

UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

WTO Secretariat

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Trade Facilitation
Committee

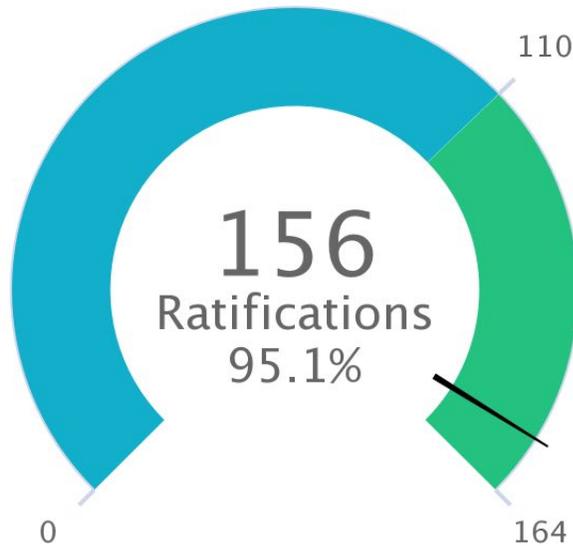
RATIFICATION UPDATES





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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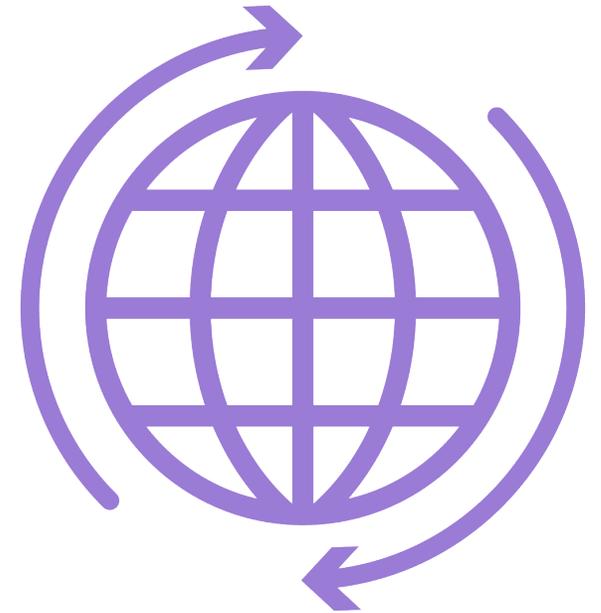


Ratifications yet to be presented

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

9 Members have presented transparency notifications since the last meeting:

CAMBODIA	G/TFA/N/KHM/5/REV.1
GUATEMALA	G/TFA/N/GTM/2/ADD.1
INDIA	G/TFA/N/IND/2/REV.1
MYANMAR	G/TFA/N/MMR/2/REV.1
PHILIPPINES	G/TFA/N/PHL/2/REV.1; AND G/TFA/N/PHL/2/REV.2
SEYCHELLES	G/TFA/N/SYC/2
SWITZERLAND	G/TFA/N/CHE/2/REV.2
URUGUAY	G/TFA/N/URY/2/REV.3
ZIMBABWE	G/TFA/N/ZWE/3



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OVERDUE TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS



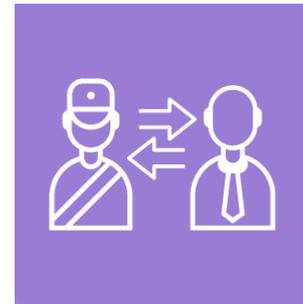
Article I.4

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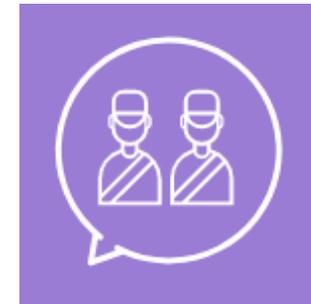
Article I0.4.3

