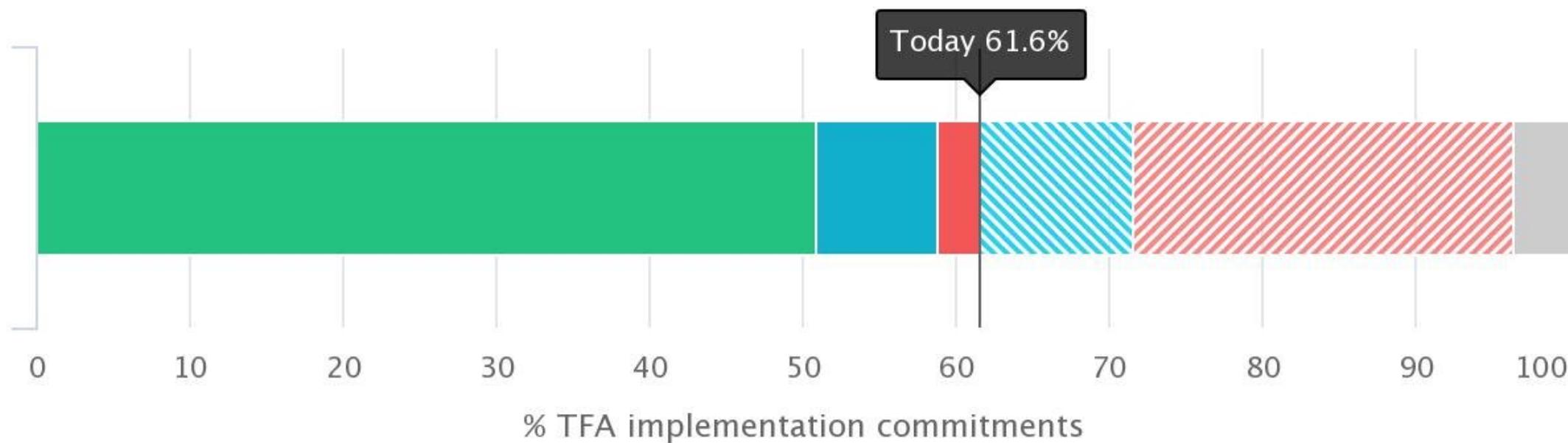
Timeline of implementation commitments

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:8.1%**
- **Cat. C commitments for implementation to date:2.7%**
- **Cat. B commitments for future implementation:9.9%**
- **Cat. C commitments for future implementation:24.9%**
- **Unknown:3.6%**

TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE AND
CAPACITY BUILDING
UNDER ARTICLE 22



NOTIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING



Articles 22.1 & 22.2



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Article 22.3



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Cumulative

Committee on Trade Facilitation

**TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT'S DEFINITIVE IMPLEMENTATION DATES COVERING
THE PERIOD 1 MAY 2021 TO 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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 May 2021 to 31 December 2022 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
1.4	Notification	B	31 December 2021
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B	31 December 2021
10.8	Rejected Goods	B	31 December 2021
10.1.1	Formalities	B	31 December 2022

Albania

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
1.3	Enquiry points	C	31 December 2021
3	Advance rulings	B	31 December 2021
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	B	31 December 2021
5.3	Test procedures	B	31 December 2021
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	B	31 December 2021
7.5	Post-clearance audit	B	31 December 2021
7.7	Authorized operators	B	31 December 2021

G/TFA/INF/1

**REMINDER OF
RECENT AND
UPCOMING
IMPLEMENTATION
DATES**

**MAY 2021 -
DEC 2022**

RECENT AND
UPCOMING
IMPLEMENTATION
DATES AS OF
15 OCTOBER 2021



32 Members have due implementation dates in the period from October to December 2021 for a total number of **116** measures

72 Members have due implementation dates in the period from October 2021 to December 2022 for a total number of **367** measures



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

RECENT AND UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION DATES AS OF 15 OCTOBER 2021



15 Oct 2021 to
31 Dec 2021

no. of Members with due implementation dates	32
no. of measures	116
of which in Cat. B	63
of which in Cat. C	51
of which in Cat. B & C	2



15 Oct 2021 to
31 Dec 2022

no. of Members with due implementation dates	72
no. of measures	367
of which in Cat. B	206
of which in Cat. C	159
of which in Cat. B & C	2



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Thank you