

UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

WTO Secretariat

30 June 2022



Trade Facilitation
Committee

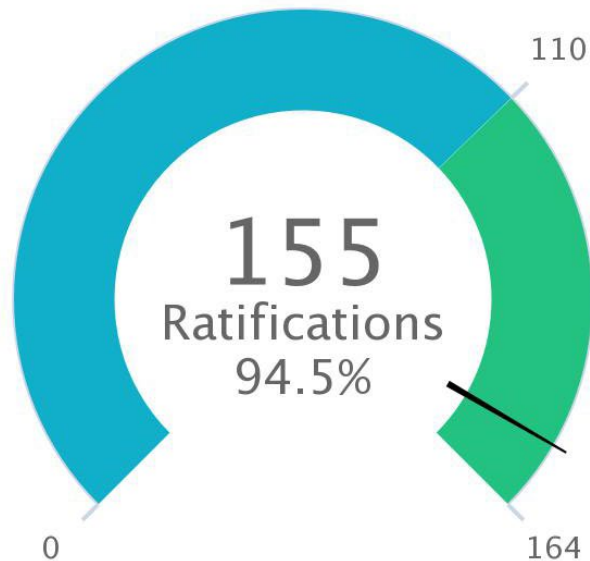
RATIFICATION UPDATES





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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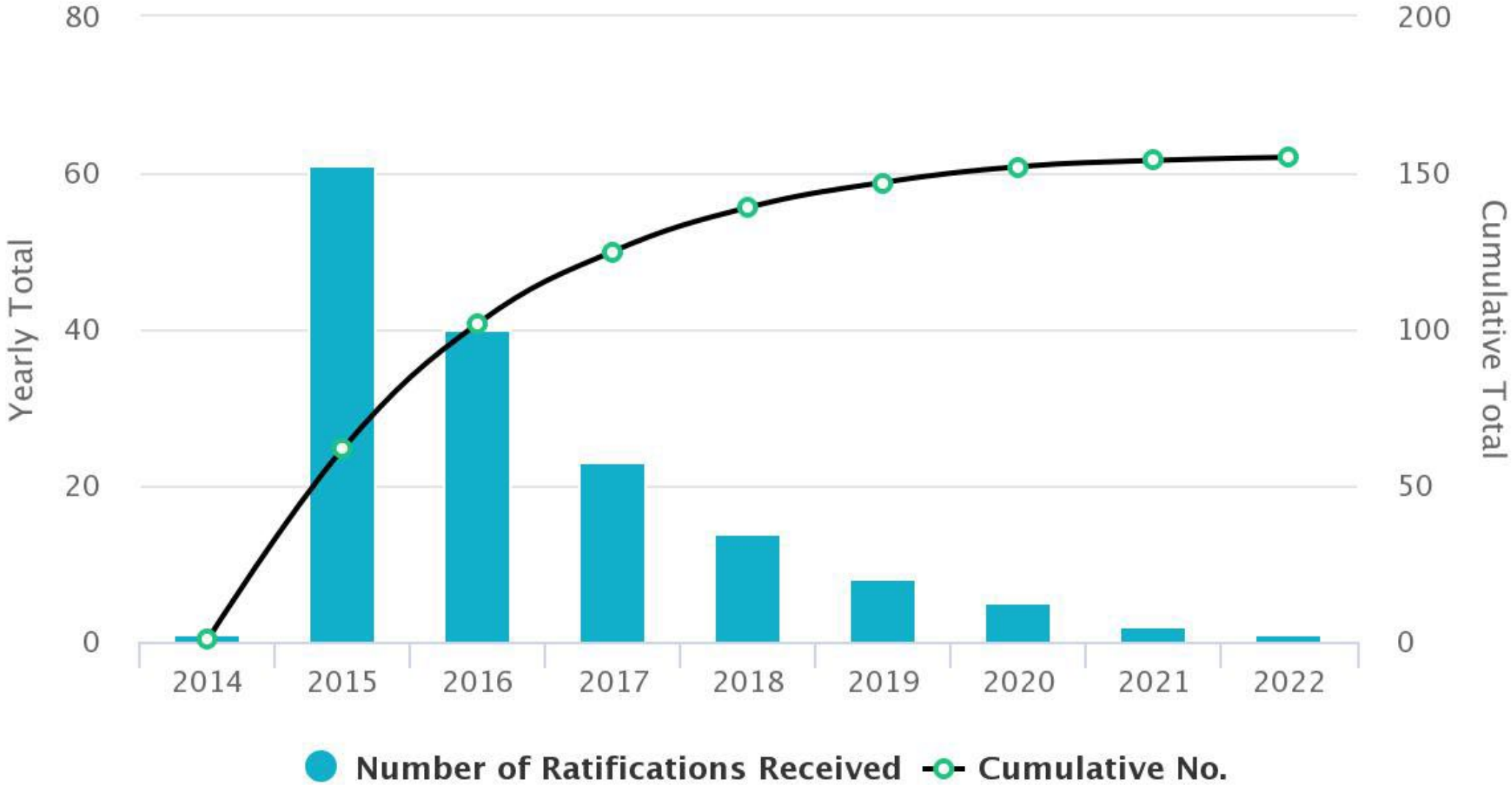
Ratifications yet to be presented

