# UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

WTO Secretariat

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# RATIFICATION UPDATES



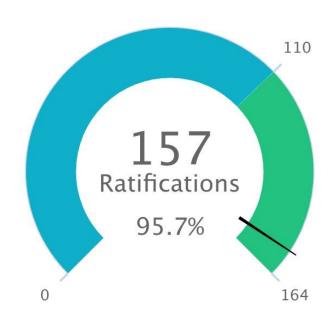


### **Ratifications presented**

### Ratifications yet to be presented

### 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.





- 2. Haiti
- 3. Mauritania
- 4. Suriname
- 5. Tonga
- 6. Yemen

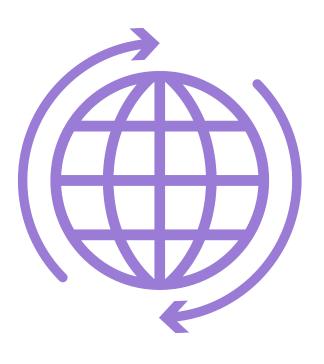


Venezuela ratified the TFA on 11 June 2024

**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 Members States of the European Union which are Members to the WTO.

# SECTION I

# TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS



# TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICAITONS

ARTICLES 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 AND 12.2.2 4 Members have presented transparency notifications since the last meeting:

- BAHRAIN, KINGDOM OF
- DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
- ECUADOR
- NEPAL

G/TFA/N/BHR/3/REV.2 G/TFA/N/COD/3 G/TFA/N/ECU/4/REV.3 G/TFA/N/NPL/4



# OVERDUE TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS



Article 1.4

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Article 10.4.3

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Article 10.6.2

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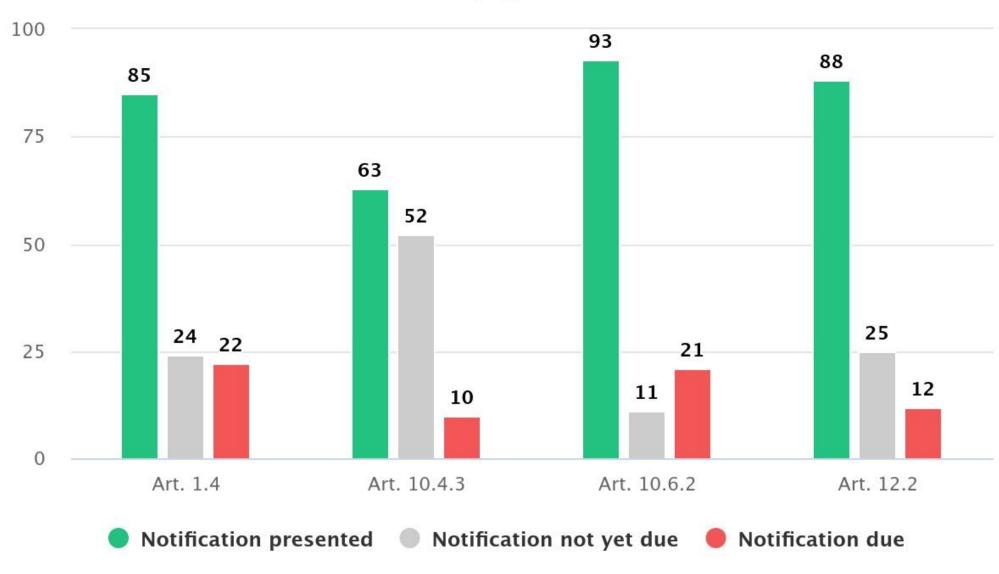


Article 12.2.2

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# Status of transparency notifications by article





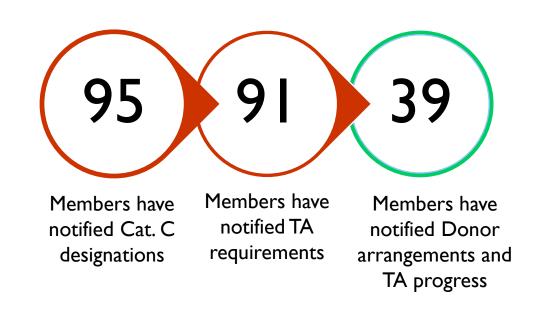




### Information on Technical Assistance

Donor arrangements and progress in the provision of TACB

STATUS
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AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE
PROGRESS