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Article I0.6.2

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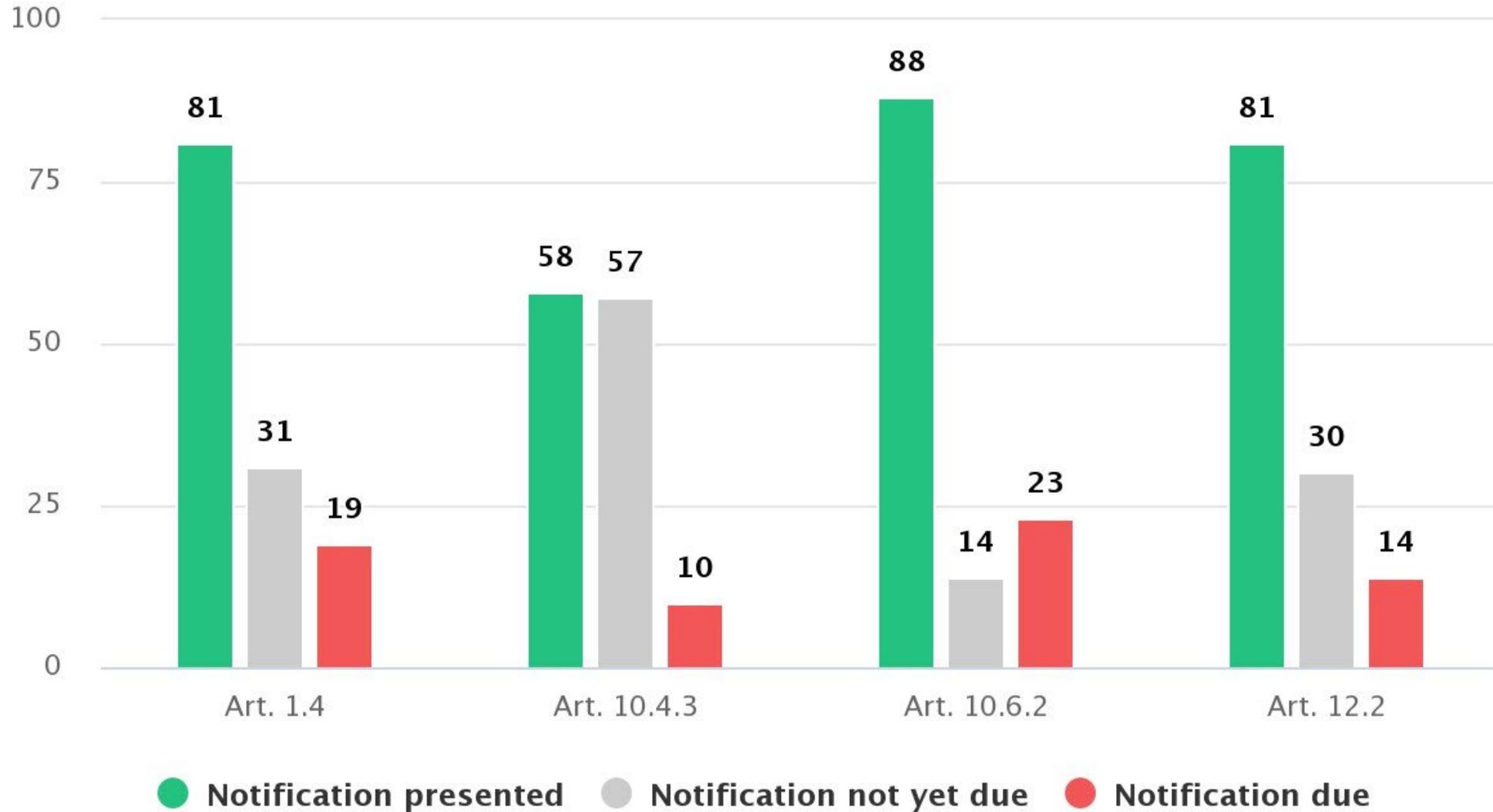
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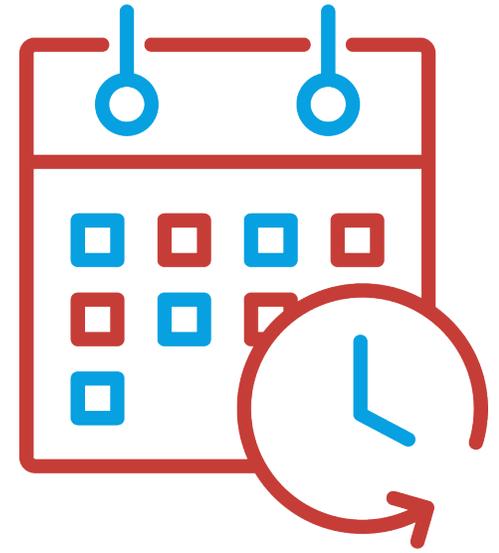
Status of transparency notifications by article

