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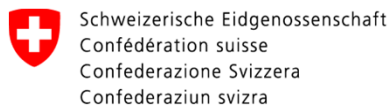
WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

State of Play and the Road Ahead

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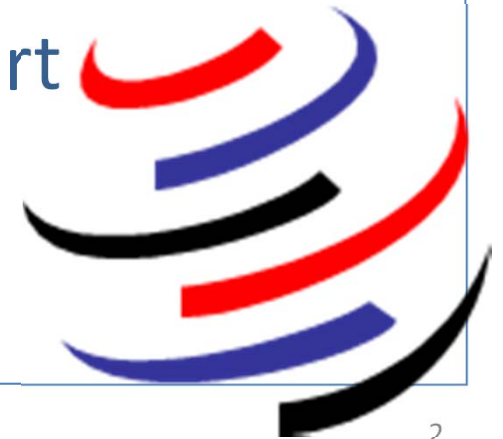
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Points covered

- ✓ Verrry brief overview of TFA
- ✓ Entry into force & ratifications
- ✓ Notifications
- ✓ WTO TF Committee
- ✓ National TF Committees
- ✓ Sources of Implementation Support

FAQs and Urban Myths



Trade Facilitation Agreement

Section I:

- ❖ 12 articles of technical measures

Section II:

- ❖ Special and Differential Treatment (SDT) Provisions for developing countries

Section III:

- ❖ Institutional Arrangements and Final Provisions

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Preparatory Committee on Trade Facilitation

AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION*

Preamble

Members,

Having regard to the negotiations launched under the Doha Ministerial Declaration;

Recalling and reaffirming the mandate and principles contained in paragraph 27 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration (WT/MIN(01)/DEC/1) and in Annex D of the Decision of the Doha Work Programme adopted by the General Council on 1 August 2004 (WT/L/579), as well as in paragraph 33 of and Annex E to the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration (WT/MIN(05)/DEC);

Desiring to clarify and improve relevant aspects of Articles V, VIII and X of the GATT 1994 with a view to further expediting the movement, release and clearance of goods, including goods in transit;

Recognizing the particular needs of developing and especially least-developed country Members and desiring to enhance assistance and support for capacity building in this area;

Recognizing the need for effective cooperation among Members on trade facilitation and customs compliance issues;

Hereby agree as follows:

SECTION I

ARTICLE 1: PUBLICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

1 Publication

1.1 Each Member shall promptly publish the following information in a non-discriminatory and easily accessible manner in order to enable governments, traders, and other interested parties to become acquainted with them:

- procedures for importation, exportation, and transit (including port, airport, and other entry-point procedures), and required forms and documents;
- applied rates of duties and taxes of any kind imposed on or in connection with importation or exportation;
- fees and charges imposed by or for governmental agencies on or in connection with importation, exportation or transit;
- rules for the classification or valuation of products for customs purposes;
- laws, regulations, and administrative rulings of general application relating to rules of origin;

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Section I - TF Measures

Transparency and Appeals

- **Publication/internet publication**
- **Enquiry Point for trade information**
- **Opportunity to comment**
- **Consultations**
- **Advance rulings**
- **Right of appeal**

Transit

- **Restrictions on fees and charges**
- **Use of guarantee**

Import/Export/Transit Fees & Formalities

- **Disciplines on fees**
- **Pre-arrival processing**
- **Risk management**
- **Post clearance audit**
- **Publish average release times**
- **Authorized operators**
- **Border agency cooperation**
- **Review formalities and documents**
- **Single window**
- **Eliminate use of PSI for tariff classification and customs valuation.**
- **Separate release from clearance**
- **Customs cooperation**

Section II -Special & Differential Treatment for developing and LDC countries

- 🕒 Implementation of agreement linked with capacity
- 🕒 Each developing & LDC Member can say when it will implement each measure
- 🕒 Identify measures can implement only with technical assistance





TFA Entry into Force

Entry into Force (EIF)

TFA with Protocol WT/L/ 940

❖ 2/3 Members ratify Protocol of Amendment & Deposit Instrument of Acceptance

❖ Two new Members:
 $2/3 \text{ of } 164 = 110$

Liberia - Member # 163

July 14, 2016



Afghanistan- Member # 164

July 29, 2016





TFA

A promotional image for the movie 'Star Wars: The Force Awakens'. The background is a collage of scenes from the film. On the left, Kylo Ren in his dark hooded cloak holds a red lightsaber. In the center, a large blue planet is visible in space. On the right, a green laser beam cuts through the dark space. At the bottom, a group of Stormtroopers stands in formation, with a Millennium Falcon flying in the background. The title 'THE FORCE AWAKENS' is centered in a black box with red and purple text.

THE FORCE AWAKENS



Only **3** ratifications needed for entry into force of the Trade Facilitation Agreement.

107 Instruments of acceptance received

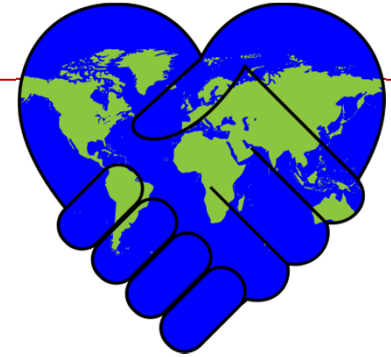


What happens at EIF?

- WTO TF committee is automatically established
- Members must have national committee
- Some ABC notifications due
- Implementation of A measures



FAQ: What about the other 1/3
Members?



**All 164 Members
must ratify**

**obligations commence from date of deposit of
instrument of acceptance**



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		Notifications list				<h3>Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility</h3> <p>The Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF) is aimed at providing support to developing and LDC Members implementing and benefiting from the Trade Facilitation Agreement. The objective of this Agreement is to boost trade by expediting the movement, release and clearance of goods across borders.</p>
		How to present notifications?				
		Ratifications list				
		How to present the instrument of ratification?				
		Statistics and Charts				

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Home > Notification & Ratification

How to present the instrument of ratification?

The Trade Facilitation Agreement will enter into force once two-thirds of Members have deposited their acceptance of this Protocol. This Protocol of Amendment, which was officially opened for signature, will be incorporated into the [WTO Agreement](#).

