UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

WTO Secretariat
20 October 2020
RATIFICATION
UPDATES
FOUR RATIFICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

- Tanzania 08/04/20
- Vanuatu 06/05/20
- Tunisia 17/07/20
- Colombia 06/08/20
The Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) entered into force on 22 February 2017 when the WTO obtained the two-thirds acceptance from its 164 Members.

153 Ratifications
93.3%

TFAD (Trade Facilitation Agreement Database) www.tfadatabase.org
GOOD NEWS!
DEVELOPING MEMBERS HAVE 100% RATE OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION COMMITMENTS

In addition to the 9 developing Members that designated all TFA provisions in Category A: Chile; Hong Kong, China; Israel; Rep. of Korea; Mexico, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Singapore; Chinese Taipei and Turkey…

…6 developing Members have reached 100% implementation of the TFA as their category B designations are now due to be applied according to their notifications: Brazil; China, Georgia; Macao China; North Macedonia and Oman.
NOTIFICATION DEADLINES
84% of LDCs (27 Members) notified their category B definitive dates before the deadline

9 LDCs requested an extension of time to notify these dates:

- 4 have already provided the dates: Afghanistan; Lao PDR, Senegal and Solomon Islands.
- the remaining 5 Members are required to notify these dates by 21 February 2021: Burkina Faso; Chad, Djibouti; Mauritania and Sierra Leone.
Out of the 33 LDC Members that have notified Category C designations to date:

- 76% (25 Members) have already notified these dates ahead of the deadline
IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS
IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS

43 notifications received since the last meeting
THE RATE OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION COMMITMENTS FOR THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP STANDS AT 66.4% TO DATE
THE RATE OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION COMMITMENTS OF DEVELOPING + LDCS MEMBERS STANDS AT 56.2% TO DATE

Timeline of implementation commitments
Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time
Grouping: LDCs, Developing Members

Today 56.2%
Rate of TFA implementation commitments

Timeline

Developed, developing and LDCs

To date 2021-2022 2023-2026 2027 onwards unknown

66% 79% 91% 95% 6%

Based on notification data and developed Members commitments

Not yet notified

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TRANSPARENCY
40 NOTIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Article1.4

Article10.4.3

Article10.6.2

Article12.2.2

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Members had notified approximately 3000 links through their transparency notifications….

…out of which **600** seemed to be broken

After a digital spring and summer cleaning in which members kindly provided 20 revised notifications…

..the number of broken links went down to **400**

*Work continues…*

Thank you!

[www.tfadatabase.org](http://www.tfadatabase.org)
18 NOTIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Articles 22.1 & 22.2

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Article 22.3

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**Database**

- **NEWS:** we are working on adding more tools and functionalities to analyse implementation progress and make general improvements to the site.
- The database has a tool that detects broken web-links in transparency notifications. A report identifying broken links can be provided to Members.
- Visit the TF committee page to access all experience-sharing presentations made during the meetings:

  [https://tfadatabase.org/trade-facilitation-committee](https://tfadatabase.org/trade-facilitation-committee)