Developing & LDCs



SECTION II

NOTIFICATION DEADLINES





20 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 indicative dates LDCs by 22/02/2018		1
Category B definitive dates Developing countries by 22/02/2018 LDCs by 22/02/2020 <i>9 LDC Members received an extension</i>	1	1
Category C indicative dates LDCs by 22/02/2021		1
Category C definitive dates Developing countries by 22/08/2019 LDCs by 22/08/2022 <i>7 LDC Members received an extension until 2023</i>	3	1
Category C TA requirements 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:

3 Members – Tanzania, Nepal and Guinea have notified the dates, and
4 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	22 June 2023 ✓
Nepal	22 August 2022	22 August 2023	16 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>

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 16



6 Members have presented notifications since the last meeting:

GUATEMALA
GUINEA
MALDIVES

G/TFA/N/GTM/5
G/TFA/N/GIN/1/ADD.2
G/TFA/N/MDV/3/ADD.2
G/TFA/N/MDV/3/ADD.3; AND
G/TFA/N/MDV/4/REV.1

MYANMAR
NEPAL

G/TFA/N/MMR/1/ADD.4
G/TFA/N/NPL/1/ADD.4; AND
G/TFA/N/NPL/1/ADD.4/CORR.1

TUNISIA

G/TFA/N/TUN/1/ADD.1

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



10 Members presented notifications since the last meeting:

CABO VERDE	G/TFA/N/CPV/1/ADD.1
COSTA RICA	G/TFA/N/CRI/4
CUBA	G/TFA/N/CUB/1/ADD.2
ECUADOR	G/TFA/N/ECU/1/ADD.6
GUATEMALA	G/TFA/N/GTM/1/ADD.3
MALDIVES	G/TFA/N/MDV/3/ADD.4
NAMIBIA	G/TFA/N/NAM/1/ADD.4
SAINT LUCIA	G/TFA/N/LCA/1/ADD.4
TOGO	G/TFA/N/TGO/1/ADD.3; AND G/TFA/N/TGO/1/ADD.4
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	G/TFA/N/TTO/2/ADD.1