This page responds to frequently asked questions about acceptance procedures and provides guidance on how to follow in preparing their instruments of acceptance:

What is the WTO practice regarding the deposit of acceptances?

The WTO closely follows established United Nations depositary practice, which is based on the Vienna Convention concerning valid acceptance set out below.

What must be stated in an instrument of acceptance?

There is no single, uniform approach for drawing up an instrument of acceptance for the depositing Member. However, in line with established practice, the instrument of acceptance must:

Model instrument of acceptance

For the Protocol Amending the WTO Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization,

[Member]

INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROTOCOL AMENDING THE MARRAKESH AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Whereas the Protocol Amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (“the Protocol”) was done at Geneva on 27 November 2014 (WT/L/940);

And whereas, in accordance with its paragraph 4, the Protocol shall enter into force in accordance with Article X:3 of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization;

Now therefore, I, [name of signatory], [where applicable: head of state, head of government or minister of foreign affairs] of [Member], do hereby formally declare that [Member] accepts the aforementioned Protocol and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

In witness whereof, I [name and title of signatory] have signed this Instrument of Acceptance, at [place] on this [day] of [month] in the year [year].

[Signature, title and seal]



Common Errors

1. Must ratify the **PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT**
– not the TFA or “Bali Agreement”
2. Appropriate person must sign
3. No date





Play it safe

Send completed Instrument of Acceptance to
WTO for a very quick review
before it is signed!





NOTIFICATIONS



SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT



Category A: implemented by time Agreement enters into force

Category B: Entry into force + (X) time
(indicative dates of implementation)

Category C: need extra time & TACB

(category **notifications due** at EIF
one year later for LDCs)



91 Category A Notifications to date:

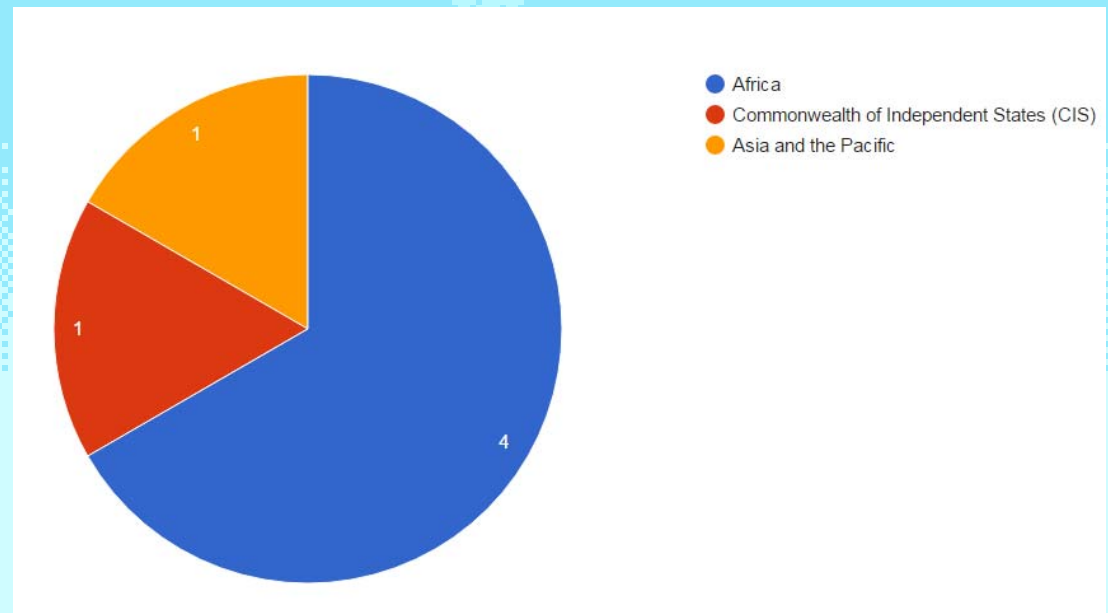
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| 4. | Korea | 24. | Sri Lanka | 53. | Egypt | 74. | Samoa |
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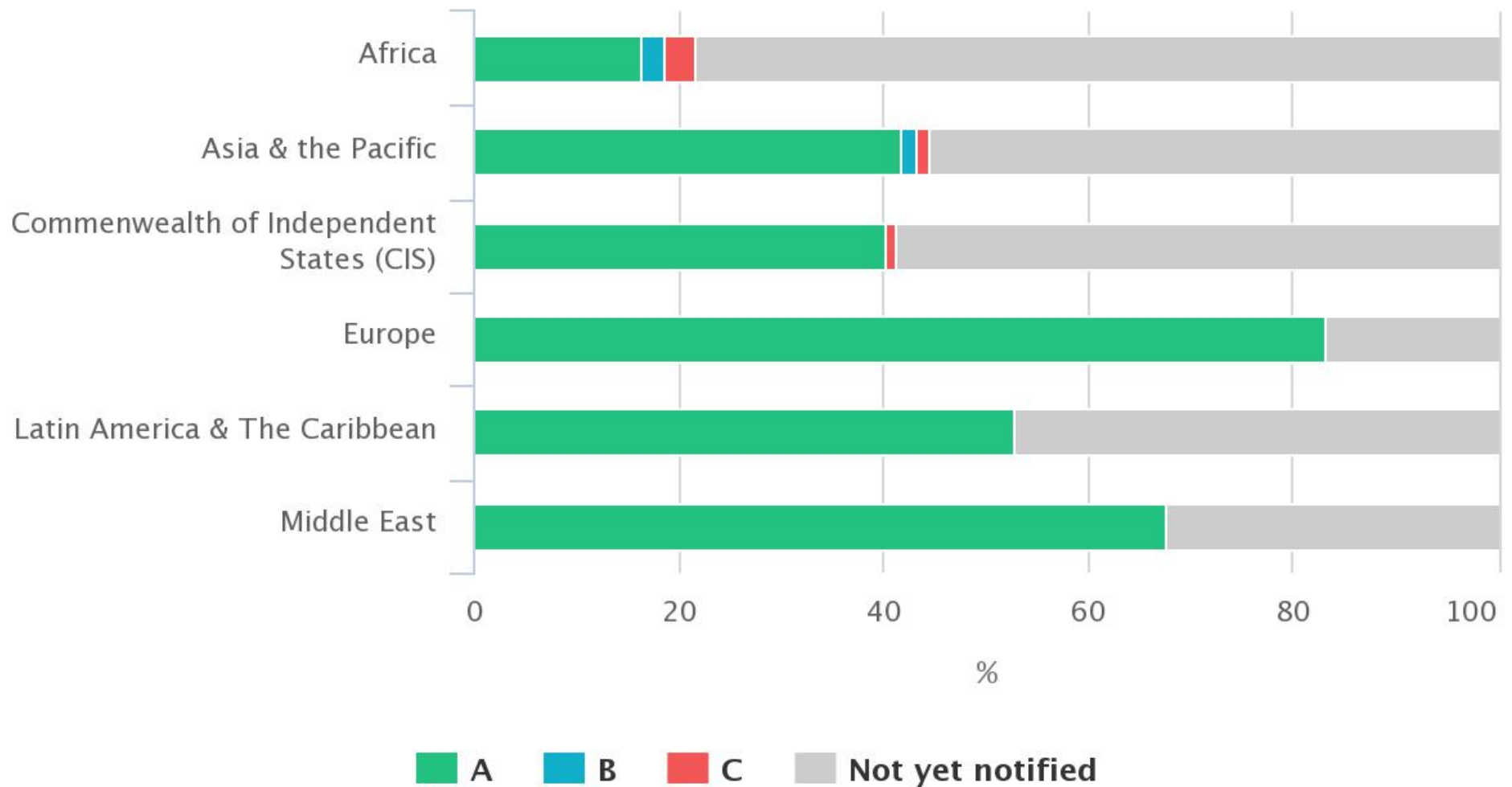
6 Categories B & C to date:

1. Zambia (LDC)
2. Georgia
3. Solomon Islands (LDC)
4. Mauritius
5. Malawi (LDC)
6. Chad (LDC)



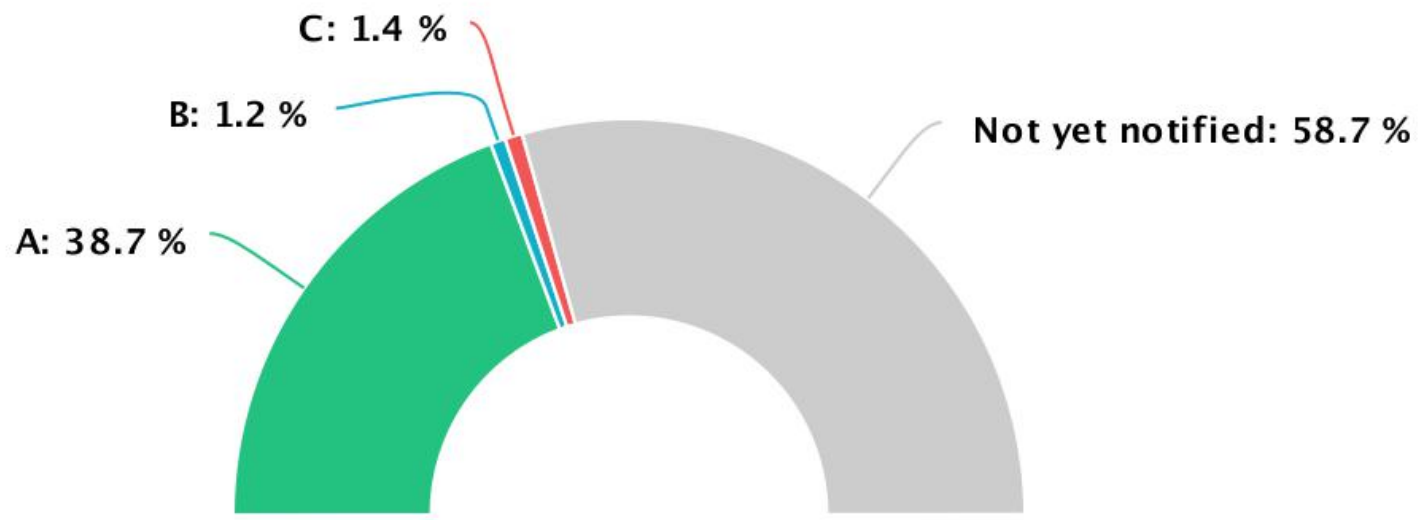
Share of Categories A, B, C by region

Based on % of all notifiable article items



Share of Categories A, B, C

Based on % of all notifiable article items – Global

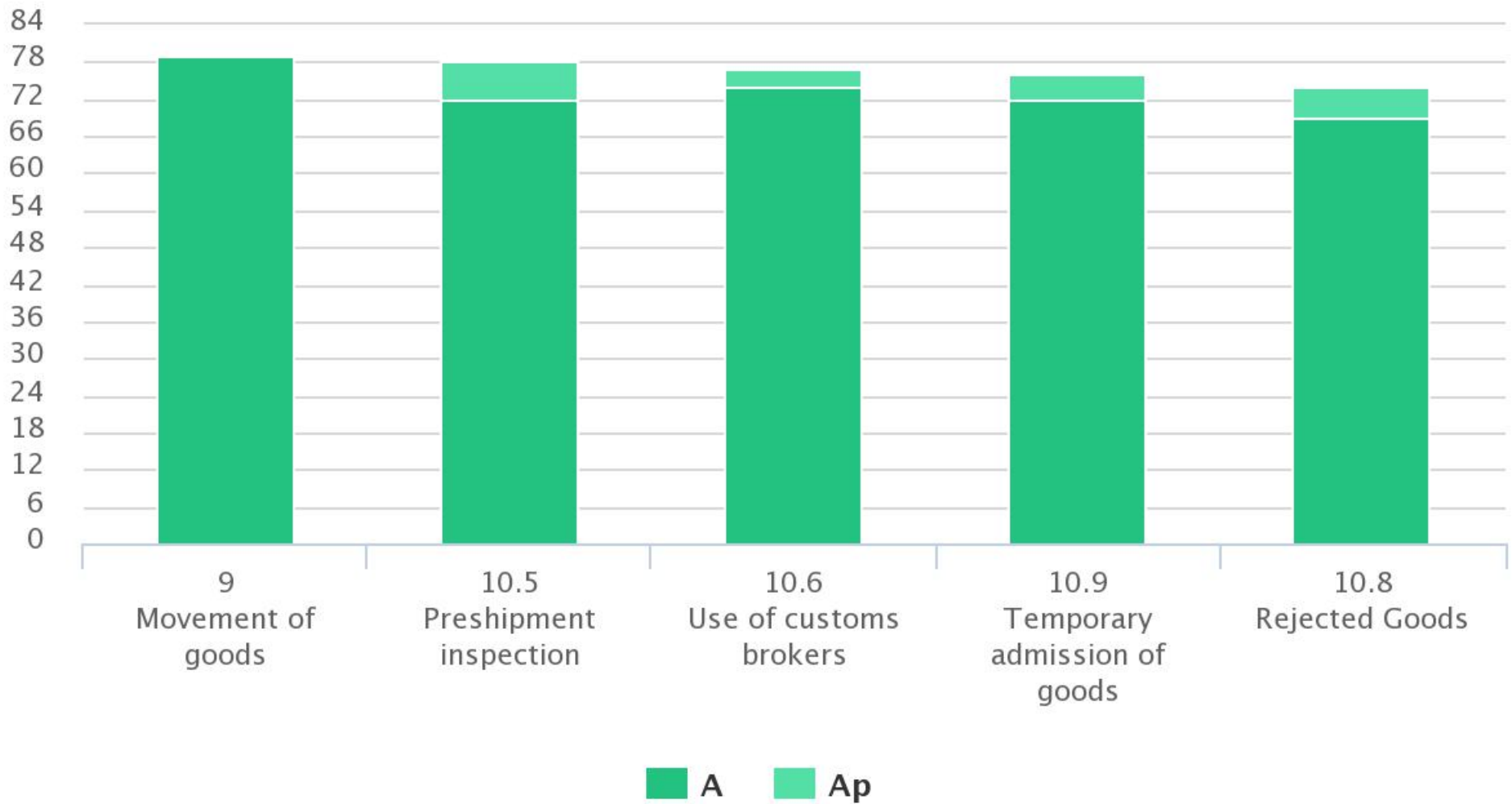


A **B** **C** **Not yet notified**

TFAD (Trade Facilitation Agreement Database) www.tfadatabase.org

The 5 most notified measures in Category A

No. of measures fully or partially notified



The 5 least notified measures in Category A

No. of measures fully or partially notified



Category ABC FAQ

- ✓ No implementation deadlines – notification
- ✓ Category A- no changes allowed
- ✓ Can notify before the deadlines!
- ✓ Template available on TFAF website
- ✓ Article 23 – national TF committee cannot be notified – must be in place right away
- ✓ Can ask donors for TACB for ABC and committees





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Insert A, B, or C or leave blank
 "NOT APPLICABLE" is not a valid option



NOTE TO LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES: If at this time you do not want to provide the indicative dates or Assistance and Support for Capacity Building Required for Implementation – then please add "To be determined" to these two columns.

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation (for categories B and C)	Definitive date for implementation (for categories B and C)	Assistance and Support for Capacity Building Required for Implementation (for category C)
Article 1	Publication and Availability of Information				
Article 1.1	Publication			To be determined	