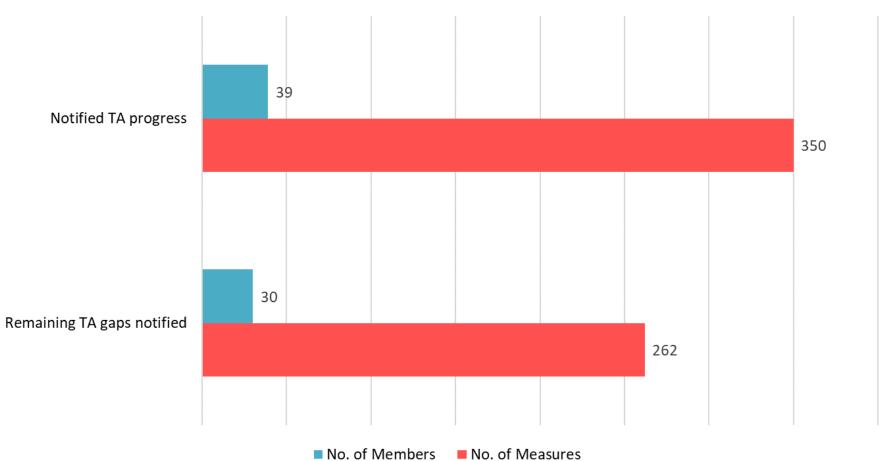




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Members have notified Donor arrangements and TA progress

# Notifications on progress in the provision of technical assistance, by Member and by Measure

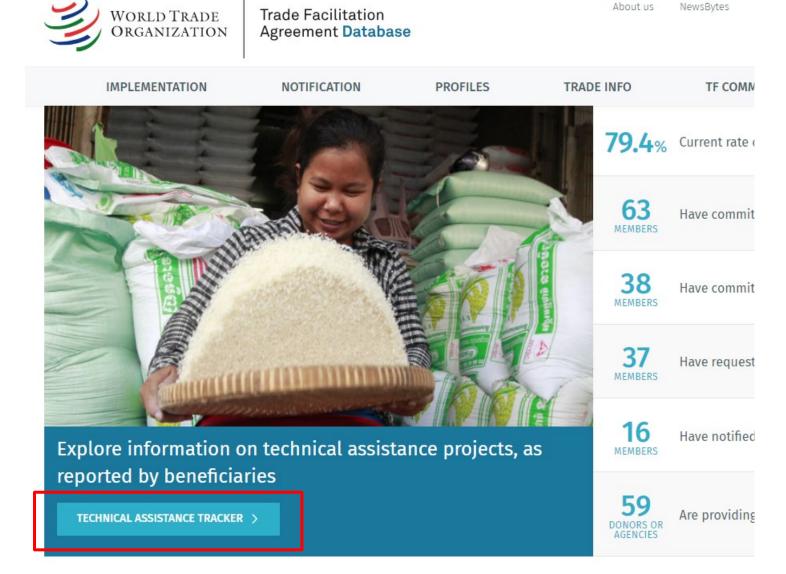


# NOTIFICATION OUTREACH CONTINUES...





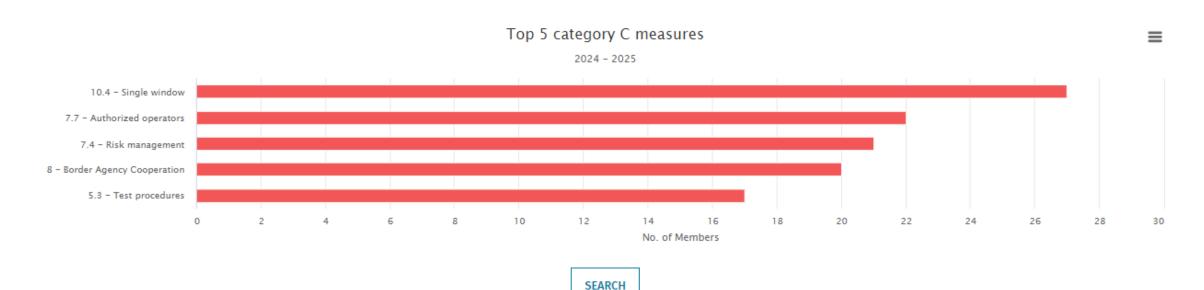
## Explore information on donor arrangements and TA progress as notified by beneficiary Members





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### Top 5 Category C measures due for implementation in 2024-2025