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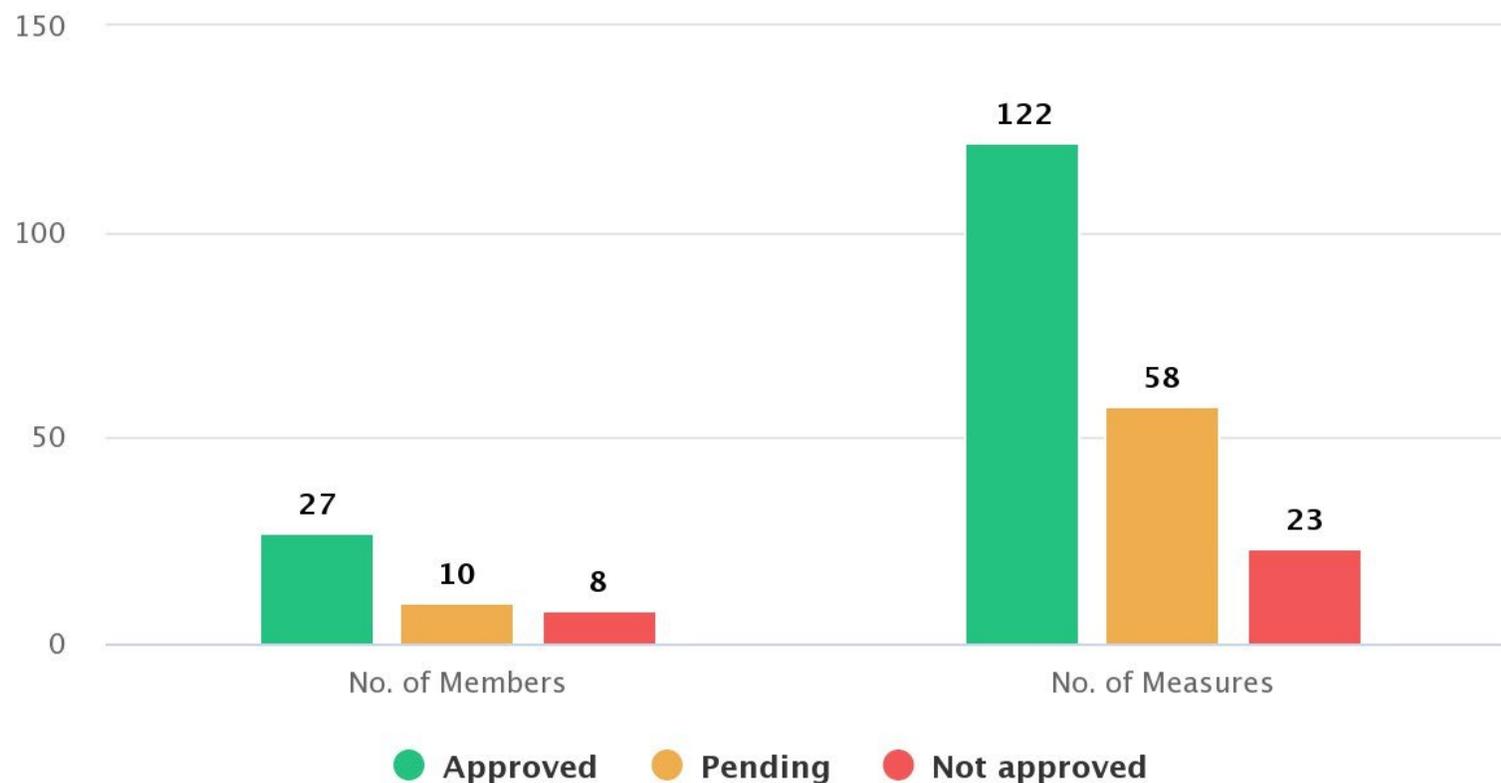
OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

