

# UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

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Trade Facilitation  
**Committee**

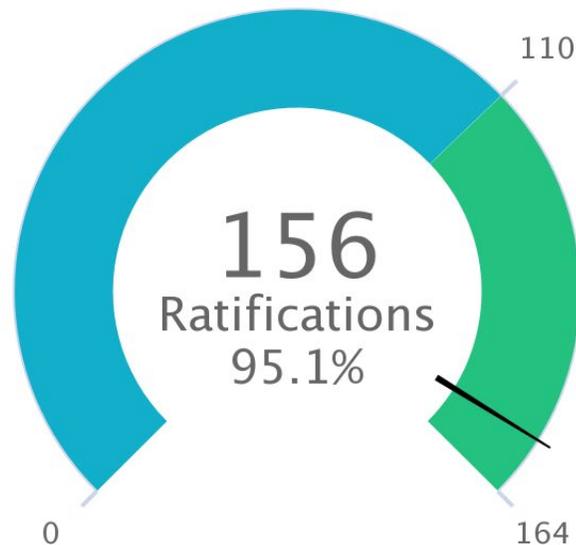
# RATIFICATION UPDATES





## 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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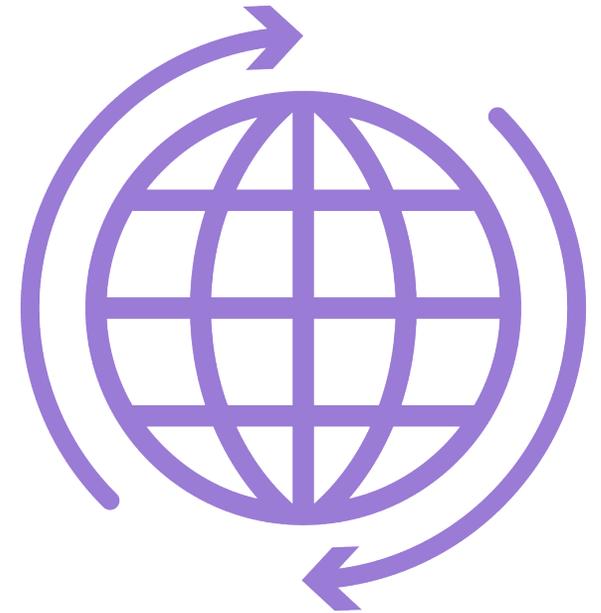
## Ratifications yet to be presented

1. Democratic Republic of the Congo
2. 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

6 Members have presented transparency notifications since the last meeting:

ARMENIA

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

JAPAN

NORWAY

PANAMA

TONGA

G/TFA/N/ARM/2/REV.1

G/TFA/N/BRN/2

G/TFA/N/JPN/2/REV.2

G/TFA/N/NOR/2/REV.3

G/TFA/N/PAN/3

G/TFA/N/TON/3/REV.2



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# OVERDUE TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS



