# UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

WTO Secretariat

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# RATIFICATION UPDATES





### Latest ratifications presented



I. Comoros: 21 August 2024

2. Timor-Leste: 30 August 2024

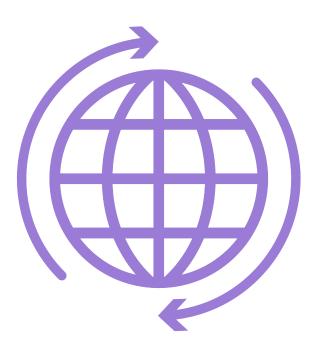


### Ratifications yet to be presented

- I. Democratic Rep. of Congo
- 2. Haiti
- 3. Mauritania
- 4. Suriname
- 5. Tonga
- 6. Yemen

### SECTION I

# TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS



## TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICAITONS

ARTICLES
1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2
AND 12.2.2

## **9 Members** have presented transparency notifications since the last meeting:

Antigua and Barbuda

Argentina

Burundi

Cabo Verde

Comoros

Hong Kong, China

Lao PDR

Qatar

United Kingdom

G/TFA/N/ATG/4

G/TFA/N/ARG/2/Rev.4

G/TFA/N/BDI/3

G/TFA/N/CPV/4

G/TFA/N/COM/2

G/TFA/N/HKG/I/Rev.4

G/TFA/N/LAO/5

G/TFA/N/QAT/2

G/TFA/N/GBR/2/Rev.3



### 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

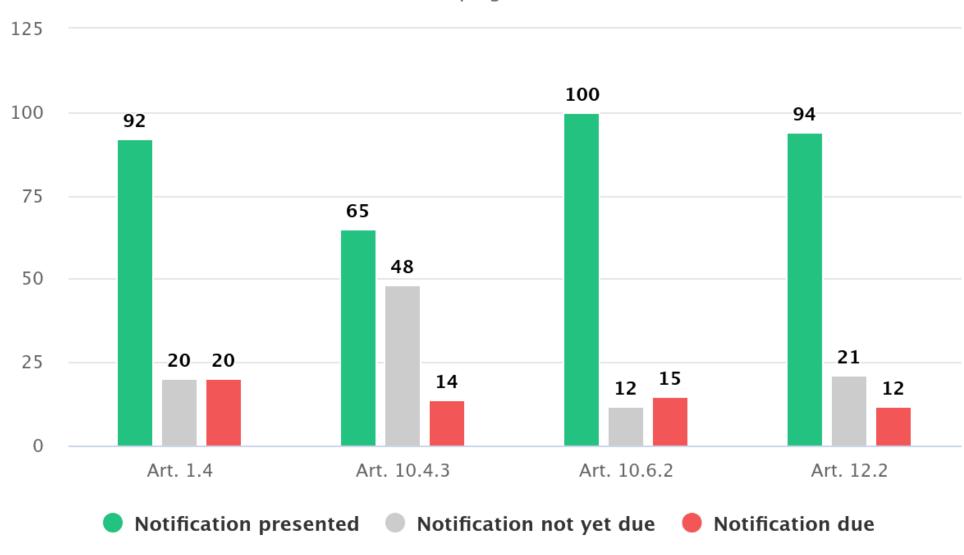
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### Status of transparency notifications by article





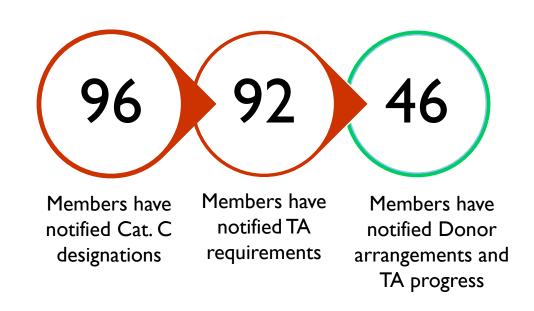




### Information on Technical Assistance

Donor arrangements and progress in the provision of TACB

STATUS
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AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE
PROGRESS



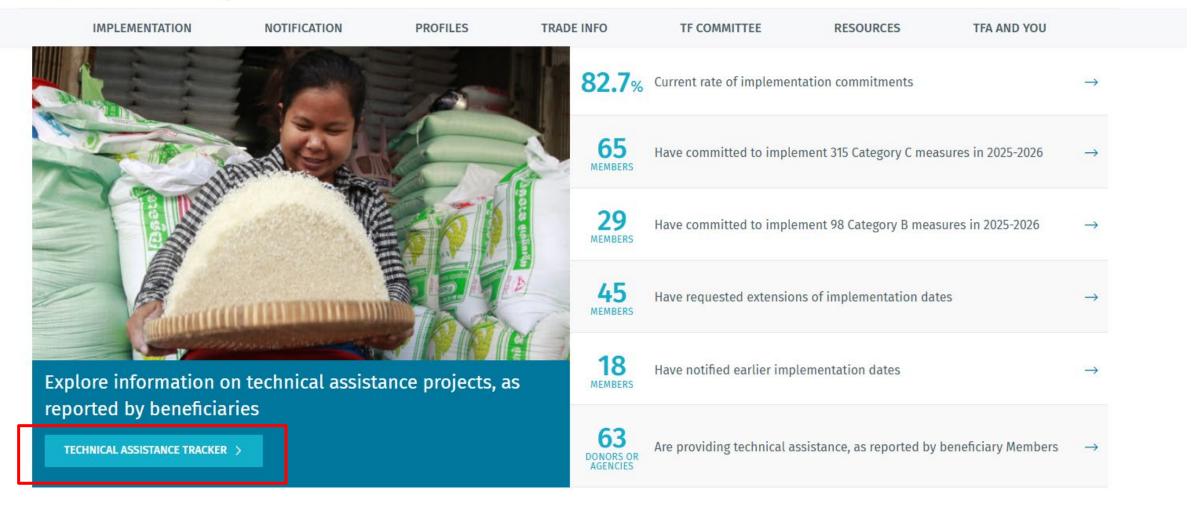


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### Explore information on technical assistance and capacity building support