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

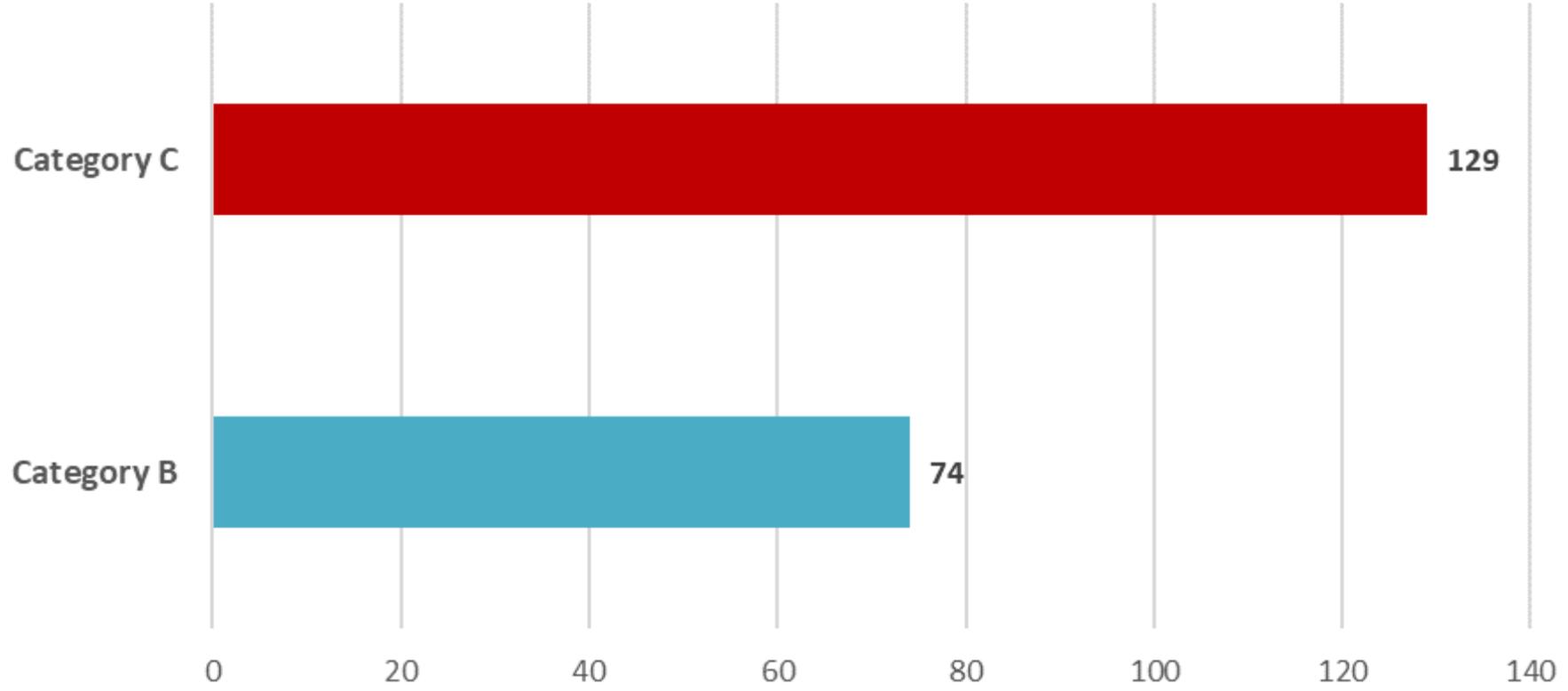