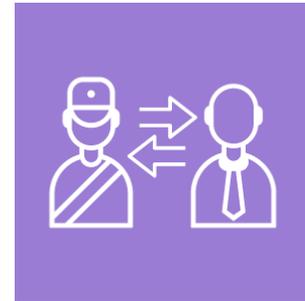
Article I.4

**22**



Article I0.4.3

**10**



Article I0.6.2

**25**



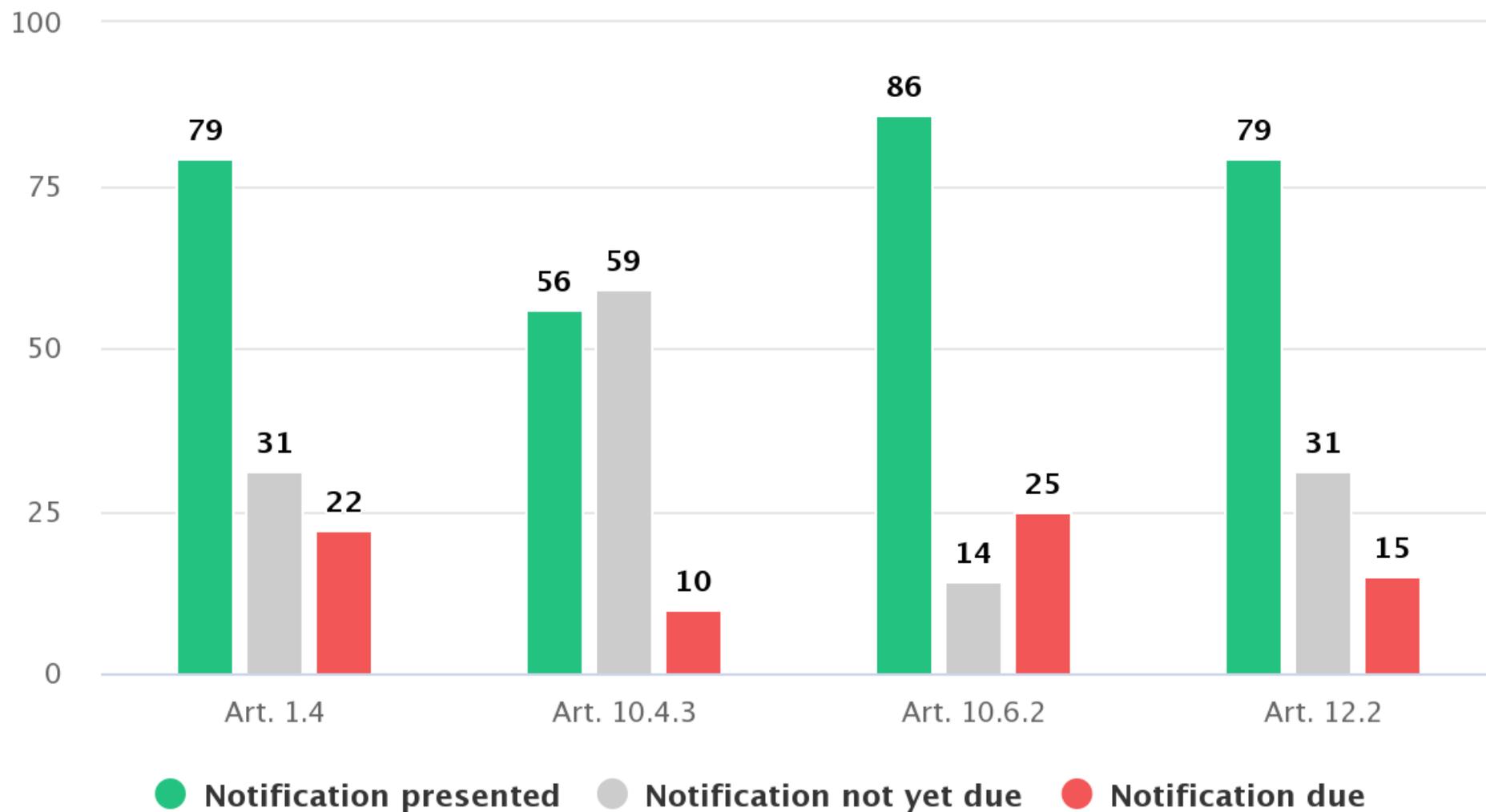
Article I2.2.2

**15**



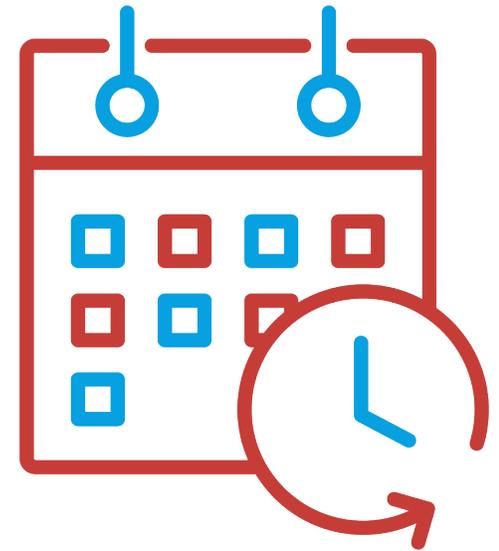
# Status of transparency notifications by article

Developing & LDCs



# SECTION II

## NOTIFICATION DEADLINES





## 21 overdue notifications

STATUS OF  
IMPLEMENTATION  
NOTIFICATIONS  
UNDER EXPIRED  
DEADLINES  
2017 - 2023

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>9 LDC Members received an extension</i>	1	1
<b>Category C indicative dates</b> LDCs by 22/02/2021		1
<b>Category C definitive dates</b> Developing countries by 22/08/2019 LDCs by 22/08/2022 <i>7 LDC Members received an extension until 2023</i>	3	1
<b>Category C TA requirements</b> Developing Members by 22/02/2017 LDCs by 22/02/2019	4	3



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

REMINDER OF  
EXTENDED  
DEADLINES TO  
NOTIFY  
CATEGORY C  
DEFINITIVE DATES



**7 LDC Members received extended deadlines to notify Cat. C definitive dates, of which:**

**1 Member – Tanzania – has notified the dates, and 6 Members have upcoming notification deadlines:**

Member	Original due date	Agreed extended deadline	Notification received
Chad	22 August 2022	31 December 2023	
Djibouti	22 August 2022	31 December 2023	
Guinea	22 August 2022	22 June 2023	
Nepal	22 August 2022	22 August 2023	
Tanzania	22 August 2022	22 August 2023	2 June 2023 
Togo	22 August 2022	31 December 2023	
Uganda	22 August 2022	31 December 2023	



