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DEVELOPMENTS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT



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AGENDA



1. Rate of TFA implementation commitments
2. Use of TFA section II implementation flexibilities
3. Due implementation commitments 2023-2024
4. Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

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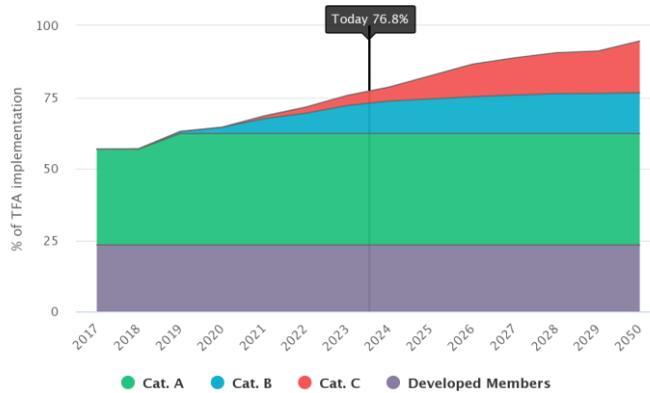
TFA RATE OF IMPLEMENTATION COMMITMENTS



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Timeline of implementation commitments

Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time



TODAY
22 Feb 2017 - 13 Jul 2023
76.8%

2023 - 2024
14 Jul 2023 - 31 Dec 2024
82.5%
+5.7%

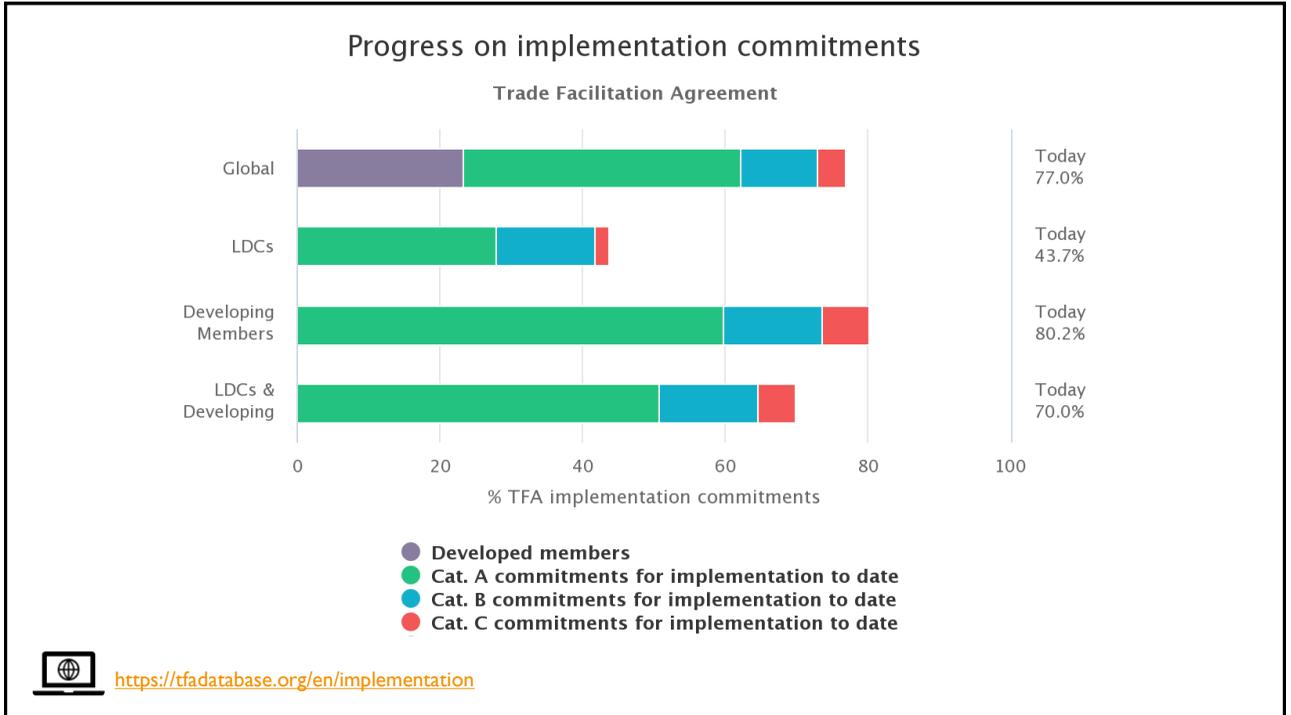
2025 - 2027
1 Jan 2025 - 31 Dec 2027
90.5%
+8.0%