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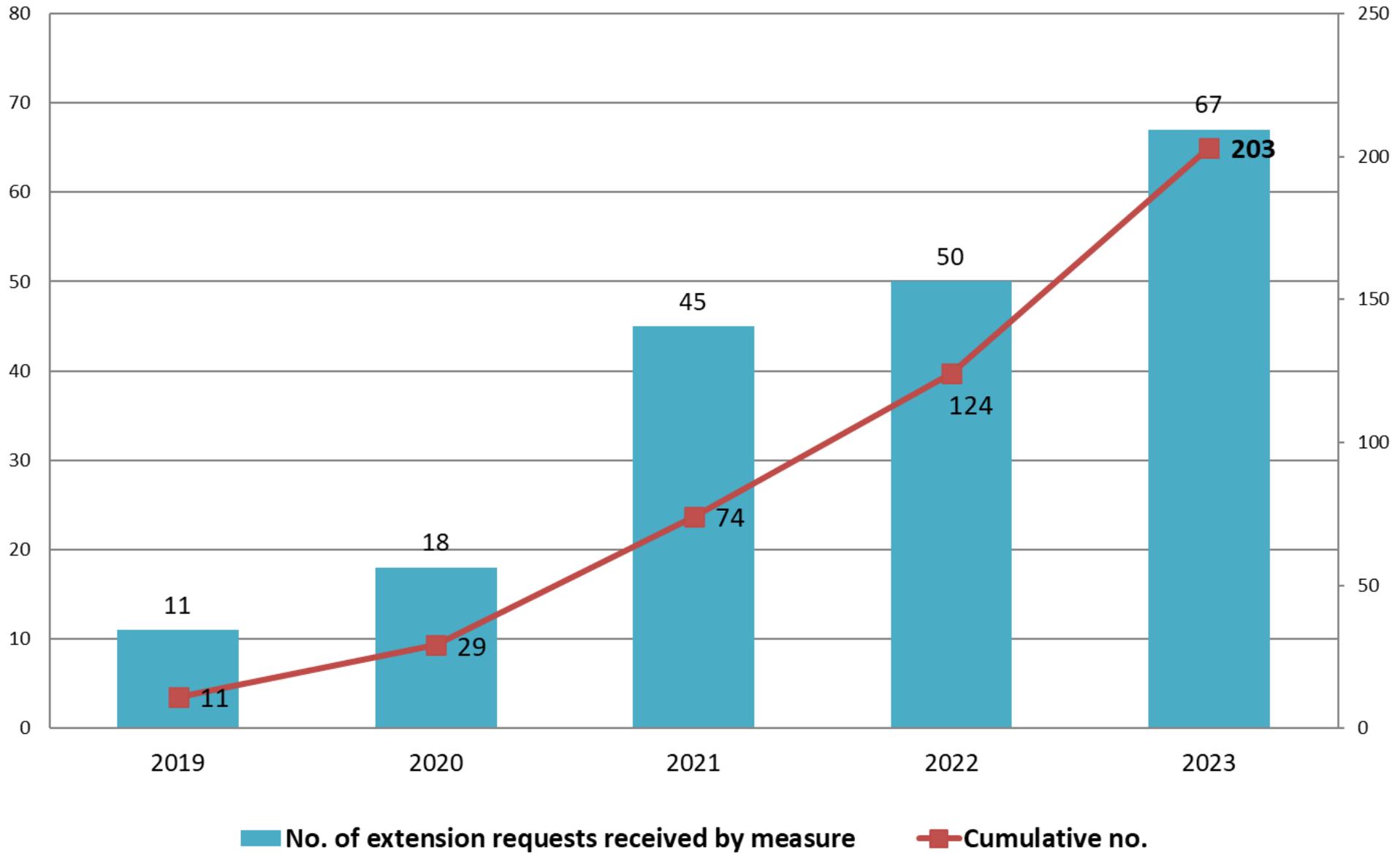