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet				
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points				
Article 1.4	Notification				
Article 2	Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations				
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force				
Article 2.2	Consultations				
Article 3	Advance Rulings				
Article 4	Procedures for Appeal or Review				
Article 5	Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency				
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections				
Article 5.2	Detention				
Article 5.3	Test Procedures				
Article 6	Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation and Penalties				
Article 6.1	General Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation				
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation				
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Article 7.9	Perishable Goods				
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Article 9	Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control				
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Article 10.4	Single Window				
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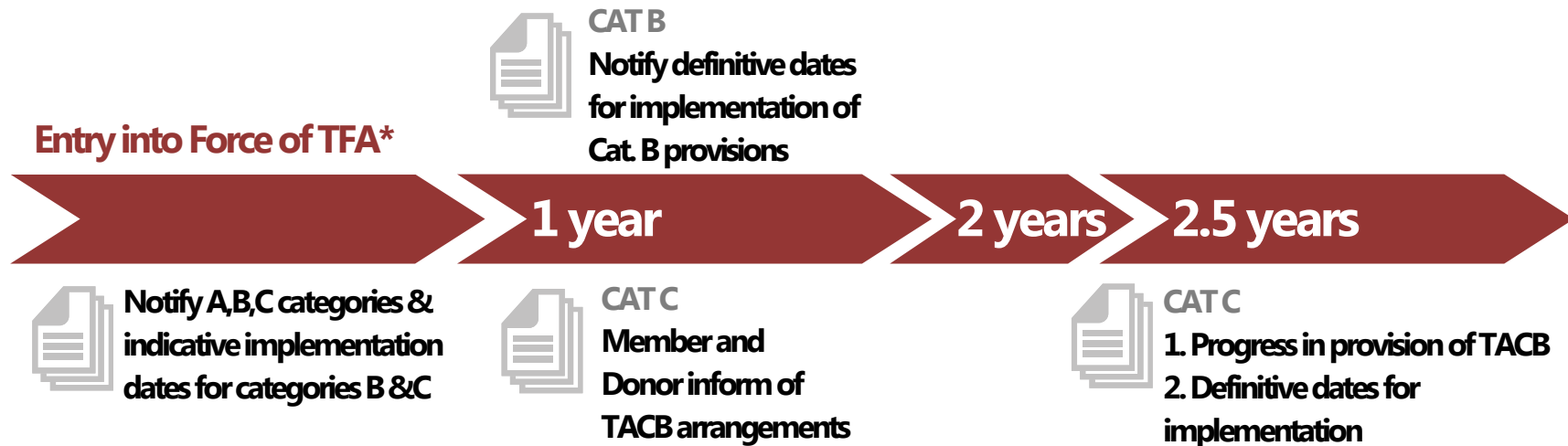
ABC Notification Template

Feel free to add a column to include additional information such as the information mentioned in footnote 18 to TFA Article 16.1 (b) which states that Members may also include information on national trade facilitation implementation plans or projects, the domestic agency or entity responsible for implementation, and the donors with which the member may have an arrangement in place to provide assistance.