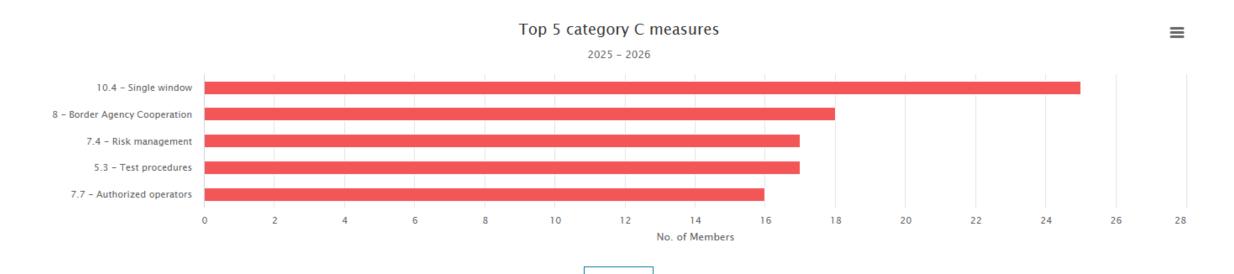


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### Top 5 Category C measures due for implementation in 2025-2026



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### Angola 🗷

Article	Measure	Category	Definitive Implementation Date	
1.2	Information available through internet	С	30 June 2026	Details
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	С	30 June 2026	Details
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	С	30 June 2026	Details
7.4	Risk management	С	30 June 2026	Details
8	Border Agency Cooperation	С	30 June 2026	Details
10.6	Use of customs brokers	С	30 June 2026	Details

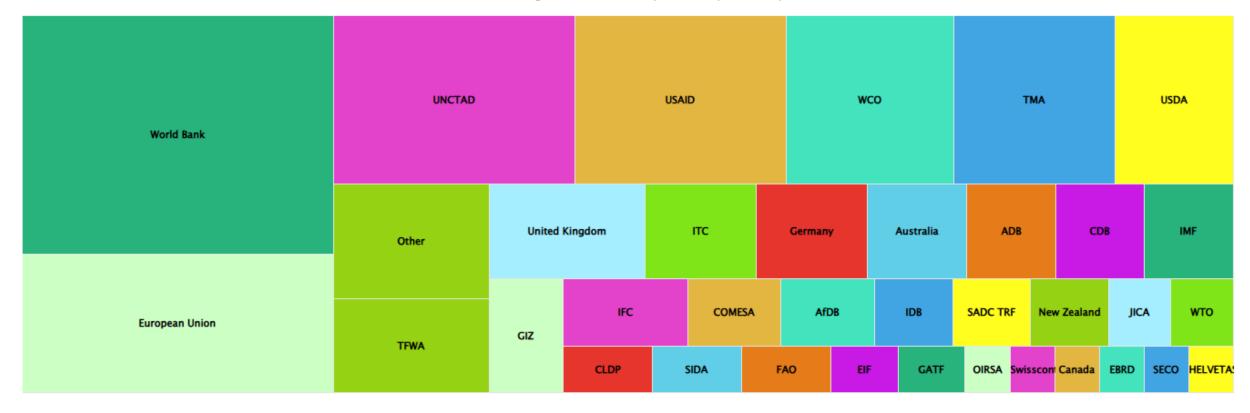
### Bangladesh 🗷

Article	Measure	Category	Definitive Implementation Date	
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	C	30 June 2025	Details
1.3	Enquiry points	С	30 June 2026	Details

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

### Development partners identified by beneficiary Members in the donor arrangements notifications

Based on donor arrangements notifications presented by beneficiary Members



SEARCH PROJECTS

IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCE



\* Donors, Agencies or implementation programs as notified





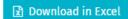
### Albania 🗷

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 ARTICLES 15 & 16



## **10 Members** have presented notifications since the last meeting:

Cambodia <u>G/TFA/N/KHM/1/Add.5</u>

Comoros G/TFA/N/COM/I

Congo <u>G/TFA/N/COG/I/Add.2</u>

Côte d'Ivoire <u>G/TFA/N/CIV/5</u>

Ghana G/TFA/N/GHA/4

Seychelles <u>G/TFA/N/SYC/4</u>

Timor Leste <u>G/TFA/N/TSL/I</u>

Trinidad and Tobago <u>G/TFA/N/TTO/6</u>

Tunisia G/TFA/N/TUN/5

Vanuatu <u>G/TFA/N/VUT/4</u>

# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



## **7 Members presented** notifications since the last meeting:

Cabo Verde <u>G/TFA/N/CPV/1/Add.2</u>

Congo G/TFA/N/COG/I/Add.I

Eswatini G/TFA/N/SWZ/7

Guatemala G/TFA/N/GTM/I/Add.5

Liberia G/TFA/N/LBR/1/Add.2

Mauritania G/TFA/N/MRT/2

Trinidad and Tobago <u>G/TFA/N/TTO/2/Add.2</u>



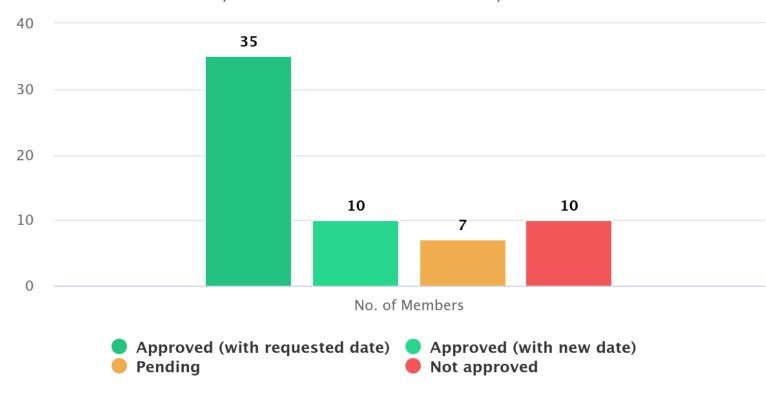
### OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

# EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



### Status of requests for extension of implementation dates by Member

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



\*Status as 27 February 2025



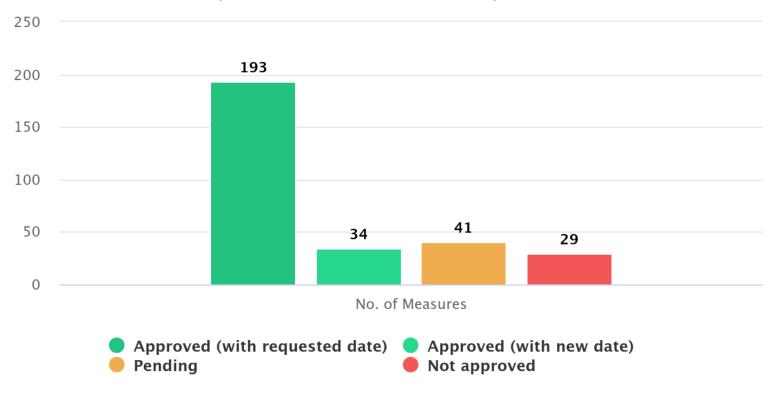
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# EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



### Status of requests for extension of implementation dates by Measure

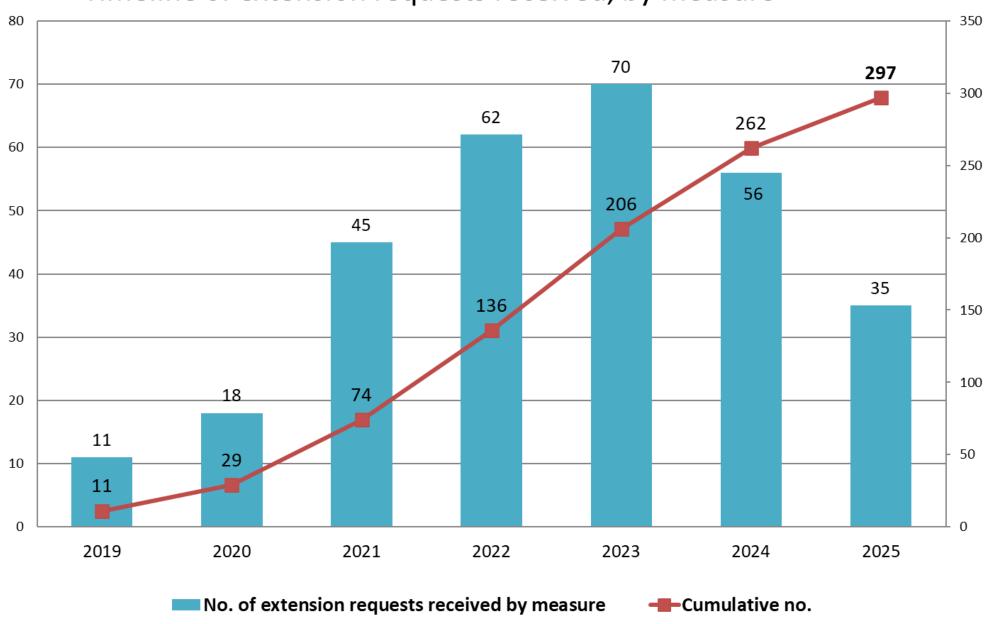
Requests approved, not approved or pending consideration by the Trade Facilitation Committee by Measure



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### Timeline of extension requests received, by measure

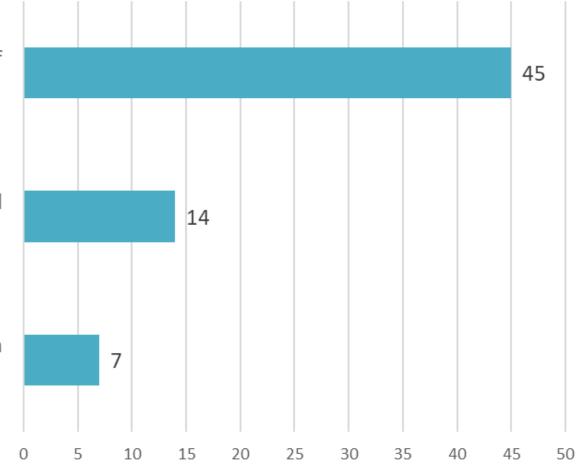


### Requests for second and third extensions

No. of Members that have requested extensions of implementation dates

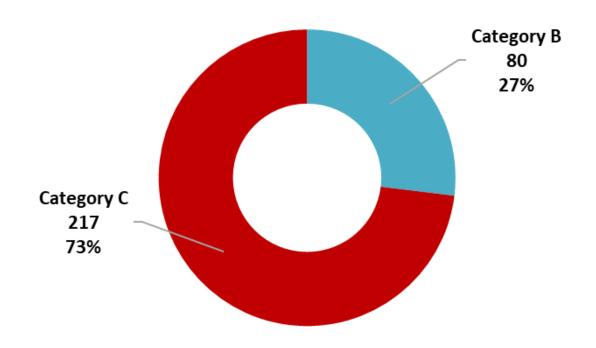
No. of Members that have requested a second extension for the same measure(s)