<https://tfadatabase.org/en/notifications/extension-to-notify-definitive-dates/c>



## 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

29

Members have notified Donor arrangements and TA progress



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

# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 16



**5** notifications received since the last meeting:

ALBANIA  
MALAWI  
PARAGUAY  
TANZANIA

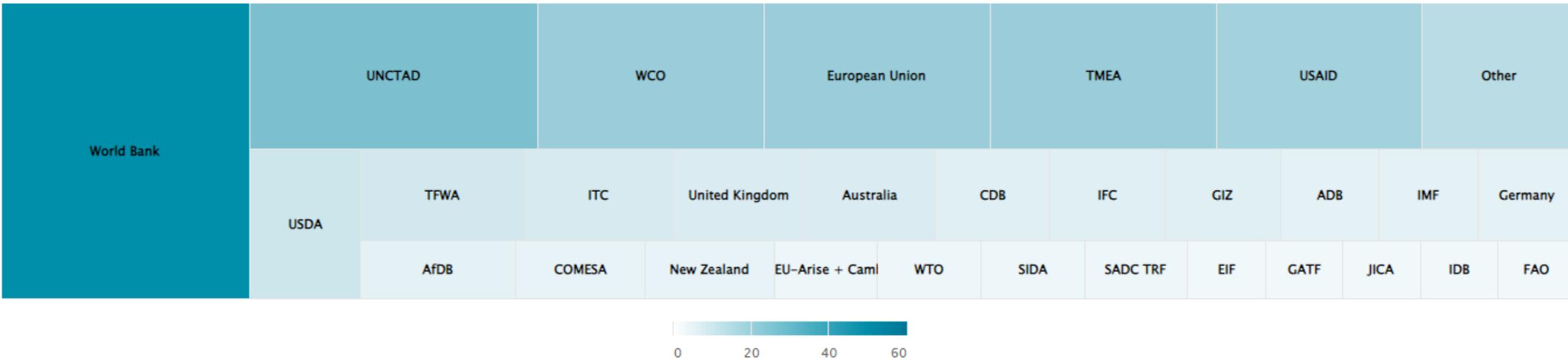
G/TFA/N/ALB/3  
G/TFA/N/MWI/4/REV.1  
G/TFA/N/PRY/4  
G/TFA/N/TZA/2/ADD.3 AND  
G/TFA/N/TZA/4



# DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS\* IDENTIFIED BY BENEFICIARY MEMBERS IN THE DONOR ARRANGEMENTS AND PROGRESS NOTIFICATIONS

Development partners identified by beneficiary Members in the donor arrangements notifications

Based on donor arrangements notifications presented by beneficiary Members



\* Donors, Agencies or implementation programs as notified



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# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

## EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



1 notification received since the last meeting:

ANGOLA      G/TFA/N/AGO/4



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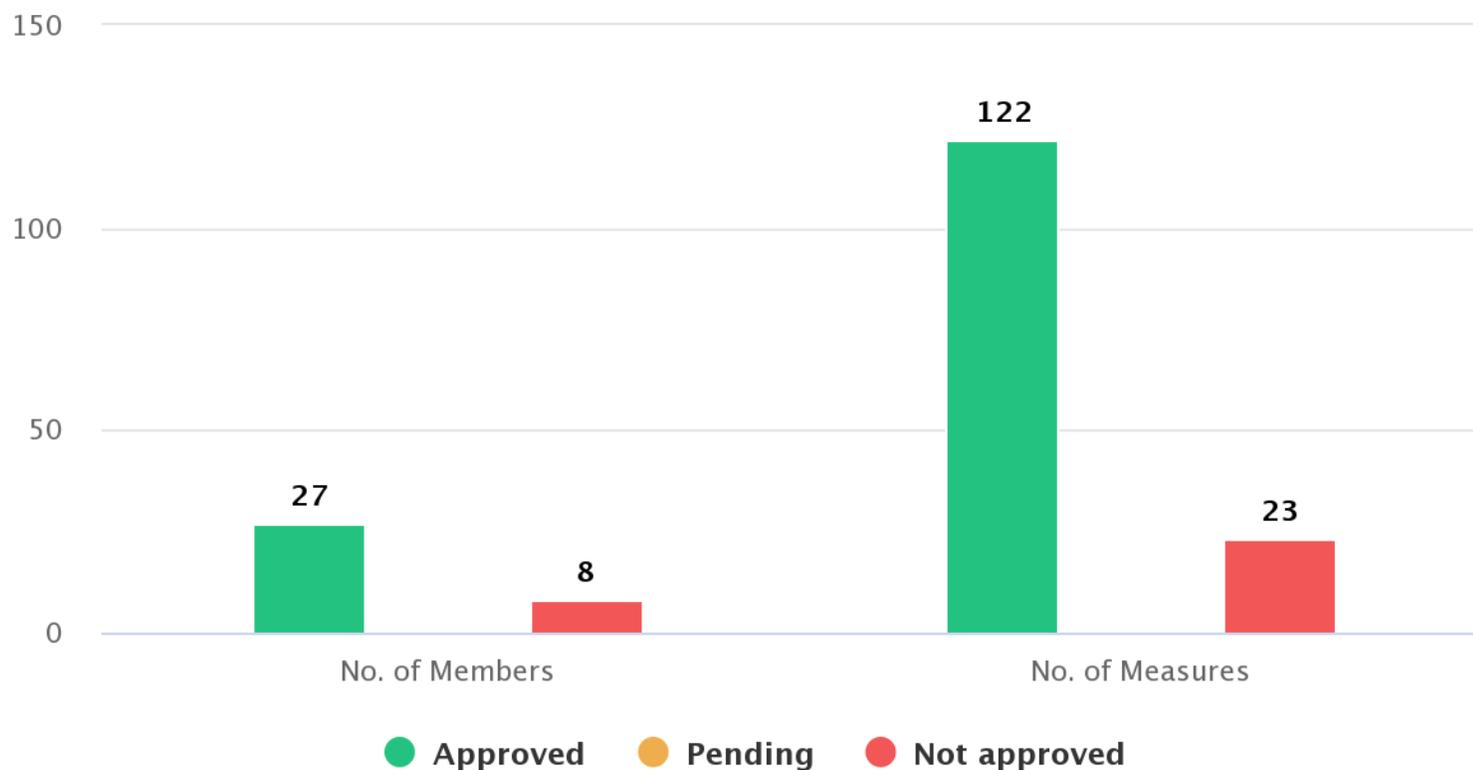
# OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

## 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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\*Status as 15 June 2023

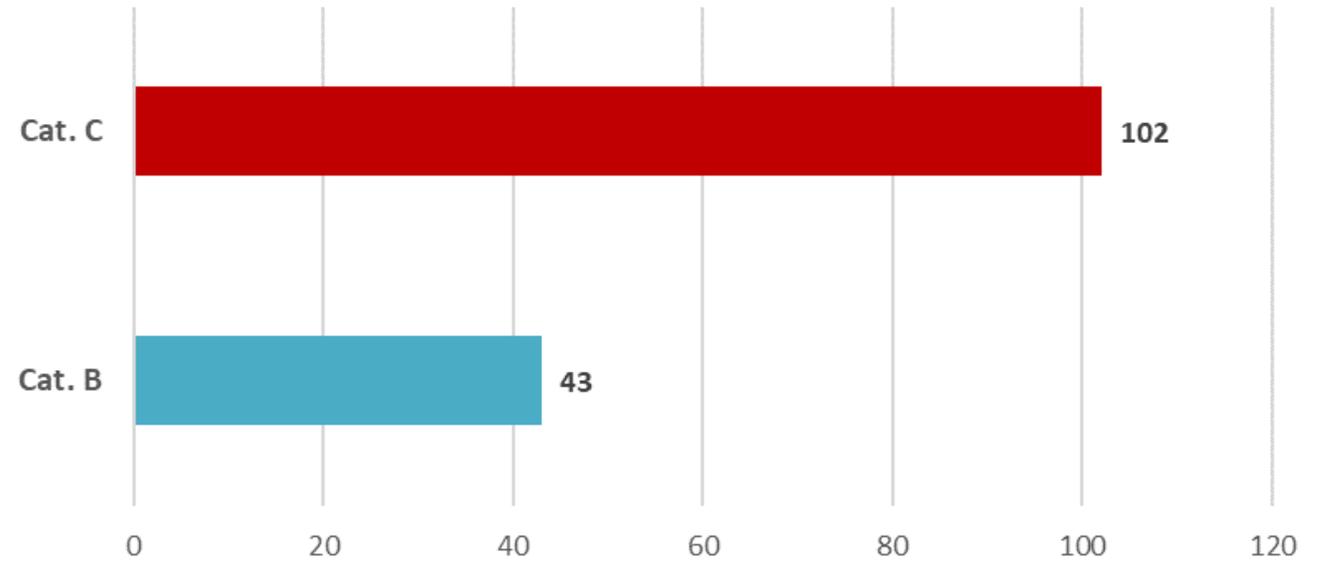


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# 145 EXTENSION REQUESTS BY 30 MEMBERS