1. Democratic Republic of the Congo
2. Guinea-Bissau
3. Haiti
4. Mauritania
5. Suriname
6. Tonga
7. Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
8. 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.

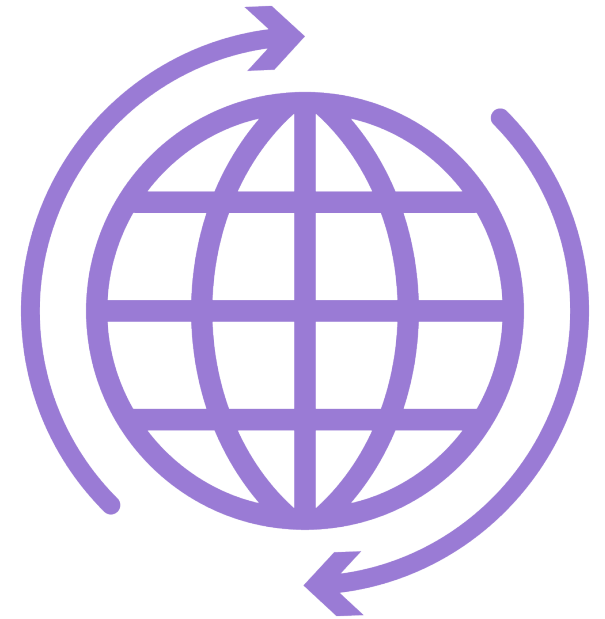
155 Ratifications received

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

2

Cumulative

231



Article I0.4.3

0

187



Article I0.6.2

1

224



Article I2.2.2

0

210

OVERDUE TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS



Article I.4

29



Article I0.4.3

10



Article I0.6.2

32



Article I2.2.2

20



BROKEN LINKS



Members have notified approximately **3600** links through their transparency notifications....
...out of which **450** appear to be broken



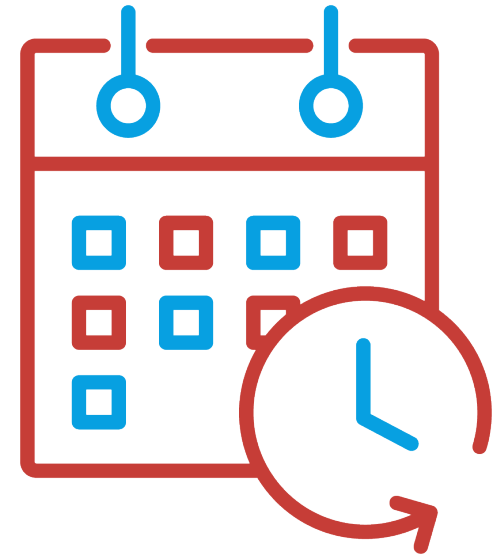
Following the TFA Review Decision, the Secretariat has started a **digital cleaning**.