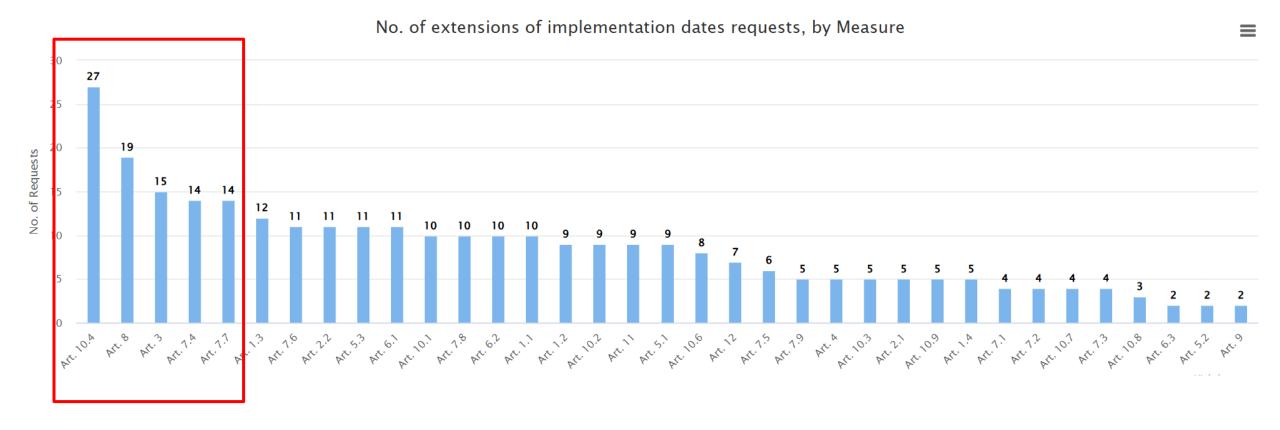
No. of Members that have requested a third extension for the same measure(s)





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





# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19

SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES

 $B \rightarrow C$ 



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

Mauritania

G/TFA/N/MRT/2

# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19

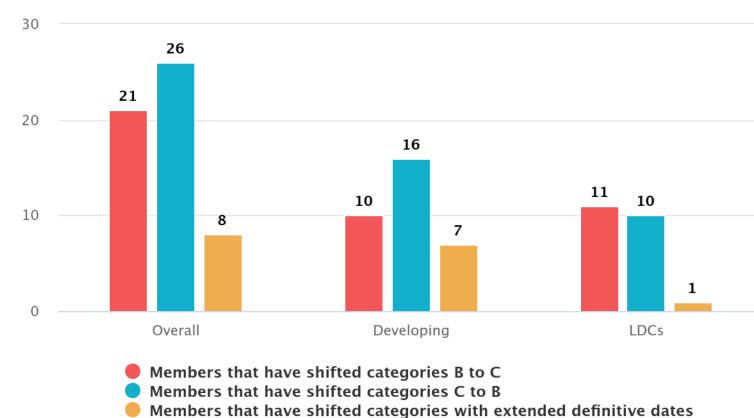
SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES





### Status of category shifting by Member

No. of Members that have shifted measures



### NOTIFICATIONS OF EARLIER IMPLEMENTATION



No. of Members that have notified earlier implementations dates	18
No. of Measures notified with earlier implementation dates	95
of which in category B	69
of which in category C	37
Average accelerated implementation period	20 months

### NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 22

TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE AND
CAPACITY
BUILDING



### **7 notifications** received since the last meeting:

**Article 22.1-22.2** – donor notifications

European Union G/TFA/N/EU/2/Add.5
United Kingdom G/TFA/N/GBR/6

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

Cabo Verde

Comoros

Djibouti

El Salvador

Nicaragua

G/TFA/N/CPV/3

G/TFA/N/COM/3

G/TFA/N/DJI/2

G/TFA/N/DJI/2

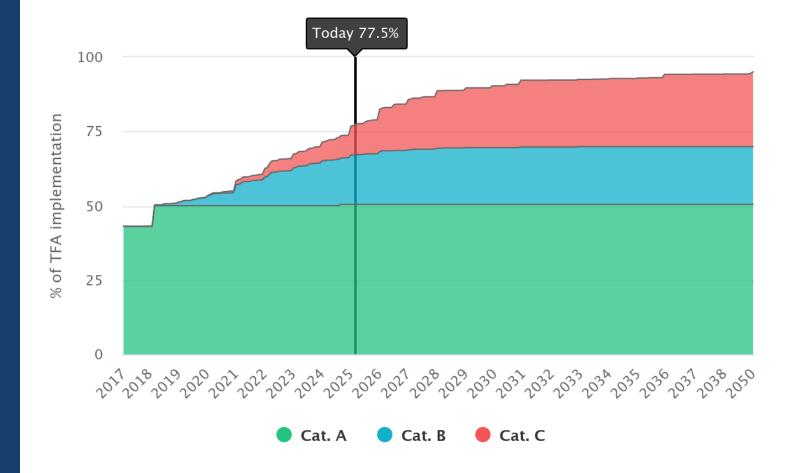
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# OVERVIEW OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS UNDER SECTION II

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

Implementation commitments according to notification data **Groupings:** LDCs & Developing