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Number of extension requests received,
by measure and by category



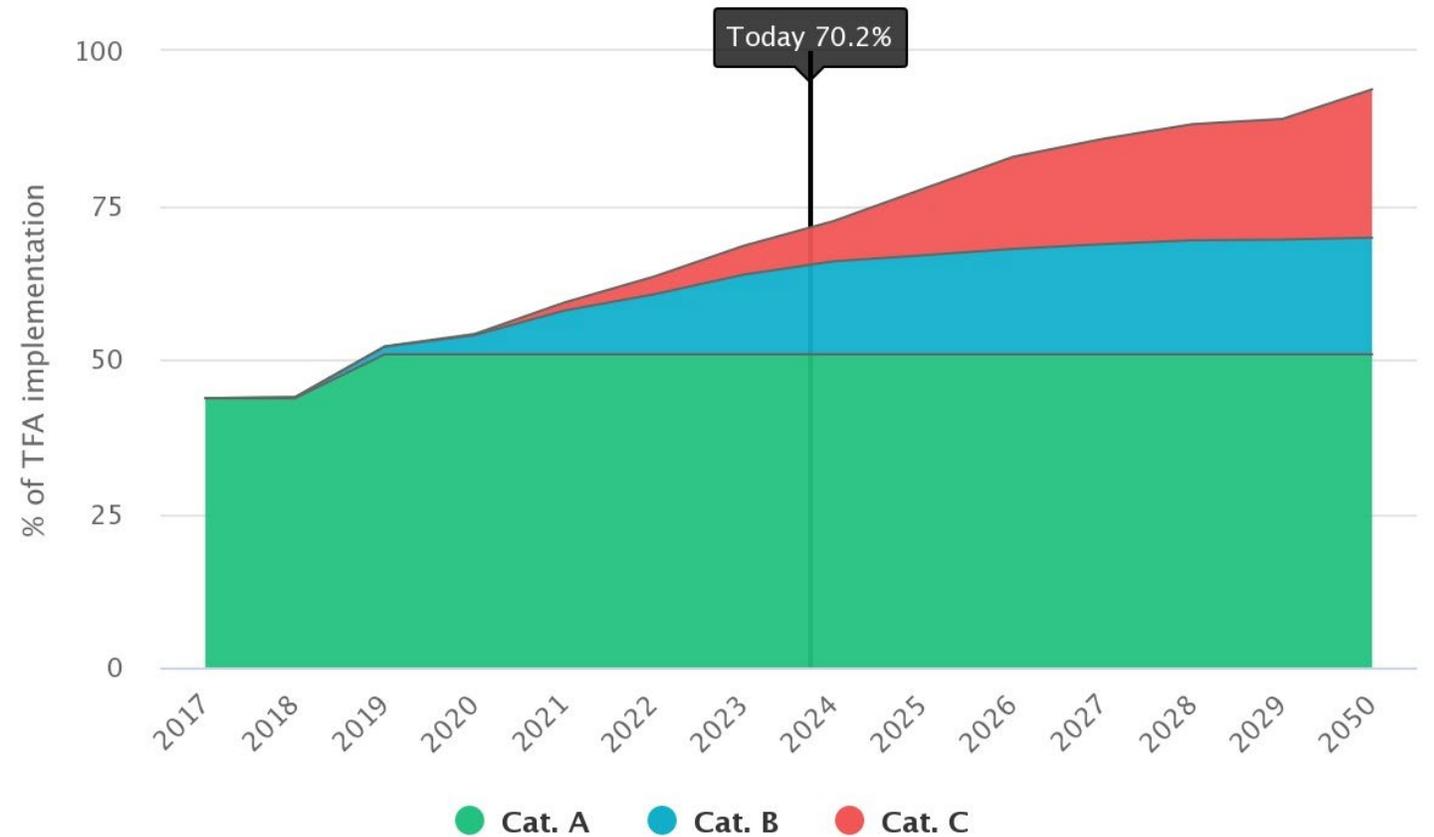
Timeline of extension requests received, by measure