Timelines run from date TFA enters into force (regardless of ratification date)

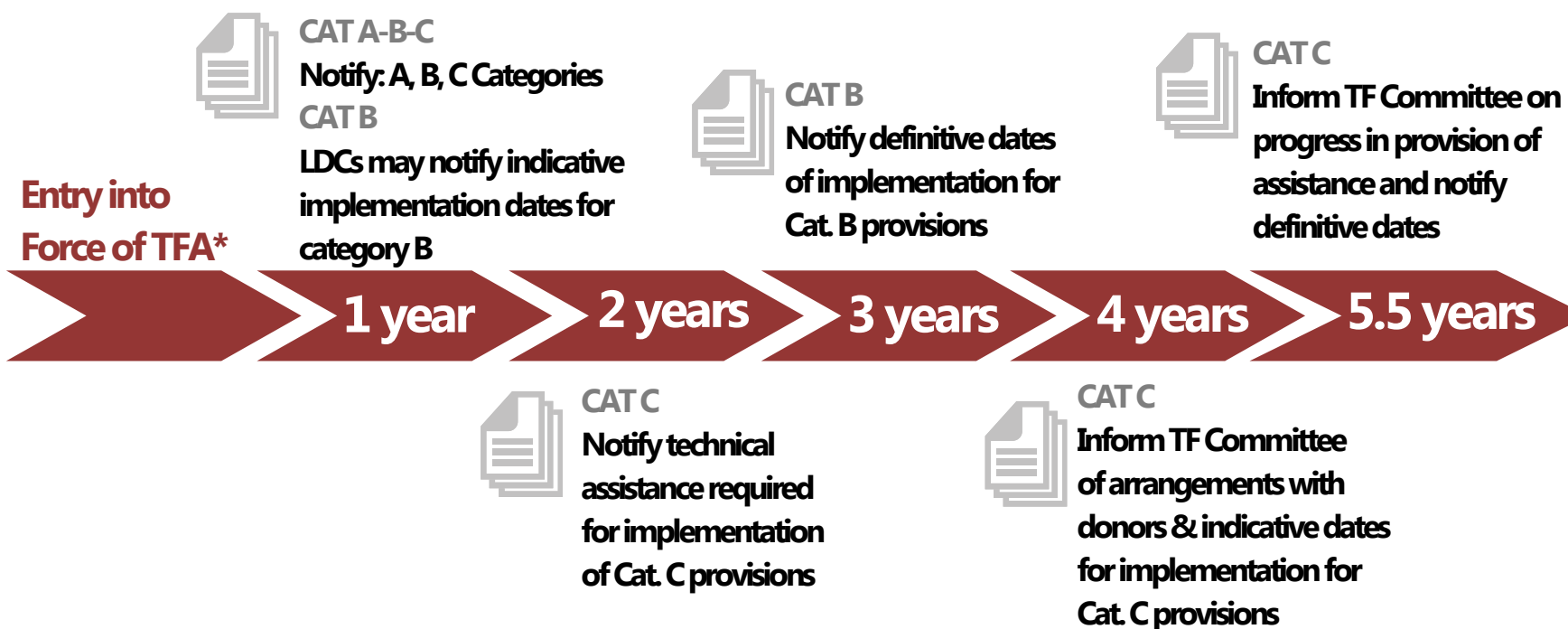
Notification Timeline for Developing Members



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Notification Timeline for Least Developed Country Members



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Notifications: developing countries that have **RATIFIED AT EIF** (in the 110)

Due by the date TFA enters into force:

- ✓ Category A measures
- ✓ Category B measures + indicative dates
- ✓ Category C measures + indicative dates + **TACB** required

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NOTIFICATION DES ENGAGEMENTS DE LA CATÉGORIE A AU TITRE DE L'ACCORD SUR LA FACILITATION DES ÉCHANGES
COMMUNICATION PRÉSENTÉE PAR LE SÉNÉGAL

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N° D'ORDRE	ARTICLE/PARAGRAPHE	DESCRIPTION
1	2.1	Possibilité de présenter des observations et engagements avant l'entrée en vigueur
2	2.2	Consultations
3	4	Procédures de recours ou de réexamen
4	5.2	Rétention
5	5.3	Procédure d'essai
6	7.1	Traitement avant arrivée
7	7.2	Paiement par voie électronique
8	7.3	Séparation de la manœuvre de la détermination finale des droits de douane, taxes, redevances et impositions
9	7.4	Gestion des risques
10	7.6	Établissement et publication des temps moyens nécessaires à la manœuvre
11	9	Mouvement des marchandises destinées à l'importation sous contrôle douanier
12	10.2	Acceptation de copies
13	10.3	Utilisation des normes internationales
**	**	Et cetera

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Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation (for categories B and C)	Definitive date for implementation (for categories B and C)	Assistance and Support for Capacity Building Required for Implementation (for category C)
Article 1	Publication and Availability of Information				
Article 1.1	Publication	B	January 1, 2018	To be determined	
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	July 1, 2020	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop & implement policy guidelines on publication of trade related information. 2. Ensure timely review and update of trade related information on internet by the relevant agencies. 3. Ministry of Trade to set up a dedicated website for trade related information 4. Provide capacity building in institutions
Article 3	Advance Rulings	B	January 1, 2019	To be determined	
Article 4	Procedures for Appeal or Review	A			32

Notifications for developing countries that RATIFY AFTER EIF

- ✓ All are due by date instrument of acceptance notified to WTO.
- ✓ Category A measures
- ✓ Category B measures + indicative dates
- ✓ Category C measures + indicative dates + TACB required

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3	4	Procédures de recours ou de réexamen
4	5.2	Rétention
5	5.3	Procédure d'essai
6	7.1	Traitement avant arrivée