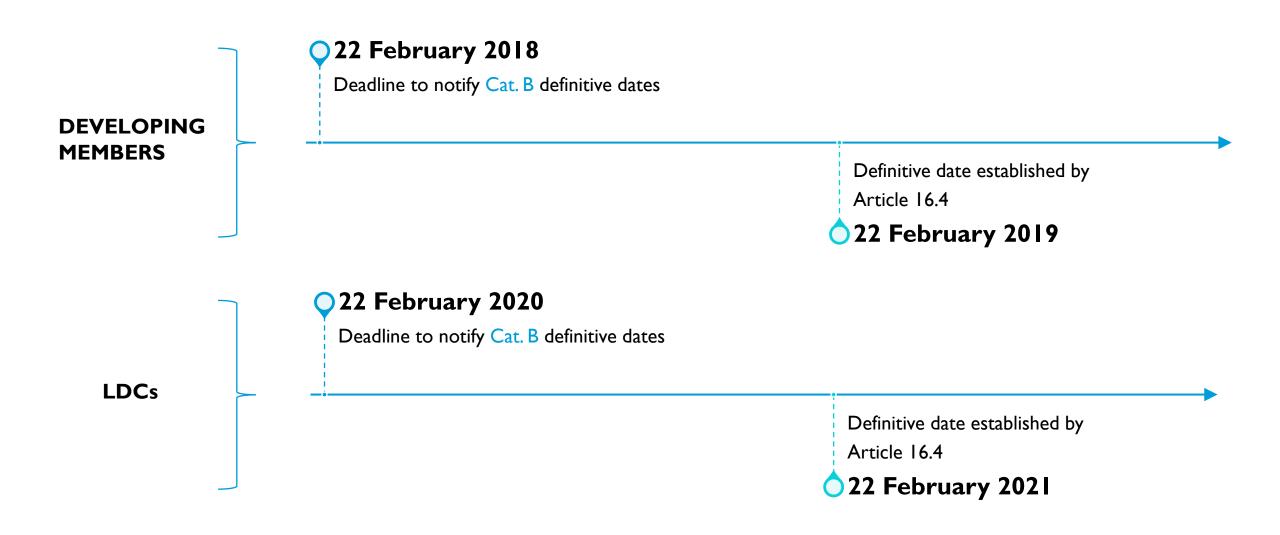


### Article 16.4 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement

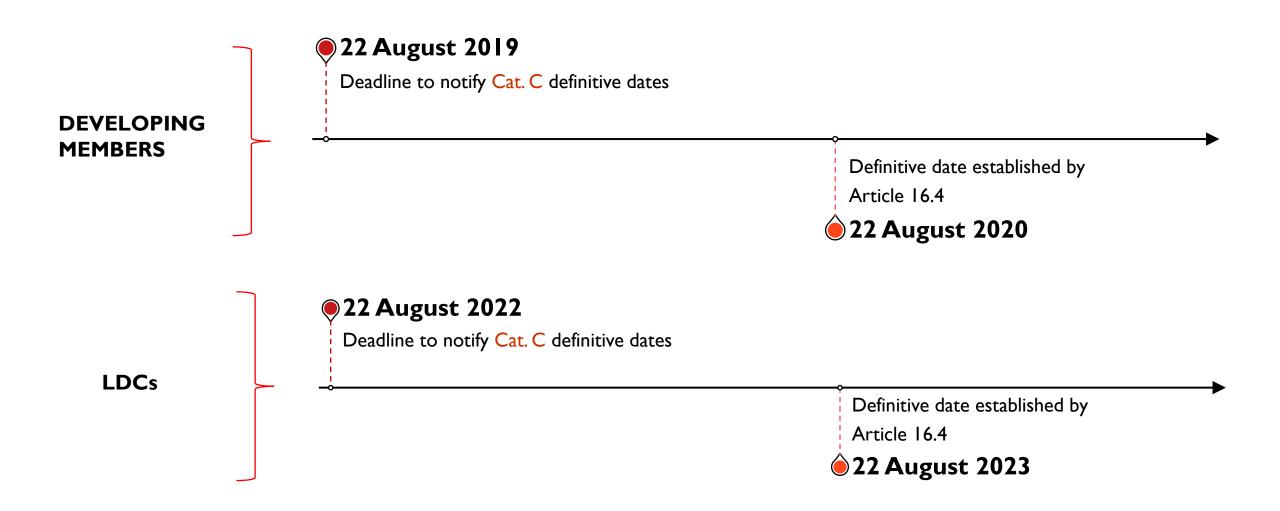
APPLICATION
OF ARTICLE 16.4
OF THE TFA

Some implementation dates were established pursuant to Article 16.4 of the TFA, whereby a Member that has not notified definitive implementation dates for designated Category B and C provisions by the stipulated deadlines is required to implement those provisions within one year after such deadlines.