Count of requests received,  
by measure and by category

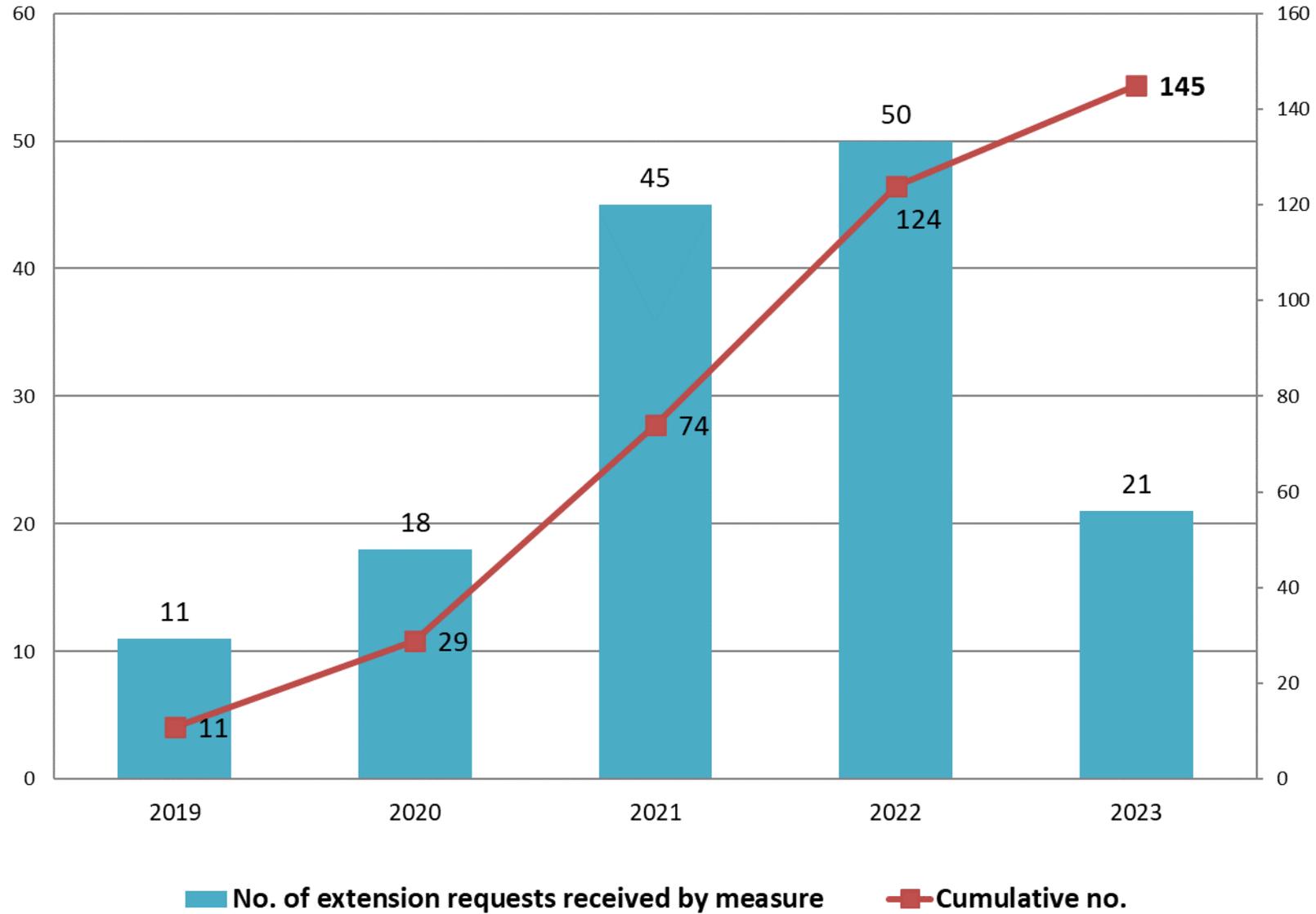


\*Out of 30 Members that have requested extensions of implementation dates,  
5 have requested a second extension for the same measure