Some Members have already been contacted and others will be contacted soon



SECTION II

NOTIFICATION DEADLINES





NEXT NOTIFICATION DEADLINE

LCD'S TO
NOTIFY
CATEGORY C
DEFINITIVE
DATES BY
22/08/2022

Out of 32 LDC Members that have notified Category C designations to date:

- 9* Members have already notified all category C definitive dates ahead of the deadline:
 - Angola, Benin, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique and Zambia.
- *Central African Republic has notified remaining dates, notification to be issued shortly.
- 1 Member has requested an extension of time to notify the category C definitive dates:
 - Djibouti



<https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/implementation-dates/list/c>



25 overdue notifications

STATUS OF
IMPLEMENTATION
NOTIFICATIONS
UNDER EXPIRED
DEADLINES
2017 - 2022

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

18

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 ARTICLE 16



3 notifications received since the last meeting:

- Mali G/TFA/N/MLI/I/Add.3
- Tonga G/TFA/N/TON/4
- Djibouti G/TFA/N/DJI/I/ADD.2



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

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19

SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES

B → C

C → B

- I Member has presented a notification of category shifting:
 - Viet Nam G/TFA/N/VNM/I/Add.I



<https://tfadatabase.org/category-shifts>

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



1 notification received since the last meeting:

- Ghana G/TFA/N/GHA/1/ADD.2



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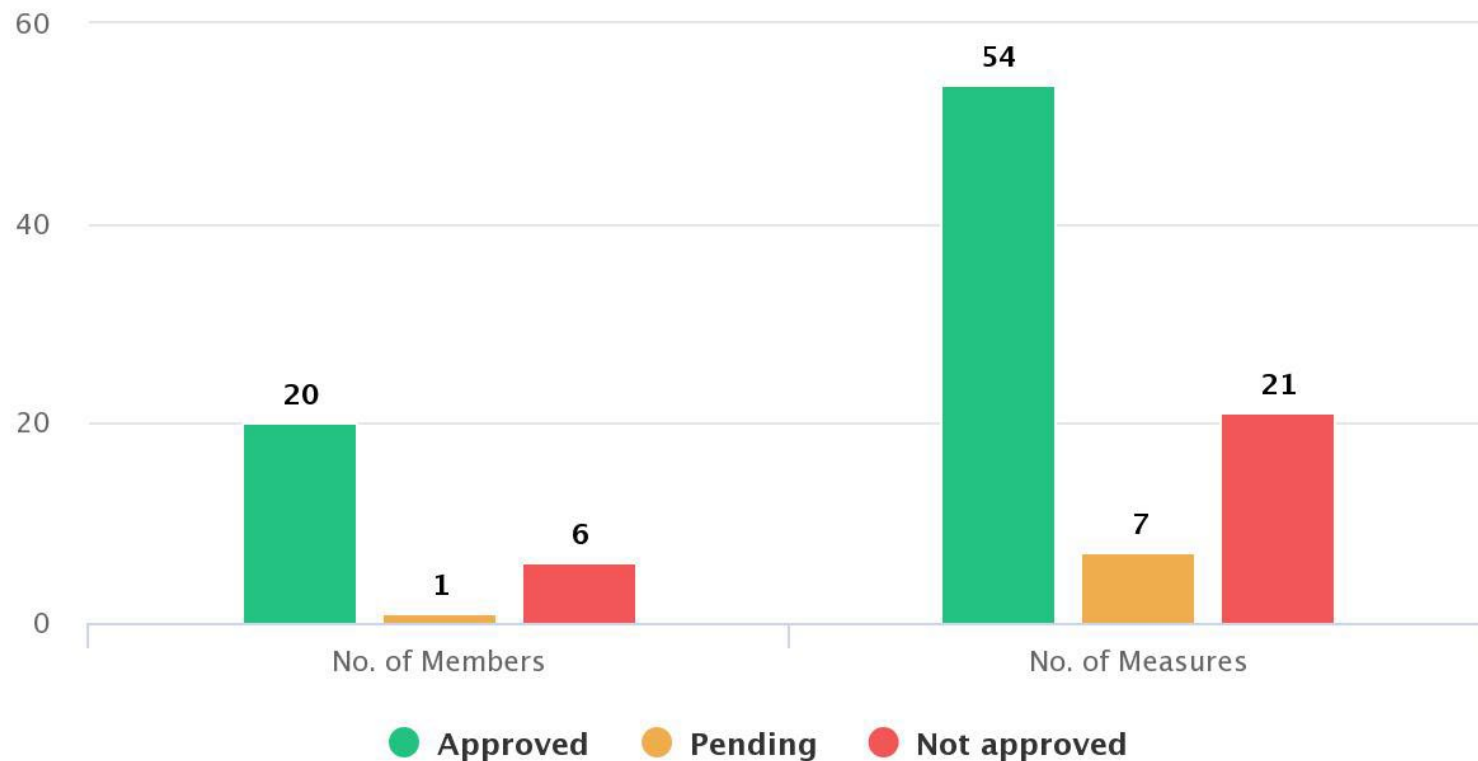
OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