### Mapping of technical assistance arrangements, as notified by beneficiary Members



Based on donor arrangements notifications presented by beneficiary Members



SEARCH PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCE



\* Donors, Agencies or implementation programs as notified

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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
7.4 - Risk management	World Bank, United States Agency for International Development	30 June 2026	Yes	Yes	Details
7.5 - Post-clearance audit	United States Agency for International Development, Asian Development Bank	30 June 2026	Yes	Yes	Details





## African Development Bank

Beneficiary	Implementation project	Definitive implementation dates	TA needs notified	Progress reported	
Kenya	8 - Border Agency Cooperation	08 September 2023	Yes	Yes	Details
Madagascar	1.1 - Publication	31 December 2026	Yes	Yes	Details
Madagascar	1.2 - Information available through internet	31 December 2026	Yes	Yes	Details
Madagascar	7.4 - Risk management	31 December 2035	Yes	Yes	Details
Mali	10.4 - Single window	31 December 2028	Yes	Yes	Details
Tanzania	10.4 - Single window	30 December 2025	Yes	Yes	Details

## Asian Development Bank

			TA needs	Progress
Beneficiary	Implementation project	Definitive implementation dates	notified	reported





### 1.1 - Publication 🗷

Beneficiary	Donor / Agency Definitive implementation dates		TA needs notified	Progress reported	
Belize	Caribbean Development Bank	31 December 2023	Yes	Yes	Details
Burundi	International Trade Centre, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, European Union	31 December 2026	Yes	Yes	Details
Eswatini, Kingdom of	World Bank, International Finance Corporation	22 February 2022	Yes	Yes	Details
Guatemala	Commercial Law Development Program, United States Department of Commerce	01 February 2020	Yes	Yes	Details
Madagascar	African Development Bank	31 December 2026	Yes	Yes	Details
Paraguay	International Trade Centre, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, World Trade Organization, United States Department of Agriculture	01 September 2021	Yes	Yes	Details
Senegal	United States Agency for International Development	31 December 2028	Yes	Yes	Details

# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 16



# **4 Members** have presented **5 notifications** since the last meeting:

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EGYPT PERU UGANDA G/TFA/N/DOM/4 G/TFA/N/EGY/4 G/TFA/N/PER/4 G/TFA/N/UGA/4 G/TFA/N/UGA/1/ADD.2

# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



**3 Members presented** notifications since the last meeting:

ANGOLA EL SALVADOR PARAGUAY G/TFA/N/AGO/5 G/TFA/N/SLV/1/Add.1 G/TFA/N/PRY/1/Add.3



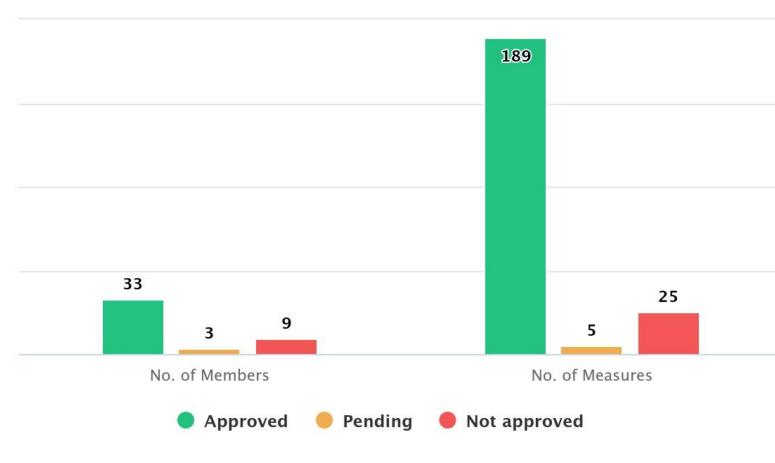
# OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

# EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



# Status of requests for extension of implementation dates

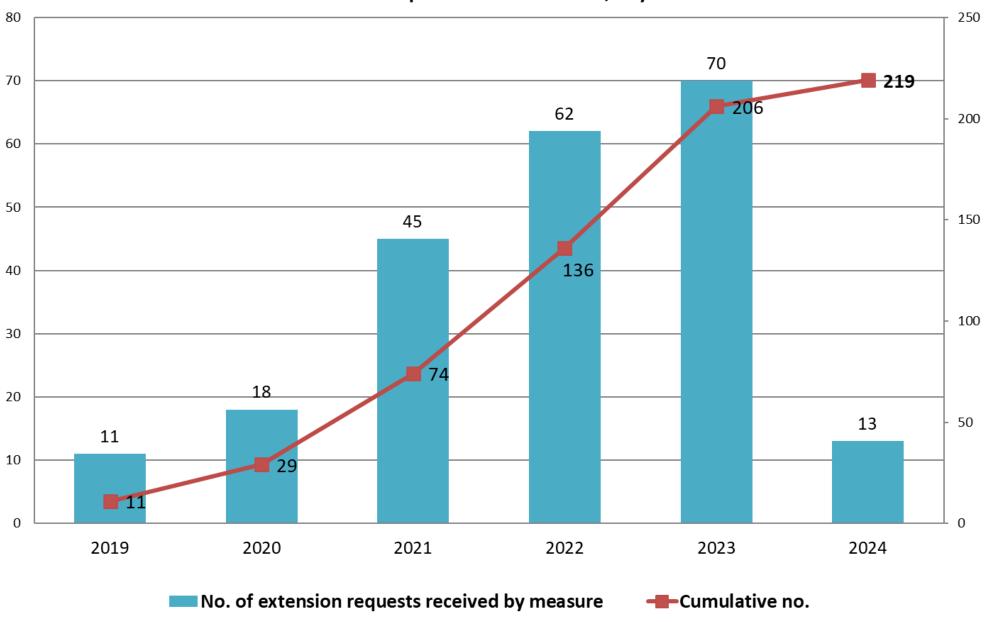
Requests approved, not approved or pending consideration by the Trade Facilitation Committee, by Member and by Measure



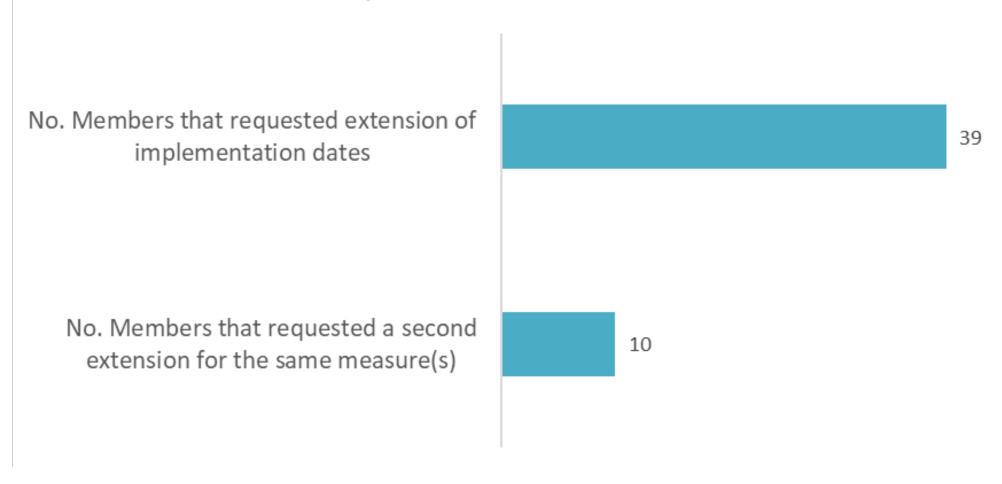
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# Timeline of extension requests received, by measure