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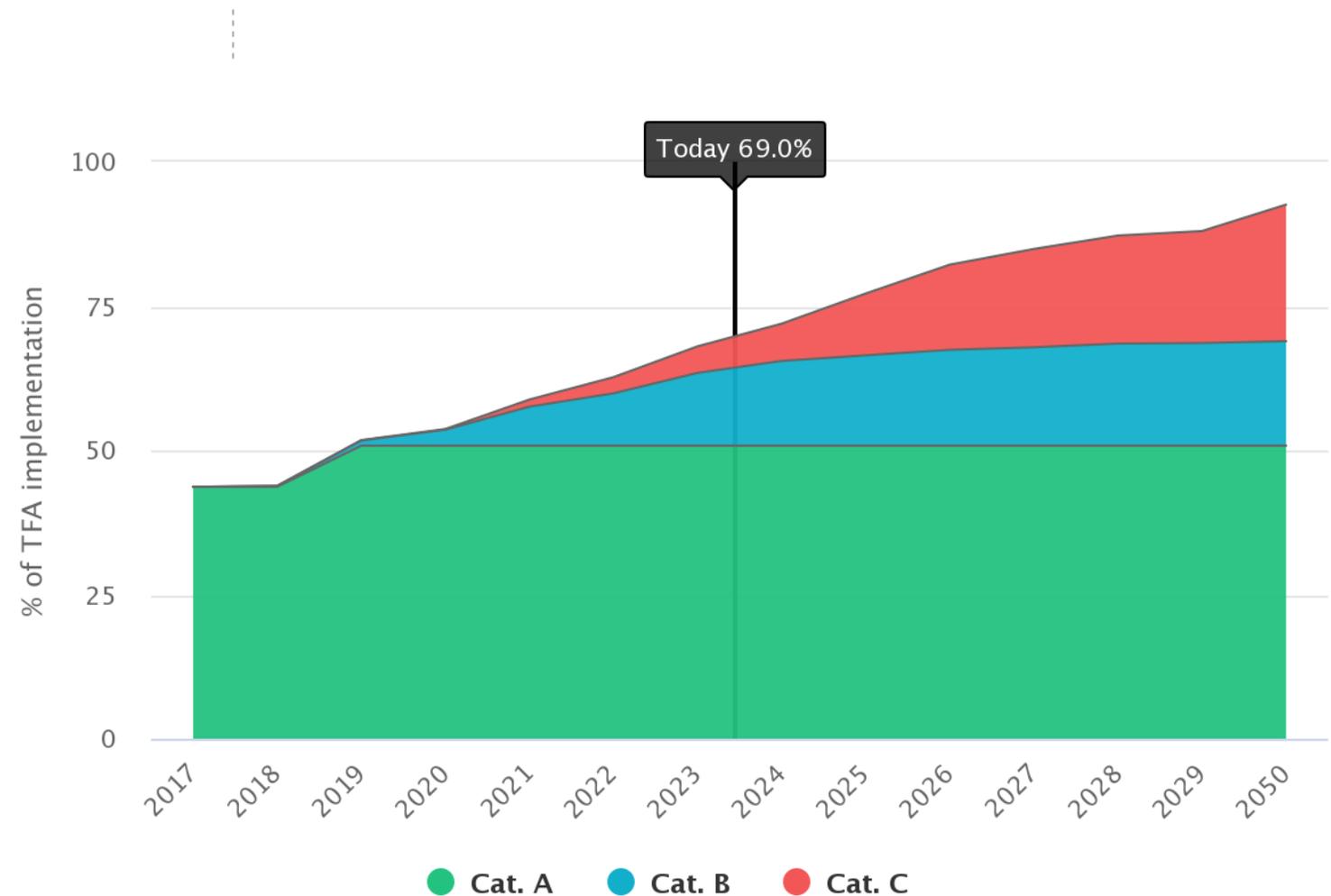
## Timeline of extension requests received, by measure



# OVERVIEW OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS UNDER SECTION II

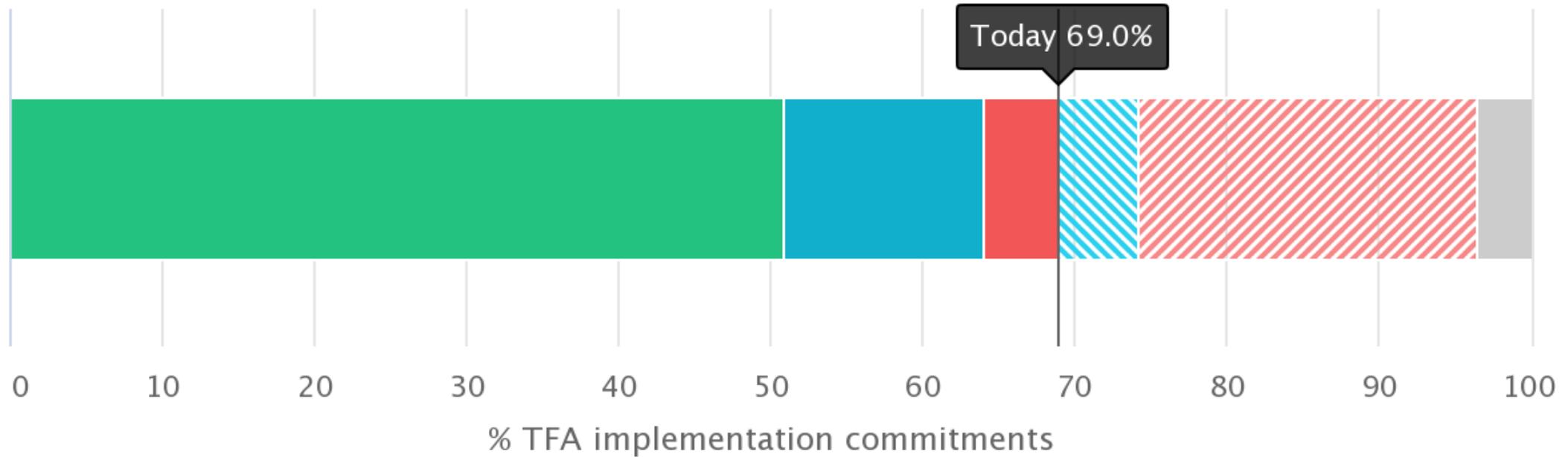
## Rate of implementation commitments by developing and LDC Members