### MEMBERS THAT DID NOT NOTIFY CATEGORY B DEFINITIVE DATES OR NOTIFIED THEM LATE

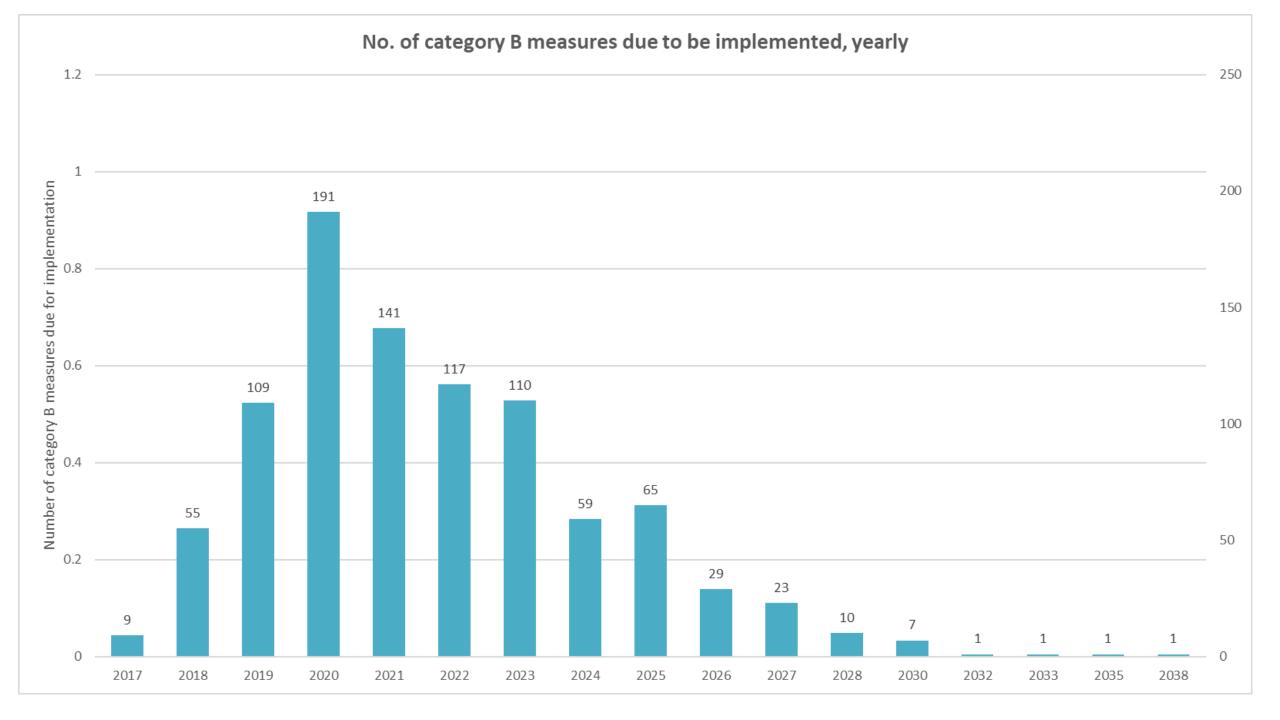


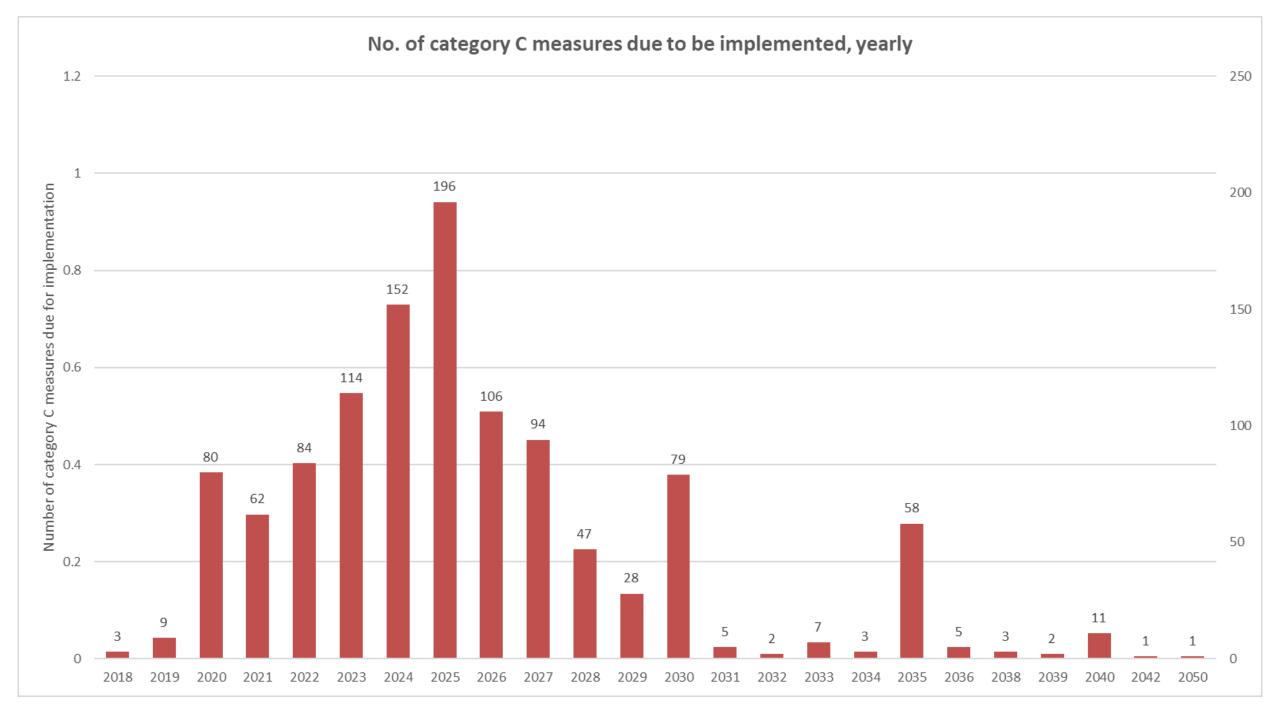
### MEMBERS THAT DID NOT NOTIFY CATEGORY C DEFINITIVE DATES OR NOTIFIED THEM LATE