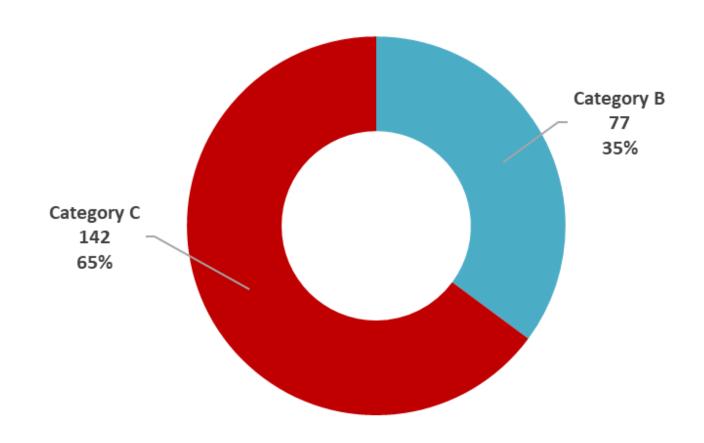


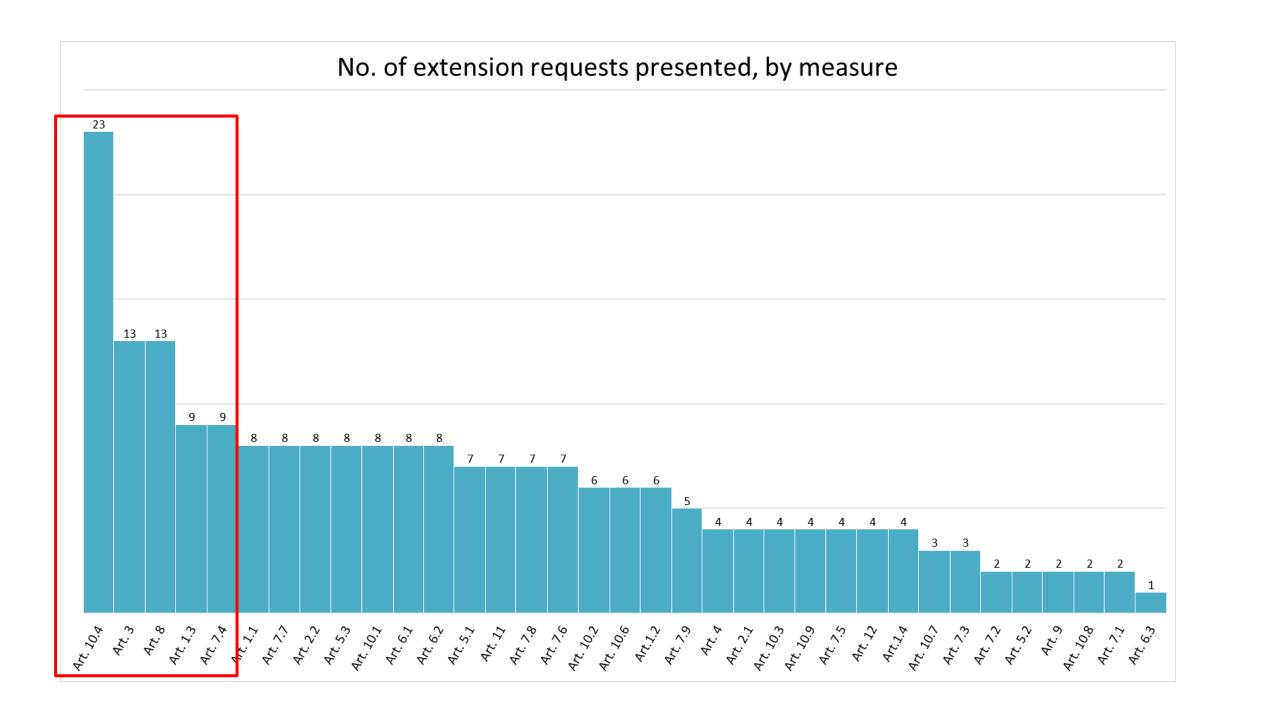
# Requests for double extensions



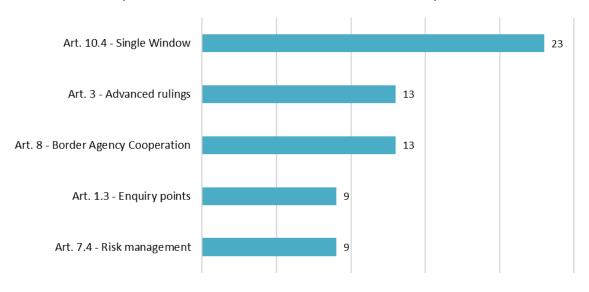


# Number of extension requests received, by measure and by category





Top 5 measures with more extensions requested



# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19

SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES

 $B \rightarrow C$ 



**I Members presented** a notification since the last meeting:

**UGANDA** 

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

# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19

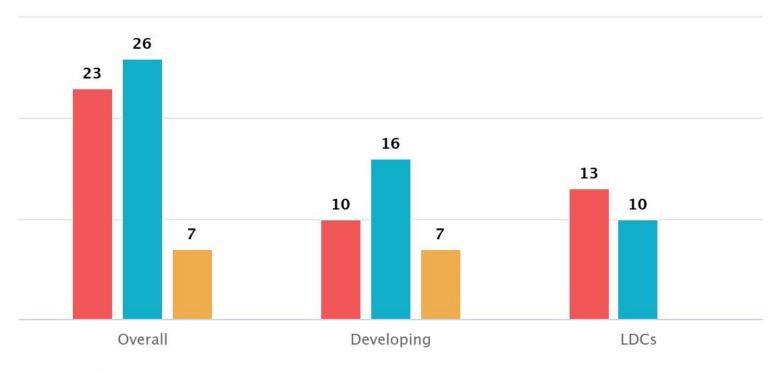
SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES





# Status of category shifting by Member

No. of Members that have shifted measures



- Members that have shifted categories B to C
  - Members that have shifted categories C to B
  - Members that have shifted categories with extended definitive dates



# 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



# Fastest accelerated implementation...

Original definitive implementation date: **30 June 2033** 



Earlier definitive implementation date: 8 September 2023

# OVERVIEW OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS UNDER SECTION II

### Rate of implementation commitments by developing and LDC Members

Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time



# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING UNDER ARTICLE 22



# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 22



3 notifications received since the last meeting:

**Article 22.1-22.2** – donor notifications

None

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

DEM REP OF CONGO PARAGUAY UGANDA G/TFA/N/COD/2/Rev.3 G/TFA/N/PRY/2/Rev.3 G/TFA/N/UGA/3

# UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION DATES

2024-2025



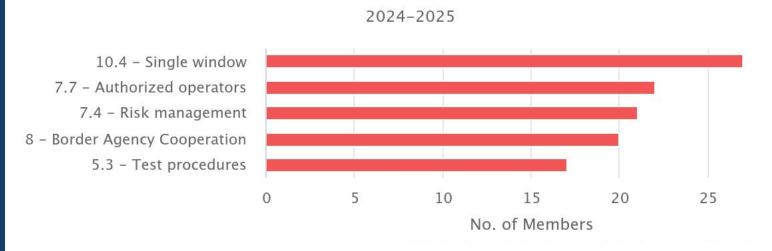
**01 Jan 2024** to **31 Dec 2025** 

no. of Members with due implementation dates	
no. of measures	492
of which in Cat. B	114
of which in Cat. C	376
of which in Cat. B and Cat. C	2



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

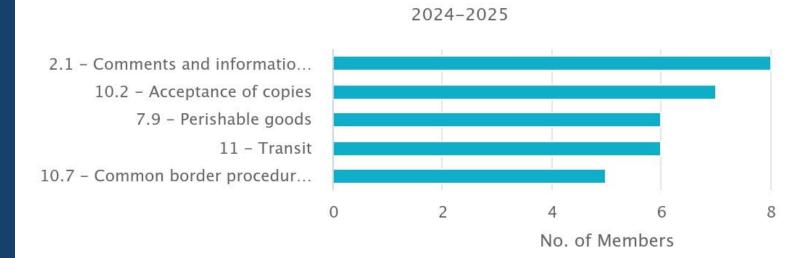
# Top 5 measures due for implementation





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

# Top 5 measures due for implementation







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### Committee on Trade Facilitation

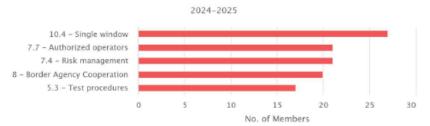
### TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT'S DEFINITIVE IMPLEMENTATION DATES COVERING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

#### 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 2025<sup>1</sup> 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.

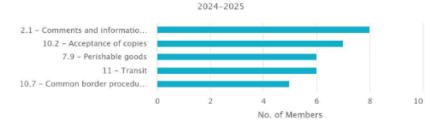
### 63 Members have committed to implement 365 Category C measures in 2024-2025

### 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



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

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### <u>Afghanistan</u>

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

### Albania

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

### **Angola**

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

### Antigua and Barbuda

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

### Argentina

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

### Bangladesh

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

### Barbados

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This document was updated on 20 February 2024.