OVERVIEW OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS UNDER SECTION II

Rate of implementation commitments by developing and LDC Members

Timeline of implementation commitments



TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE AND
CAPACITY BUILDING
UNDER ARTICLE 22



NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 22



8 notifications received since the last meeting:

Article 22.1-22.2 – donor notifications

JAPAN

G/TFA/N/JPN/8

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

DEMOCRATIC REP. OF THE CONGO

G/TFA/N/COD/2/REV.2

THE GAMBIA

G/TFA/N/GMB/3

GUATEMALA

G/TFA/N/GTM/4

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

G/TFA/N/KGZ/3

TAJIKISTAN

G/TFA/N/TJK/3

TUNISIA

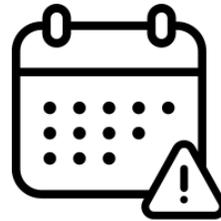
G/TFA/N/TUN/4

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	69
no. of measures	452
of which in Cat. B	101
of which in Cat. C	349
of which in Cat. B and Cat. C	2

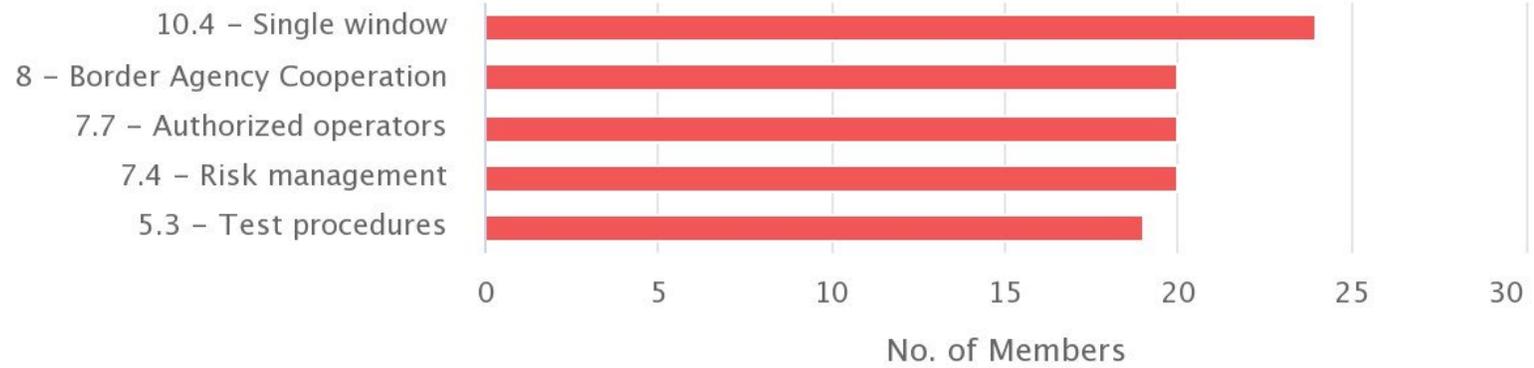


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TOP 5 **CATEGORY C**
MEASURES DUE
FOR
IMPLEMENTATION
IN
2024-2025

Top 5 measures due for implementation

2024-2025

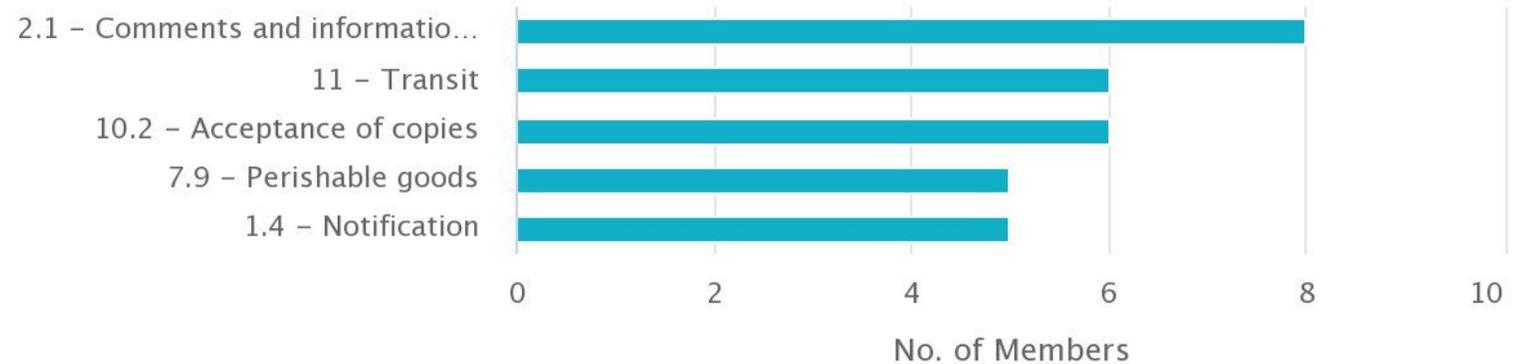


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TOP 5 **CATEGORY B**
MEASURES DUE
FOR
IMPLEMENTATION
IN
2024-2025

Top 5 measures due for implementation

2024-2025



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UPCOMING
IMPLEMENTATION
DATES



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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 top navigation bar includes the WTO logo, the text 'WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION Trade Facilitation Agreement Database', and links for 'About us', 'NewsBytes', 'TFA Facility', 'FAQ', 'Contact us', and 'EN'. Below this is a secondary navigation menu with tabs for 'IMPLEMENTATION', 'NOTIFICATION', 'PROFILES', 'TRADE INFO', 'TF COMMITTEE', and 'RESOURCES'. The 'PROFILES' tab is selected and highlighted in yellow, with a sub-menu listing 'WTO Members', 'Regions and economic communities', 'WTO Groupings', and 'TFA Measures'. The main content area shows the breadcrumb 'Home / Member profiles', the title 'Member Profiles', and a search box labeled 'Search for a Member'. Below the search box are three columns of member names, each starting with a letter: 'A', 'H', and 'Q'. The 'A' column lists Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, and Austria. The 'H' column lists Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, China, and Hungary. The 'Q' column lists Qatar. Other columns for 'B', 'I', 'R', and 'S' are partially visible.

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IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATION **PROFILES** TRADE INFO TF COMMITTEE RESOURCES

Home / Member profiles

Member Profiles

The Member profiles provide a platform to view the implementation of TFA measures for each Member in depth.

Search for a Member

A

- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Angola
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Australia
- Austria

B

- Bahrain, Kingdom of
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belgium
- Belize

H

- Haiti
- Honduras
- Hong Kong, China
- Hungary

I

- Iceland
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy

J

Q

- Qatar

R

- Romania
- Russian Federation
- Rwanda

S

- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Samoa
- Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of
- Senegal

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

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** →

[VIEW IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE](#)

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Click on **Subscribe to reminders**

* 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 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.

Name

Affiliation

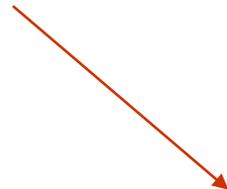
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Language

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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.

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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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:

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

WTO Secretariat

3 October 2023



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