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 24 June 2022

- **Pending** to be considered at the CTF meeting 30 June 2022



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

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

NOTIFICATION OF EARLIER IMPLEMENTATION DATES



1 notification received since the last meeting:

- Viet Nam G/TFA/N/VNM/1/Add.1



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

OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

NOTIFICATION OF EARLIER IMPLEMENTATION DATES



8 Members notified earlier implementation dates for a total number of 32 measures:

- Antigua & Barbuda
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- Macao, China
- Malaysia
- Paraguay
- Viet Nam

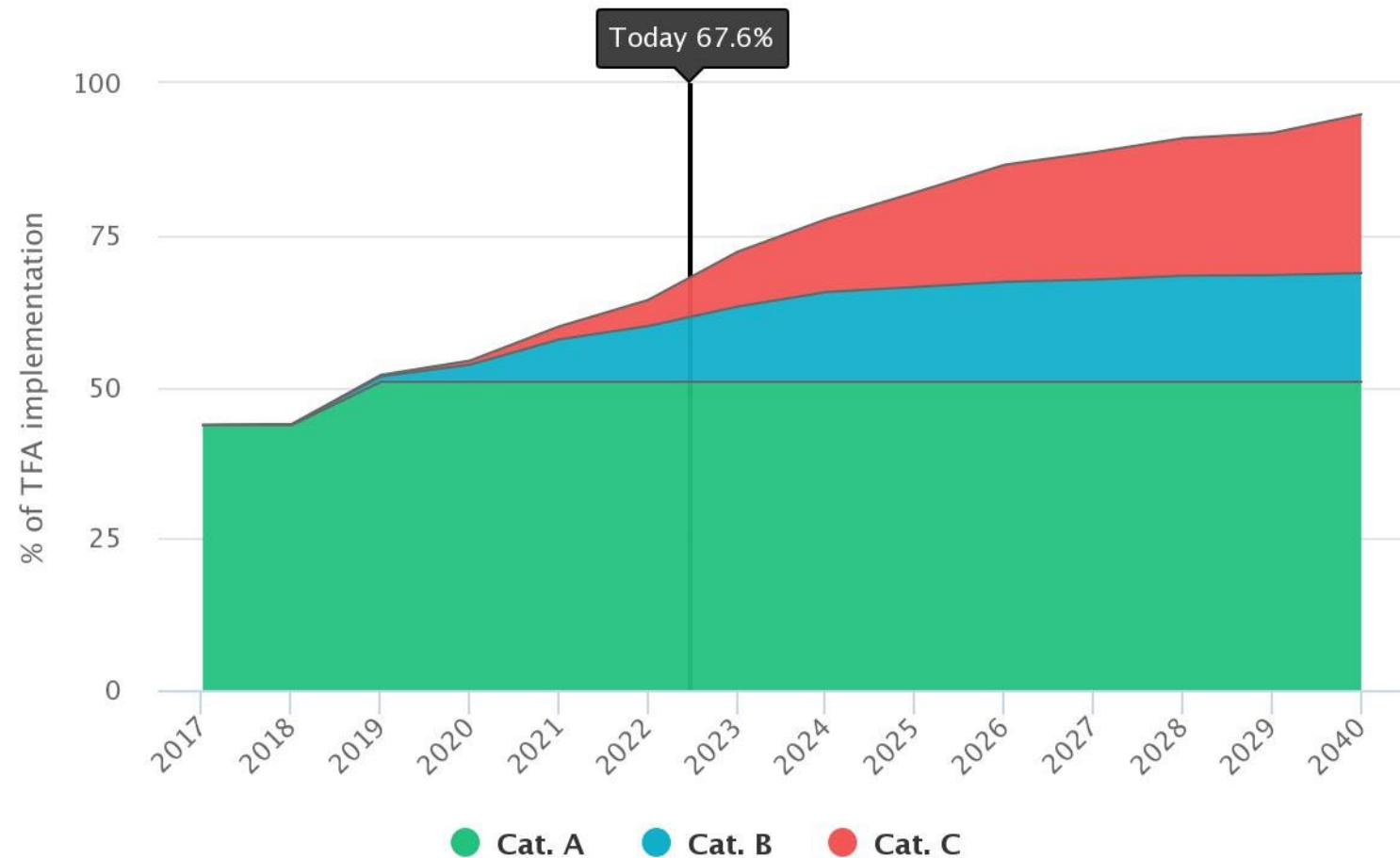


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OVERVIEW OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS UNDER SECTION II

Timeline of implementation commitments

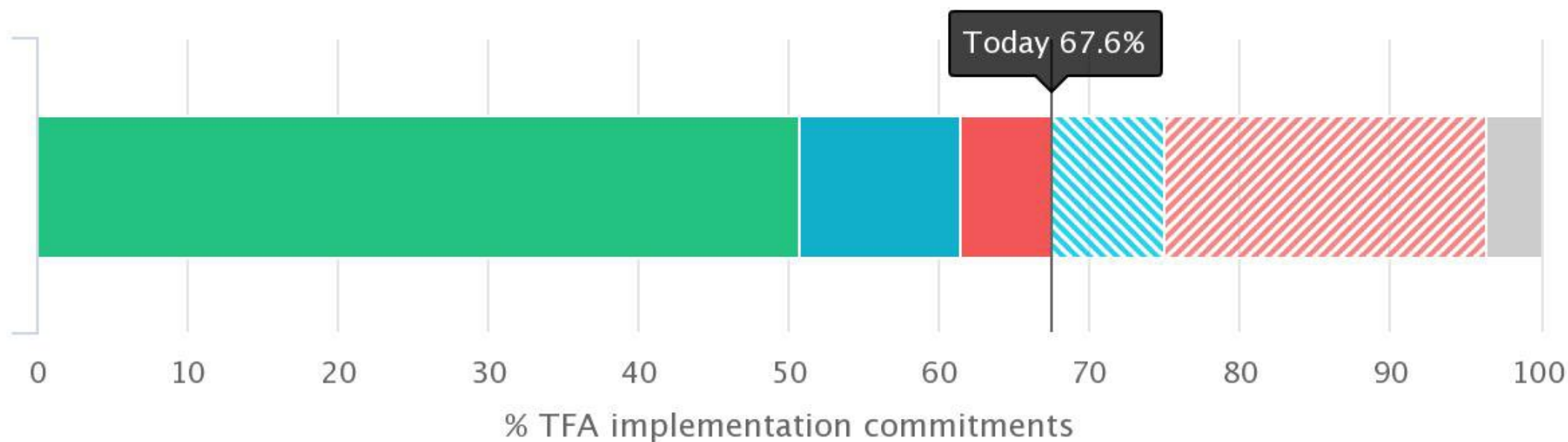
Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time



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Implementation commitments of LDCs and Developing members