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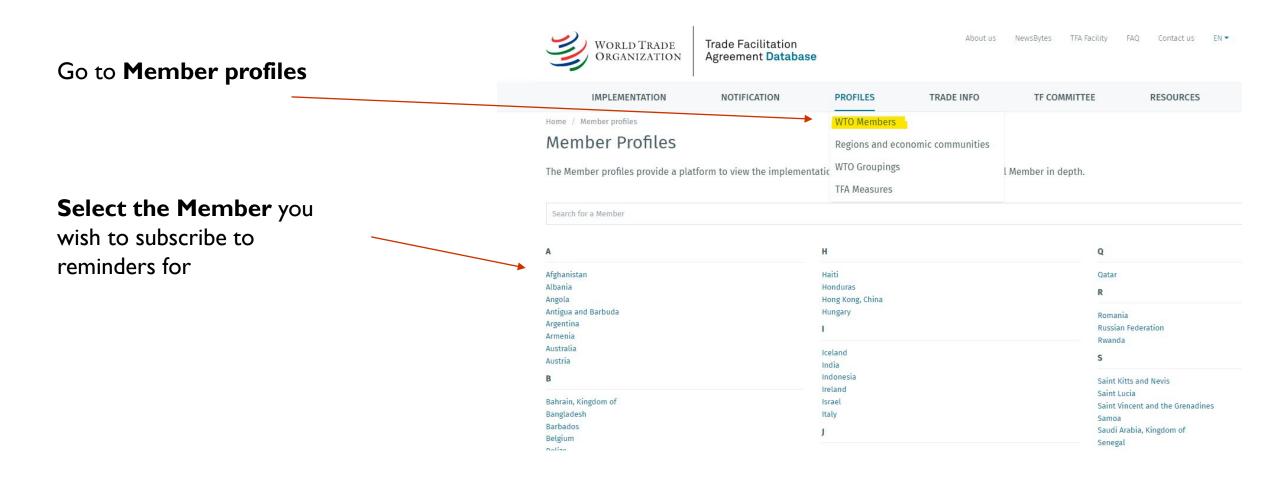
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IMPLEMENTATION
DATES



Trade Facilitation
Agreement Database



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



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

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

Click on **Subscribe to reminders** 



13	Measures due for implementation in 2017-2023	_
15	Measures due for implementation in 2026-2027	_
8	Measures due for implementation in 2028-2035	_
	VIEW IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE	
	♣ Subscribe to reminders	

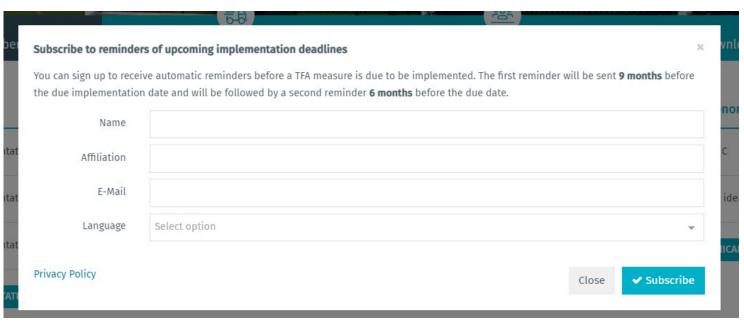
<sup>\*</sup> If the selected Member has all implementation deadlines falling less than 6 months from the time of the subscription, the reminder functionality will not appear on the page

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

Fill out the **subscription form** 

You will receive an email asking you to **confirm the subscription**.

If you haven't received it, please check on the **spam folder**.

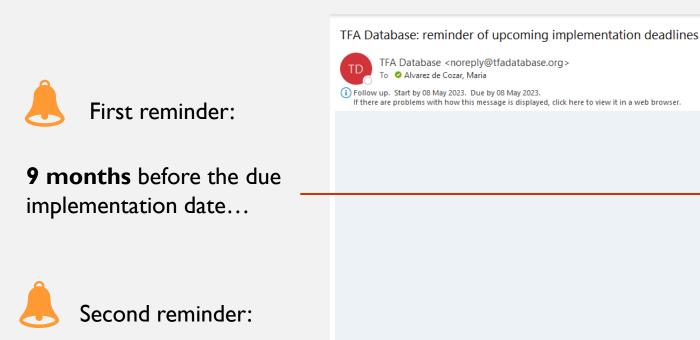


From: TFA Database <noreply@tfadatabase.org>
Date: 14 June 2023 at 10:15:45 CEST
To:

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

The reminder will contain the

implementation date

deadline to present an

extension request, if

required

**Trade Facilitation Agreement Database** The following measure(s) are 6 months away from their notified Deadline for extension request, if required: 2 September 2023 Due implementation date: 31 December 2023

### Reminder of upcoming implementation deadlines

implemenation date, the 31 December 2023:

### Gabon

### Article 7.5 - Post-clearance audit

### 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



## Contact us

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# THANK YOU

WTO Secretariat

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