Timeline of implementation commitments



# 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:13.3%**
- **Cat. C commitments for implementation to date:5.0%**
- **Cat. B commitments for future implementation:5.2%**
- **Cat. C commitments for future implementation:22.2%**
- **Unknown:3.6%**

TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE AND  
CAPACITY BUILDING  
UNDER ARTICLE 22



# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 22



5 notifications received since the last meeting:

## **Article 22.1-22.2** – donor notifications

AUSTRALIA  
UNITED STATES

G/TFA/N/AUS/6 AND G/TFA/N/AUS/7  
G/TFA/N/USA/7

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

NEPAL  
TONGA

G/TFA/N/NPL/3/REV.1  
G/TFA/N/TON/2/REV.3

# UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION DATES

## 2023-2024



01 Jan 2023 to  
31 Dec 2024

no. of Members with due implementation dates	69
no. of measures	412
of which in <b>Cat. B</b>	<b>145</b>
of which in <b>Cat. C</b>	<b>265</b>
of which in Cat. B and Cat. C	2

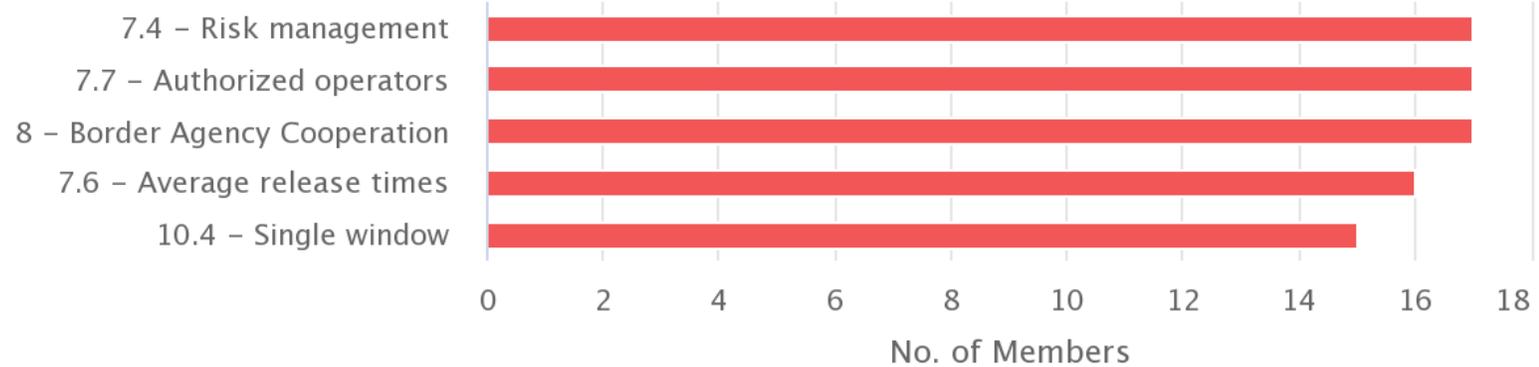


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TOP 5 **CATEGORY C**  
MEASURES DUE  
FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION  
IN  
2023-2024