EIF plus 1 year even if ratify after EIF

Developing countries

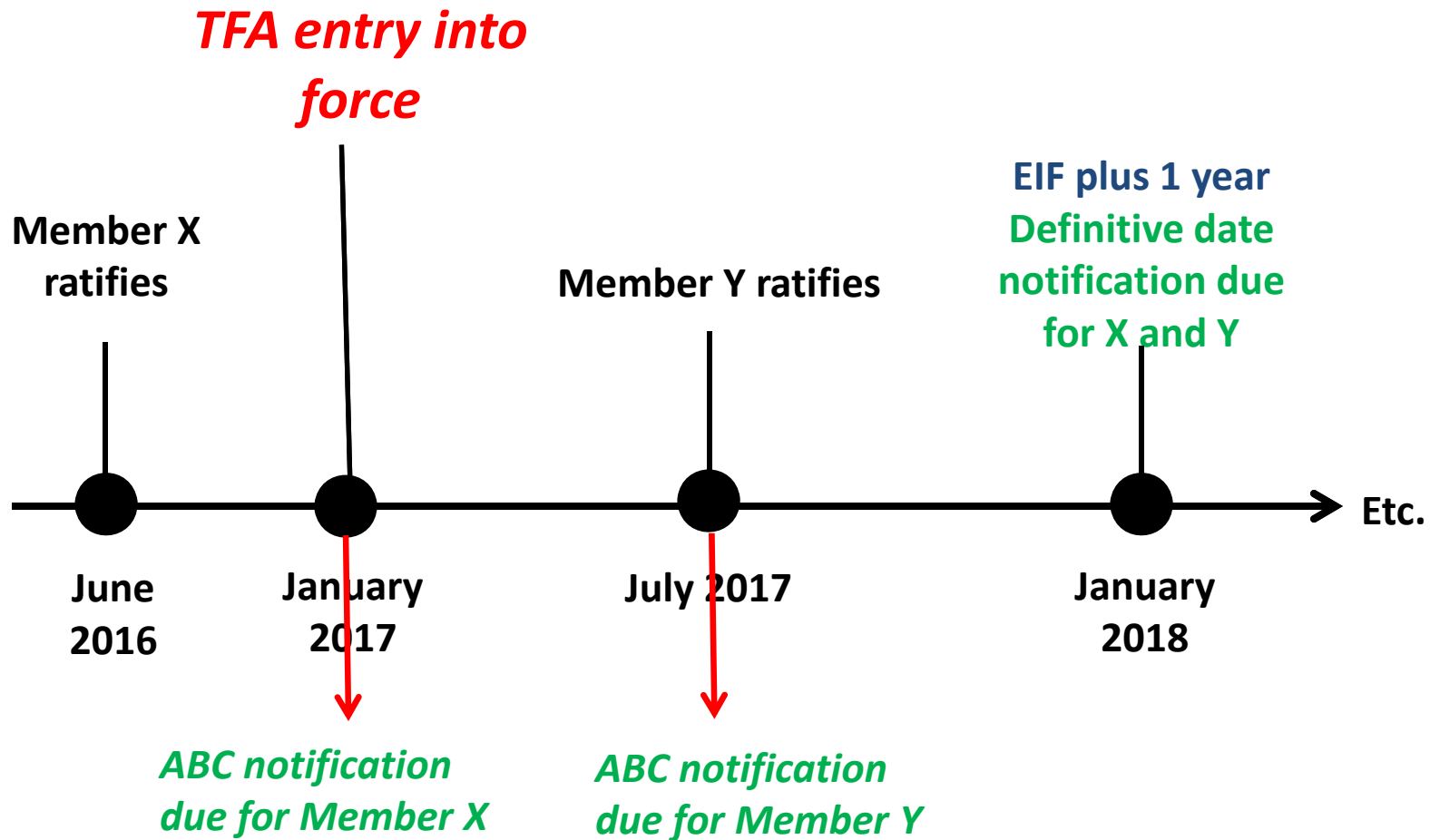
- Category B- definitive dates
- Category C – inform of TACB arrangements

LDCs

- Notify categories ABC (implement Category A)
- MAY* notify indicative dates

Timelines for all notifications based on date of TFA **entry into force**

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Later notifications:

Developing countries

- 2.5 years after EIF:
- Progress in provision of TACB
- Definitive dates for category C measures



LDCs

- 3 years after EIF: definitive dates for Cat B
- 4 years after EIF: TACB arrangements and indicative dates for Cat C measures

Reminder

All Members can
present notifications
before the
deadlines!!!!



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WTO Trade Facilitation Committee

WTO TF Committee

How: Established when TFA enters into force

Who: Made up of all Members

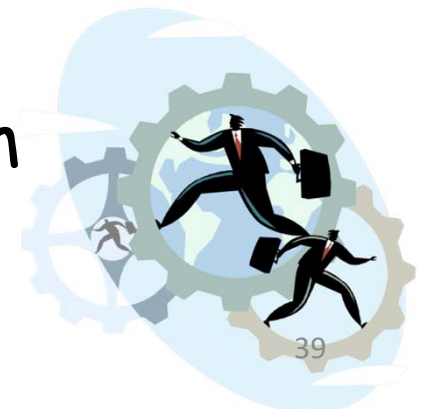
- can request intl organizations to advise & assist with implementation

Why: Consult on operation of the TFA

- Further TFA objectives

When: Meet as needed (minimum 1X/year)

Where: WTO



Why Important?

- 🧠 Forum to raise issues on implementation of TFA
- 🧠 Resolution of issues between Members to avoid disputes
- 🧠 Source of information
 - Sharing of experience/best practices
 - other members TFA situation
 - TFA Facility events



WTO TFA Committee: Putting into operation:

- Members Select Chair of TF Committee
- Consultations
- Establish work program





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NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE FACILITATION



ARTICLE 23.2

Each Member shall establish and/or maintain a national committee on trade facilitation or designate an existing mechanism to facilitate both domestic coordination and implementation of the provisions of this Agreement.

Role of National TF Committees - WTO

Oversee implementation

- Coordination for Measures
 - Border agency co-operation
 - Single window
- Coordination of stakeholders needs & priorities- including private sector
- Coordinate internal approach to find implementation support
- Notifications
 - Must reflect all border agencies



Other Important Roles of National TF Committees

- Awareness
- Regional coordination
 - Implementation of measures :
 - Border agency co-operation
 - Transit
 - Regional TACB





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IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility



Operational November 27, 2014



THE FACILITY – WHAT DOES IT DO?