Implementation commitments according to notification data

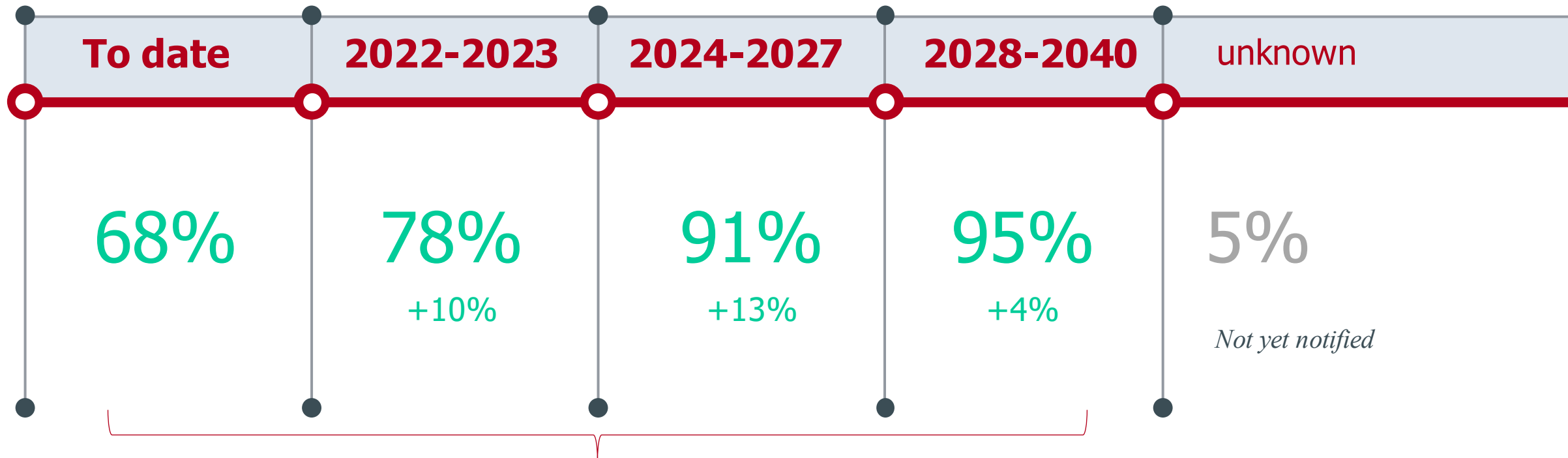


- **Cat. A commitments for implementation to date:50.8%**
- **Cat. B commitments for implementation to date:10.7%**
- **Cat. C commitments for implementation to date:6.1%**
- **Cat. B commitments for future implementation:7.4%**
- **Cat. C commitments for future implementation:21.4%**
- **Unknown:3.6%**

Rate of TFA implementation commitments

Timeline

Developing and LDCs

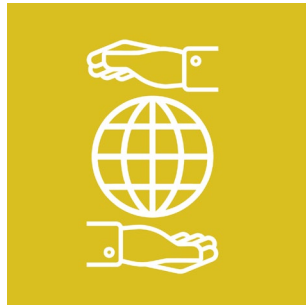


Based on notification data

TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE AND
CAPACITY BUILDING
UNDER ARTICLE 22



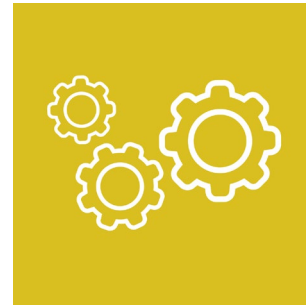
NOTIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING



Articles 22.1 & 22.2

2

51



Article 22.3

1

63

Cumulative

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 22



3 notifications received since the last meeting:

Article 22.1 / 22.2 – support for capacity building provided by Donors and processes to obtain assistance

- United States G/TFA/N/USA/6
- Japan G/TFA/N/JPN/7

Article 22.3 – contact points for coordinating technical assistance support

- Cuba G/TFA/N/CUB/3/REV.1

G/TFA/INF/1/REV.1

REMINDER OF RECENT AND UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION DATES

2022 - 2023



WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION

G/TFA/INF/1/Rev.1

10 December 2021

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TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT'S DEFINITIVE IMPLEMENTATION DATES COVERING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

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.

Afghanistan

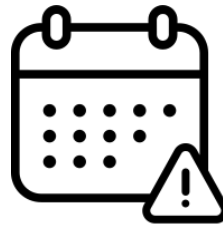
Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
10.1.1	Formalities	B	31 December 2022
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	B	31 December 2023

Angola

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
7.9	Perishable goods	B	30 June 2022
1.1.1	Publication	B	30 June 2022
1.2	Information available through internet	C	30 June 2023
2.2	Consultations	B	30 June 2023
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	C	30 June 2023
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	C	30 June 2023
7.3	Separation of release	B	30 June 2023
7.4	Risk management	C	30 June 2023
7.7	Authorized operators	C	30 June 2023