## DUE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITMENTS

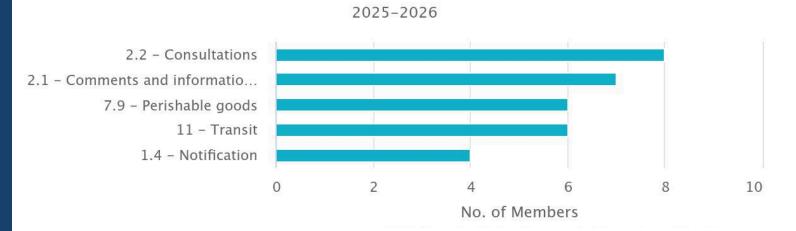






# TOP 5 CATEGORY B MEASURES DUE FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 2025-2026

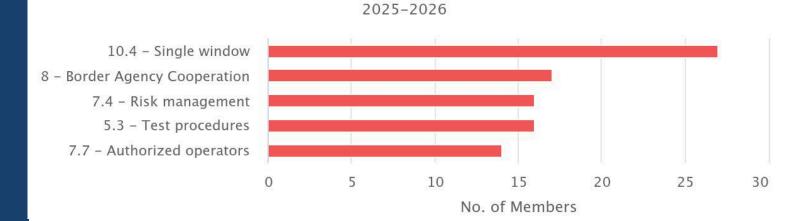
### Top 5 measures due for implementation





# TOP 5 CATEGORY C MEASURES DUE FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 2025-2026

### 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 2025 TO 31 DECEMBER 2026\*

#### Revision

As was agreed at the meeting of the Committee on Trade Facilitation on 22-23 April 2021, a listing of the provisions of the Trade Facilitation Agreement that are scheduled for implementation for each Member over the upcoming two-year period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2026<sup>1</sup> is being circulated for information. The document has no legal status and serves only to assist Members to keep track of their deadlines. As this information may be updated to reflect new notifications received and to account for decisions of the Committee, an online version with up-to-date information can also be consulted on this page:

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

In line with the provisions of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, Article 17 outlines the process for requesting extensions of implementation deadlines. Specifically, developing Members may submit notifications for extensions of implementation dates no later than 120 days before the scheduled implementation date, whereas least-developed country (LDC) Members must submit such notifications no later than 90 days before the scheduled implementation date.

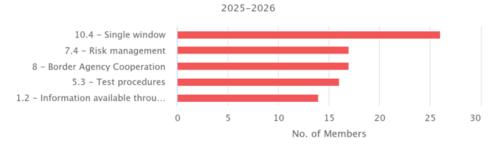
To further assist Members keeping track of their implementation deadlines, the TFA Database offers the option to subscribe to automatic email reminders of upcoming implementation dates, including deadlines for submitting extension requests. Concerned Members can activate this feature through their Member Profile page at <a href="https://www.tfadatabase.org/en/members">https://www.tfadatabase.org/en/members</a>.

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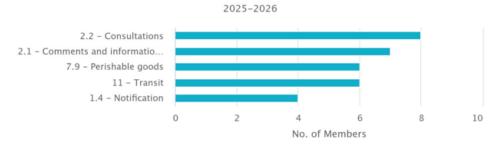
### 64 Members have committed to implement 310 Category C measures in 2025-2026

### Top 5 measures due for implementation



### 29 Members have committed to implement 93 Category B measures in 2025-2026

### Top 5 measures due for implementation



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### <u>Afghanistan</u>

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
7.9	Perishable goods	В	31 December 2025

### <u>Angola</u>

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	С	30 June 2026
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	С	30 June 2026
7.4	Risk management	С	30 June 2026
8	Border Agency Cooperation	С	30 June 2026
10.3.1, 10.3.2	Use of international standards	В	30 June 2026
10.6	Use of customs brokers	С	30 June 2026
10.7	Common border procedures	В	30 June 2026
11	Transit	В	30 June 2026
1.2	Information available through internet	С	30 June 2026
2.2	Consultations	В	30 June 2026

### **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

### <u>Argentina</u>

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
3.9 (a) (ii)	Advance rulings	В	23 January 2026
10.4	Single window	В	25 January 2026

### <u>Bangladesh</u>

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	С	30 June 2025
1.3	Enquiry points	С	30 June 2026
7.4	Risk management	С	30 June 2026
7 5	Post-clearance audit	۲	30 June 2026

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Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
7.2	Electronic payment	С	31 December 2026
10.4	Single window	С	31 December 2026

### <u>Botswana</u>

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
1.3	Enquiry points	С	31 December 2025
5.3	Test procedures	С	31 December 2025

### <u>Burkina Faso</u>

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
1.1.1	Publication	С	31 December 2025
1.2	Information available through internet	С	31 December 2025
1.3	Enquiry points	С	31 December 2025
1.4	Notification	В	31 December 2025
4	Procedures for appeal or review	С	31 December 2025
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	В	31 December 2025
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	С	31 December 2025
10.1.1	Formalities	С	31 December 2025
10.2	Acceptance of copies	С	31 December 2025
10.3.1, 10.3.2	Use of international standards	С	31 December 2025
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	С	31 December 2026
5.3	Test procedures	С	31 December 2026
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	С	31 December 2026
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	С	31 December 2026
7.4	Risk management	С	31 December 2026
12	Customs cooperation	С	31 December 2026

### <u>Burundi</u>

Article	Measure name	Category	Definitive implementation date
1.1.1	Publication	С	31 December 2026
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	С	31 December 2026