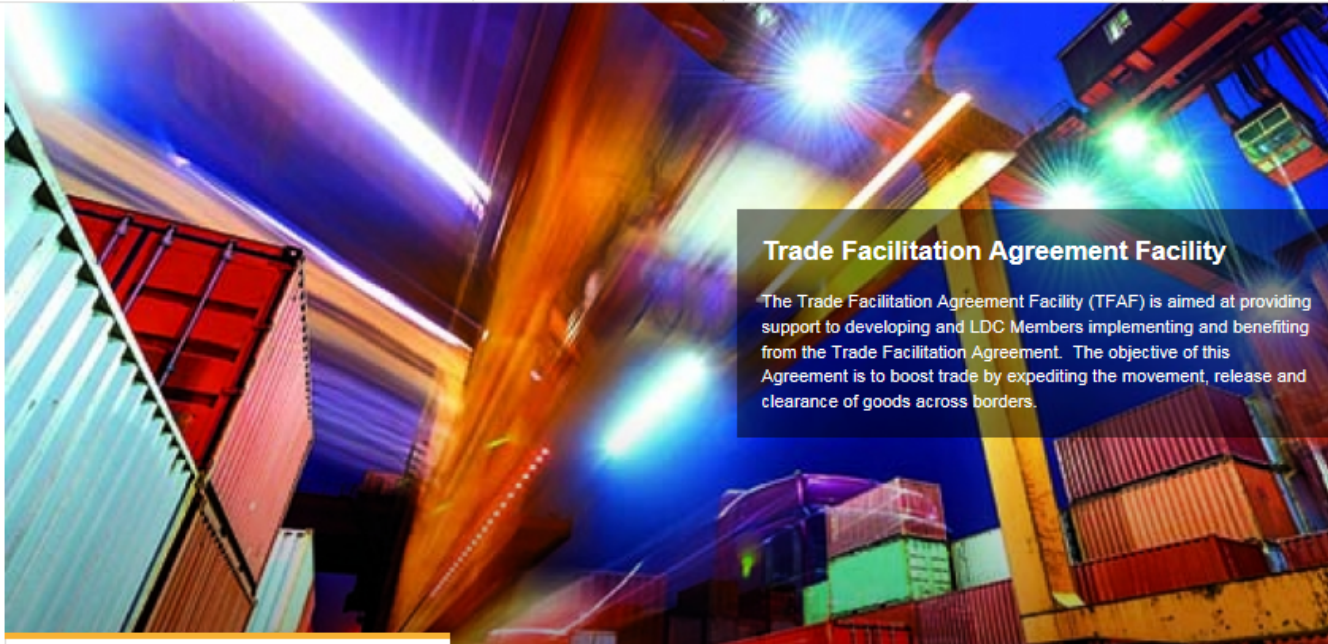
- ❖ Platform for information on the TFA:
 - ❖ best practices in implementation of the TF measures
 - ❖ Donor support programs
 - ❖ National contact points . . .
- ❖ Help Members find the implementation assistance they need
- ❖ Provide technical assistance on the TFA and ABC notifications
- ❖ Encourage coordination among assistance providers
- ❖ Where no other funds available, provide seed money or resources for implementation

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Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility

The Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF) is aimed at providing support to developing and LDC Members implementing and benefiting from the Trade Facilitation Agreement. The objective of this Agreement is to boost trade by expediting the movement, release and clearance of goods across borders.

Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility



Notifications & Ratifications updates



Trade Facilitation events at the upcoming Ministerial Conference in Nairobi





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		How to present notifications?				
		Ratifications list				
		How to present the instrument of ratification?				
		Statistics and Charts				

Assistance in Identification Of Possible Development Partners

- Information platform
 - Information on donor/organizations support programs www.tfafacility.org
- Matchmaking
 - As needed



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International Organizations

- [Enhanced Integrated Framework \(EIF\)](#)
- [International Trade Centre \(ITC\)](#)
- [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development \(OECD\)](#)
- [United Nations Conference on Trade and Development \(UNCTAD\)](#)
- [United Nations Industrial Development Organization \(UNIDO\)](#)
- [World Bank Group](#)
- [World Customs Organization \(WCO\)](#)

Regional Organizations

- [Africa Trade Fund \(AfTra\)](#)
- [African Development Bank \(AfDB\)](#)
- [African Union \(AU\)](#)
- [Caribbean Community Secretariat \(CARICOM\)](#)
- [Inter-American Development Bank \(IaDB\)](#)
- [Islamic Development Bank \(IsDB\)](#)
- [Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat \(PIFS\)](#)
- [Southern African Development Community \(SADC\)](#)
- [United Nations Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean \(UNECLAC\)](#)
- [United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific \(UNESCAP\)](#)

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World Bank Group



World Bank Group support for trade facilitation is comprehensive, covering all aspects of the Trade Facilitation Agreement and supporting the Trade Facilitation Agreement objective to create more open, transparent and competitive trade regimes. Support is available to respond rapidly to WTO Member needs, as well as to implement longer-term projects. The World Bank Group's assistance is delivered in a number of ways, including:

- Knowledge and analytical products
- Diagnostics (e.g. to help identify reform priorities)
- Technical assistance and advisory services (e.g. smaller projects to deliver quick results)
- Financing and expertise for major projects (e.g. institutional development in customs and border management agencies, ICT, or infrastructure)
- Research and data products (e.g. Logistics Performance Index; Doing Business)

World Bank Group annual support for trade facilitation is currently approximately \$5.8 billion. This supports efforts to strengthen trade facilitation institutions and processes (aligned with the Trade Facilitation Agreement measures), as well as improving infrastructure and logistics services, among other areas. The Bank Group works in close cooperation with bilateral donors and other international organizations. Support is also provided for regional initiatives. Enquiries related to assistance for trade facilitation can be directed through any of the following:

Online: tfsp@worldbankgroup.org and www.tradefacilitationsupportprogram.org

There is no standard format or template for requesting assistance.