RECENT AND UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION DATES

2022-2023



**01 Jan 2022 to
31 Dec 2023**

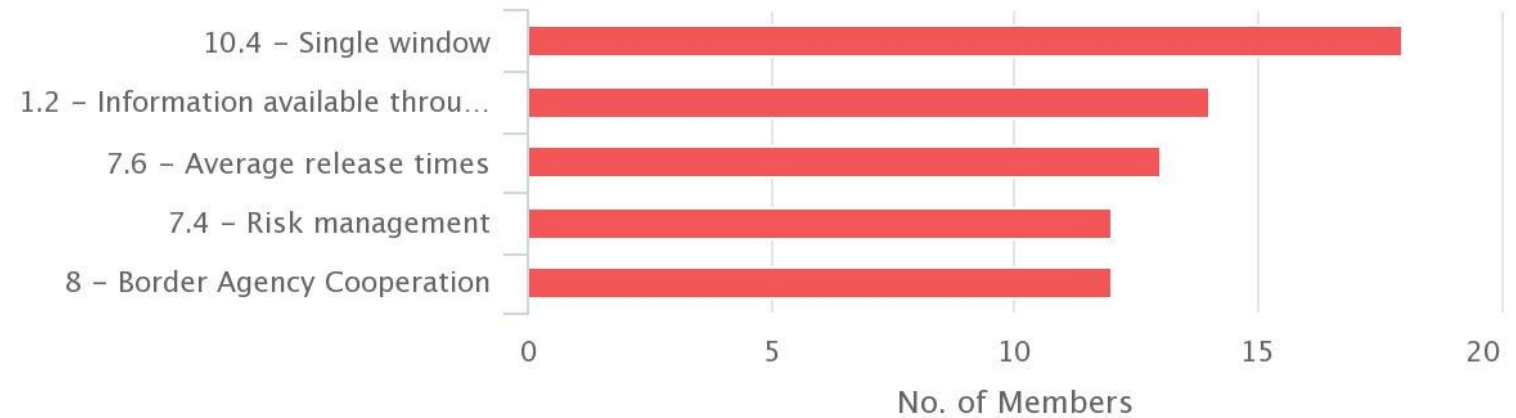
no. of Members with due implementation dates	78
no. of measures	448
of which in Cat. B	233
of which in Cat. C	214



<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



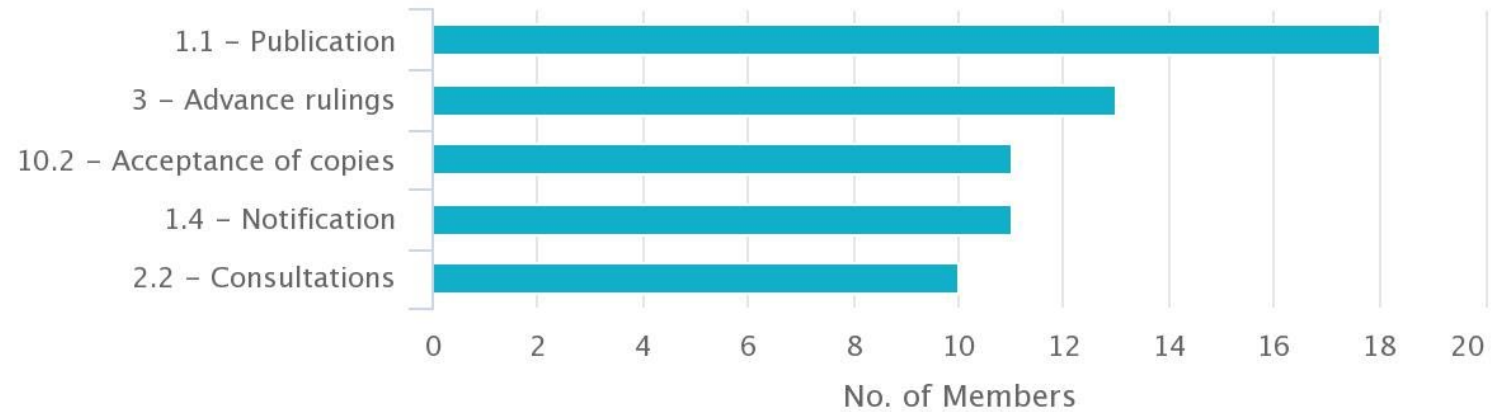
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TOP 5 **CATEGORY B**
MEASURES DUE
FOR
IMPLEMENTATION
IN
2022-2023

Top 5 measures due for implementation



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THANK YOU

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30 June 2022



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