2028 - 2050
1 Jan 2028 - 31 Dec 2050
94.6%
+4.1%

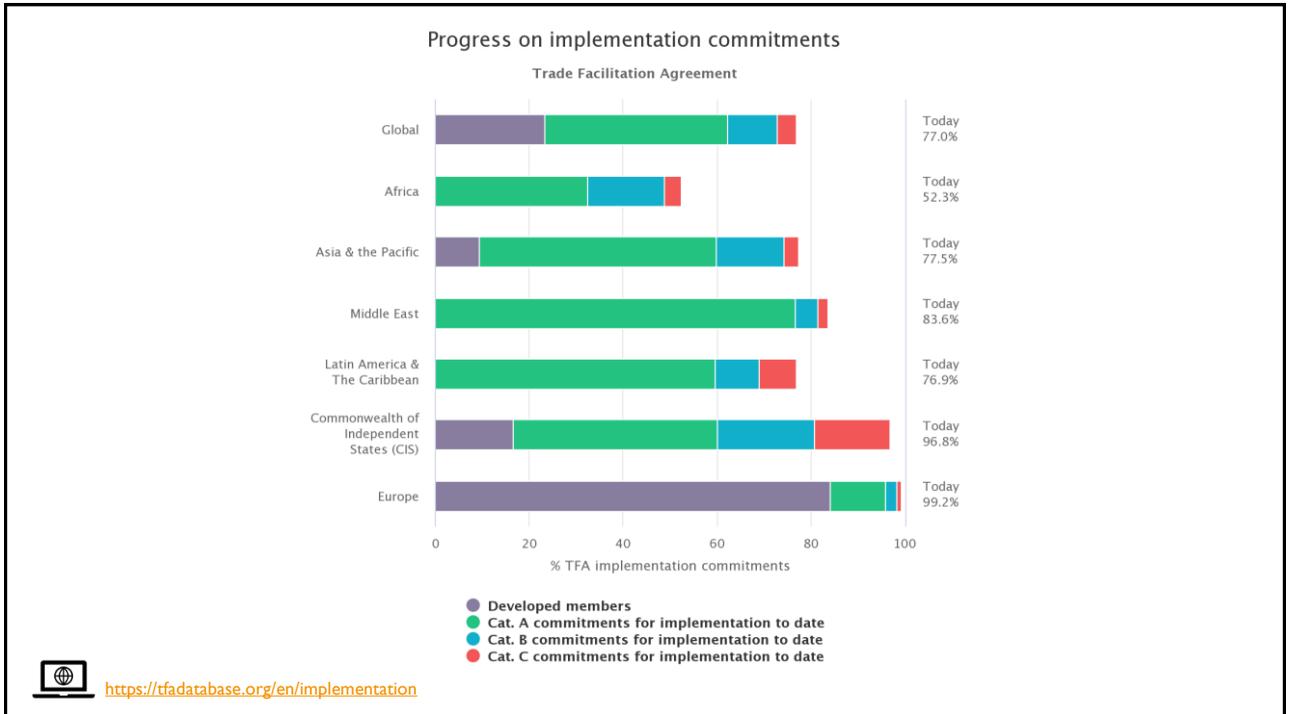


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USE OF SECTION II IMPLEMENTATION FLEXIBILITIES



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EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



Early Warning Mechanism: extension of implementation dates for provisions in categories B and C

Article 17 of the TFA states that developing and LDC Members experiencing difficulties in implementing a provision by its definitive date already notified, can request an extension if complying with certain requirements



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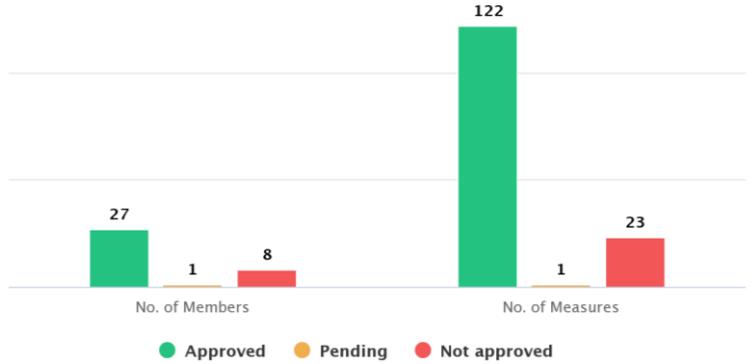
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EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