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- 11. Freedom of transit
- 12. Customs cooperation

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10 Import, export & transit formalities

Case Studies

- [EU - The single administration document \(SAD\)](#)
- [Brasil - Single Window \(in spanish\)](#)
- [Ecuador - Single Window](#)
- [Guidelines for Single Window Implementation in Africa](#)
- [Lesotho Revenue Authority - Customs Modernisation Programme - Aid for Trade SGR CS #21](#)
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- [The Kenyan Environment and Implementation of the National Single Window - CS #24 Aid for Trade SGR](#)
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- [TMEA - Rwanda - Single Window](#)
- [UNECE - Single Window for Trade](#)
- [UNRCs - TF and Paperless Trade Implementation Survey 2015 - Global Report](#)

7 Release and clearance of goods

Case Studies

- [Peru - Advanced Customs Clearance System](#)
- [Nigeria - Pre-arrival processing](#)
- [New Zealand - Deferred Payment Scheme](#)
- [New Zealand - Risk management](#)
- [Canada - Post-Clearance Audit](#)
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- [Dominican Republic - Authorized Economic Operator Programme](#)
- [Jamaica - Case Study on Authorised Economic Operators](#)
- [USA - Best practices in use of expedited shipments](#)

General case studies

- [UNCTAD - Reaping benefits from trade facilitation - Policy brief 42 - December 2015](#)
- [UNRCs - TF and Paperless Trade Implementation Survey 2015 - Global Report](#)
- [Malaysia's experience in Trade Facilitation - TN/TF/W/50](#)
- [Pakistan's experience in Trade Facilitation - TN/TF/W/135](#)
- [Thailand's experiences in Trade Facilitation - TN/TF/W/61](#)
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- [Guatemala's experience - express consignments - TN/TF/W/65](#)
- [Maintaining a NCTF - Lao PDR - 2016.06.08](#)

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Implementation guides

- [ITC - SMEs and the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement - A training manual - December 2015](#)
- [Guidelines for Single Window Implementation in Africa](#)
- [ITC - A Business Guide for Developing Countries](#)
- [UNCTAD - The new frontier of competitiveness in developing countries - Implementing Trade Facilitation](#)
- [UNECE - Guide to drafting a National Trade Facilitation Roadmap](#)
- [UNECE - Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide](#)
- [USAID's implementation guide - second edition - June 2015](#)
- [WCO's Implementation Guidance](#)
- [World Bank - Trade and Transport Facilitation Assessment - A practical toolkit for country implementation](#)

Brochures, articles and research papers

- [Brochure - WTO Trade Facilitation](#)
- [Do trade facilitation provisions in regional trade agreements matter? by Yann Duval, Nora Neufeld, Chorthip Utoktham](#)

Trade Facilitation indicators

- [World Bank - Doing business](#)
- [Aid for Trade Country Profiles](#)
- [Global Express Association Customs Capabilities](#)

Funding- Grants

If can't find assistance needed



- Project preparation (max \$30,000)
- Project implementation (max \$200,000)

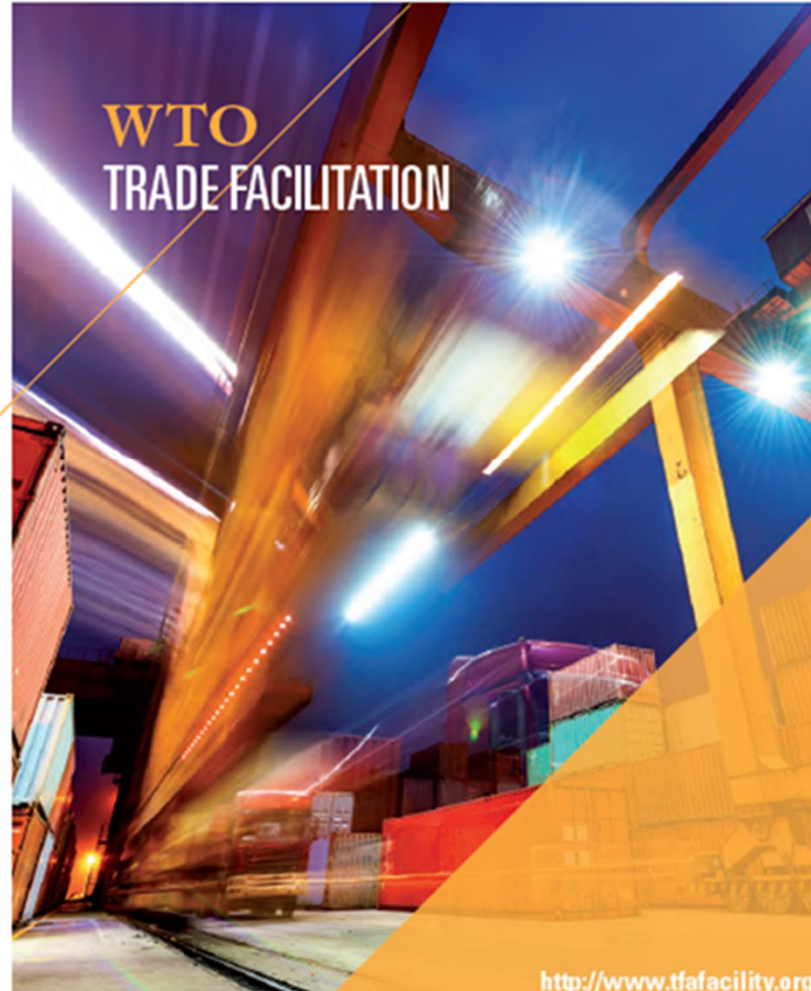
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Our NewsBytes bring you the latest updates from the WTO Trade Facilitation team such as new TFA ratifications, notifications and any important developments regarding the Facility.



TFA RATIFICATION UPDATES

Bahrain and Bangladesh, latest ratifications received, bringing the total number of ratifications to 94.



TFA NOTIFICATION UPDATES

To date, 87 WTO Members have presented Category A notifications, and 5 have submitted Category B and C ones.

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Finding Implementation Support

Where to start.

- ✦ Start with your existing donors – look in region
- ✦ Know your needs –ABC notification/studies
- ✦ Donor coordinator on the NTF committee
- ✦ Work with Geneva & Brussels missions
- ✦ WTO TF Committee Meetings
- ✦ Private sector
- ✦ Follow-up!



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