### Cabo Verde



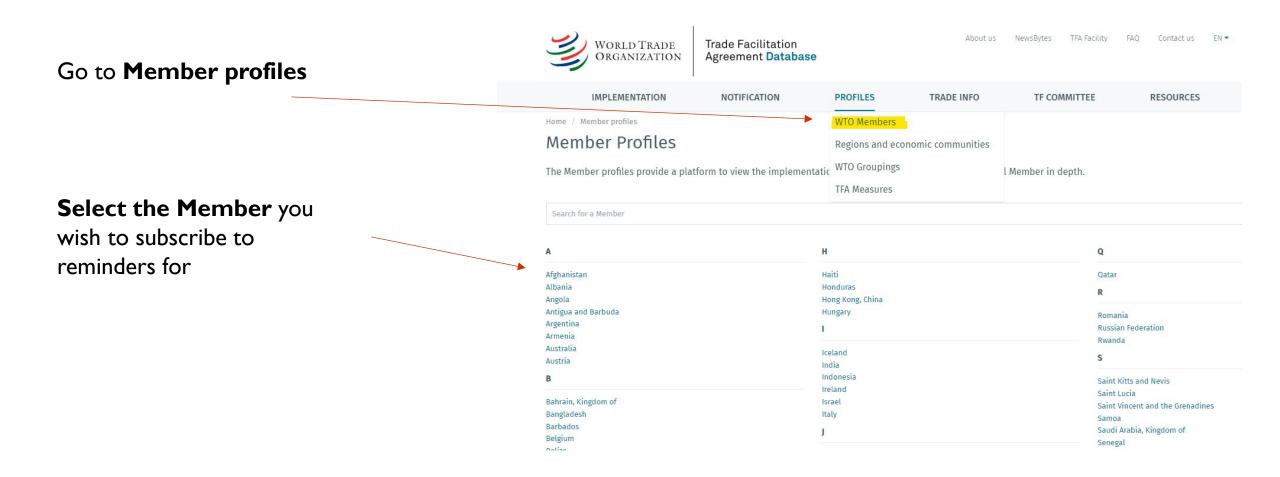
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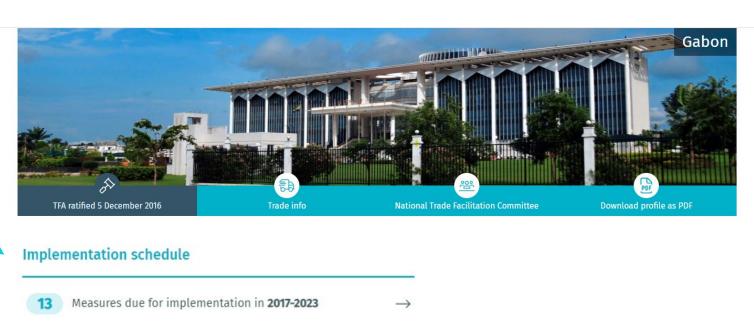
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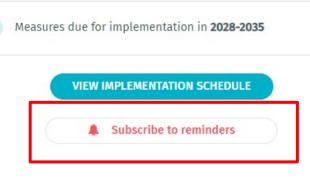


### How to sign up to automatic reminders on the TFA Database?

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Measures due for implementation in 2026-2027

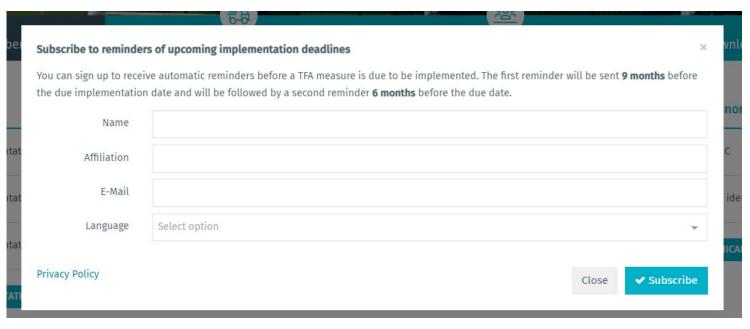
<sup>\*</sup> If the selected Member has all implementation deadlines falling less than 6 months from the time of the subscription, the reminder functionality will not appear on the page

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Fill out the **subscription form** 

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From: TFA Database <noreply@tfadatabase.org>

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

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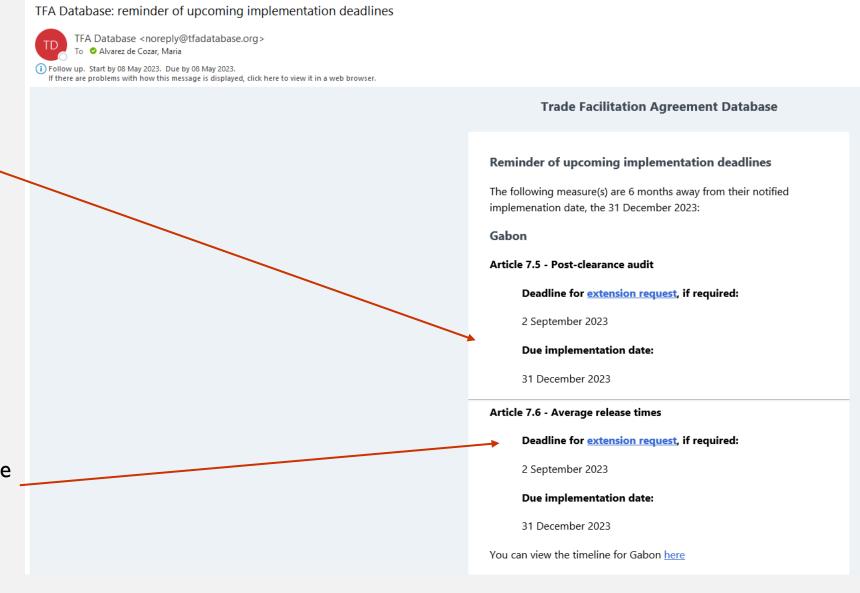
**9 months** before the due implementation date...



Second reminder:

**6 months** before the due implementation date

The reminder will contain the deadline to present an **extension request**, if required



### Questions



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### THANK YOU

WTO Secretariat

12 March 2025