Top 5 measures due for implementation

2023-2024

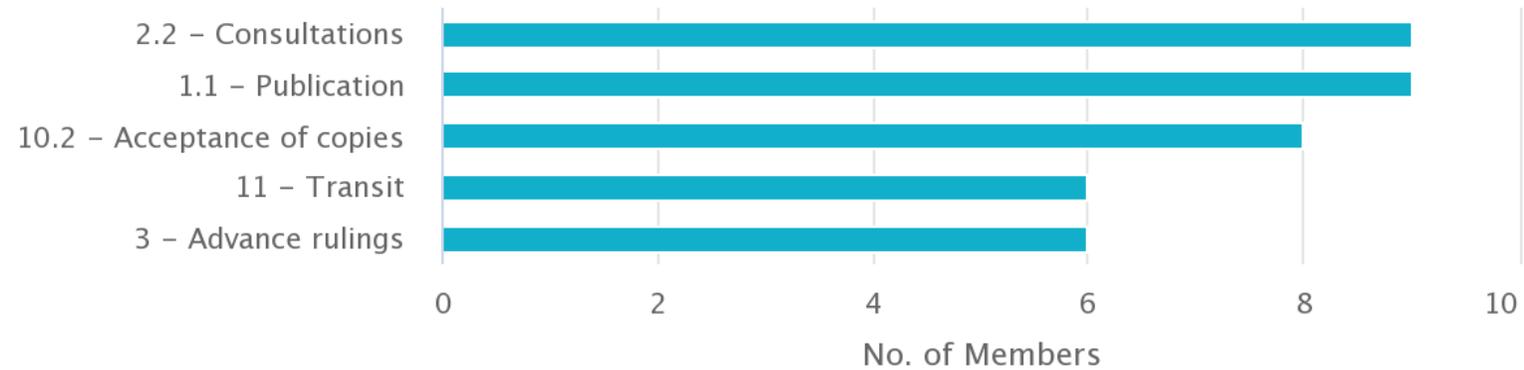


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TOP 5 **CATEGORY B**  
MEASURES DUE  
FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION  
IN  
**2023-2024**

Top 5 measures due for implementation

2023-2024



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**NEW**

SUBSCRIBE TO  
AUTOMATIC  
REMINDERS OF  
UPCOMING  
IMPLEMENTATION  
DATES



WORLD TRADE  
ORGANIZATION

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Agreement **Database**



<https://tfadatabase.org/en/members>

# How to sign up to automatic reminders on the TFA Database?

Go to **Member profiles**

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

The screenshot shows the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Database website. The header includes the WTO logo and navigation links: About us, NewsBytes, TFA Facility, FAQ, Contact us, and EN. The main navigation bar has tabs for IMPLEMENTATION, NOTIFICATION, PROFILES, TRADE INFO, TF COMMITTEE, and RESOURCES. The 'PROFILES' tab is active, showing a dropdown menu with options: WTO Members (highlighted), Regions and economic communities, WTO Groupings, and TFA Measures. Below the menu is a search bar labeled 'Search for a Member'. The main content area displays a list of member profiles organized by letter: A, B, H, I, J, Q, R, and S. The 'A' section is expanded, listing countries such as Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, and Austria. A red arrow points from the text 'Go to Member profiles' to the 'PROFILES' menu item. Another red arrow points from the text 'Select the Member you wish to subscribe to reminders for' to the 'A' section of the member list.

# How to sign up to automatic reminders on the TFA Database?

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



## Implementation schedule

- 11 Measures due for implementation in 2017-2022 →
- 2 Measures due for implementation in 2023-2024 →
- 15 Measures due for implementation in 2025-2027 →
- 8 Measures due for implementation in 2028-2035 →
-  **NEW** Subscribe to 6-month reminder →

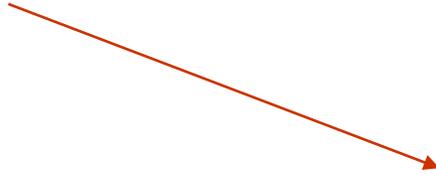
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Click on **Subscribe to 6-month reminder**

\* If the selected Member has all implementation deadlines falling less than 6 months from the time of the subscription, the reminder functionality will not appear on the page

# How to sign up to automatic reminders on the TFA Database?

Fill out the **subscription form**



**Subscribe to a 6-month reminder of upcoming implementation deadlines**

You can sign up to receive automatic reminders 6 months before a TFA measure is due to be implemented according to notification data.

Name

Affiliation

E-Mail

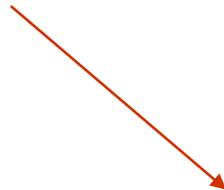
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**From:** TFA Database <[noreply@tfadatabase.org](mailto:noreply@tfadatabase.org)>  
**Date:** 14 June 2023 at 10:15:45 CEST  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Confirm subscription to receive automatic reminders

**Trade Facilitation Agreement Database**

Hello,

Please confirm that you wish to subscribe to receive automatic reminders 6 months before a TFA measure is due to be implemented.

[Confirm](#)

Should you not have requested this service, you can ignore this email.

Once confirmed, you will receive an email notifying you 6 months before the implementation date.

Thank you for using our application!

The WTO Trade Facilitation Committee team

*Disclaimer: this information does not constitute a legal interpretation of relevant provisions in the Agreement and serves only to assist WTO Members in keeping track of their notified definitive implementation dates.*

**6 months before** the due implementation date, you will receive an email reminder with the following information:



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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## Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

### 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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