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

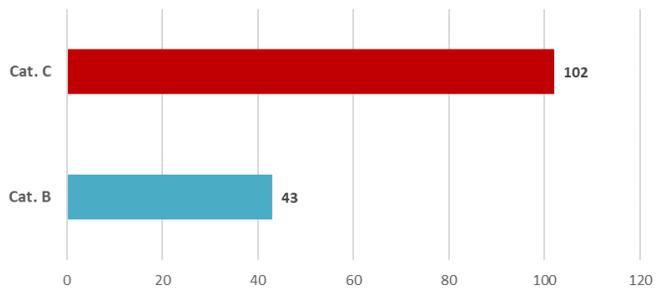


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145 EXTENSION REQUESTS BY 30 MEMBERS



Count of requests received, by measure and by category



*Out of 30 Members that have requested extensions of implementation dates, 5 have requested a second extension for the same measure



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SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES

B → C

C → B

Shifting between categories B and C

Article 19 of the TFA states that a developing or least-developed Member can shift a measure from category B to category C or from category C to category B by notifying this information to the Trade Facilitation Committee.

In the event that additional time is required to implement a shifted measure, Members can also request an extension of time under Article 17

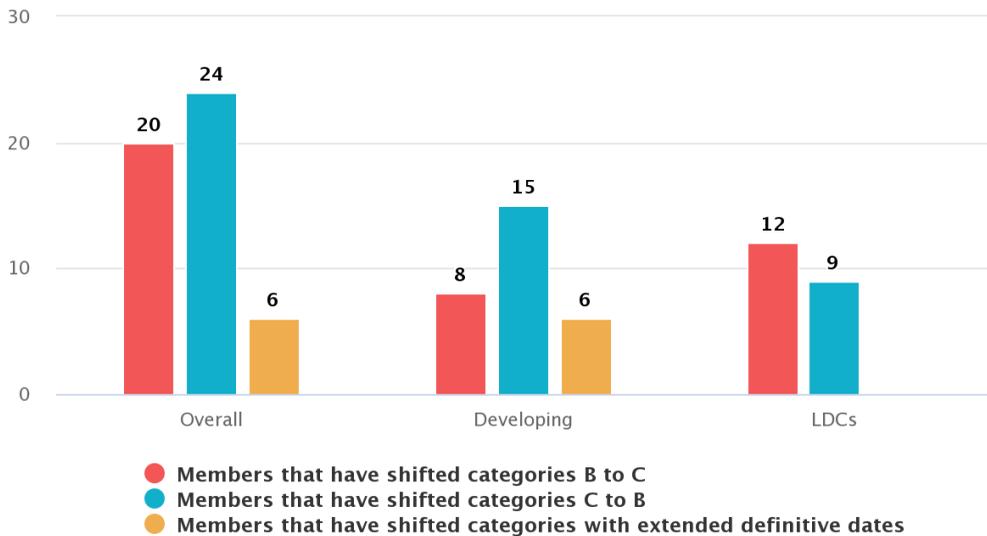


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Status of category shifting by Member

No. of Members that have shifted measures



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UPCOMING DUE IMPLEMENTATION DATES

2023-2024



53 Members
have committed to implement
260 Category C measures
in the 2023-2024 period

44 Members
have committed to implement
145 Category B measures
in the 2023-2024 period

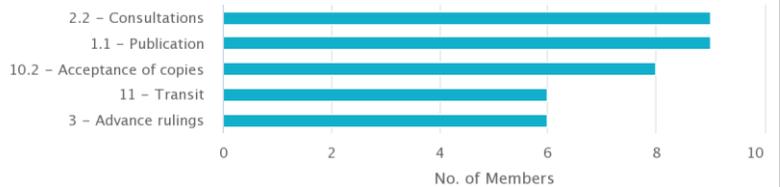


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TOP 5 CATEGORY B AND CATEGORY C MEASURES DUE FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 2023-2024

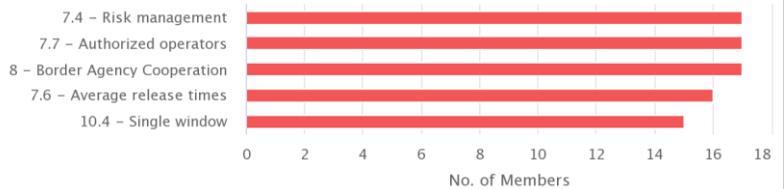
Top 5 measures due for implementation

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IMPORTANT

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DATES

How to subscribe

1. Available at the TFA Database **Member profile pages**
2. Reminder automatically sent **6 months** before the due implementation date



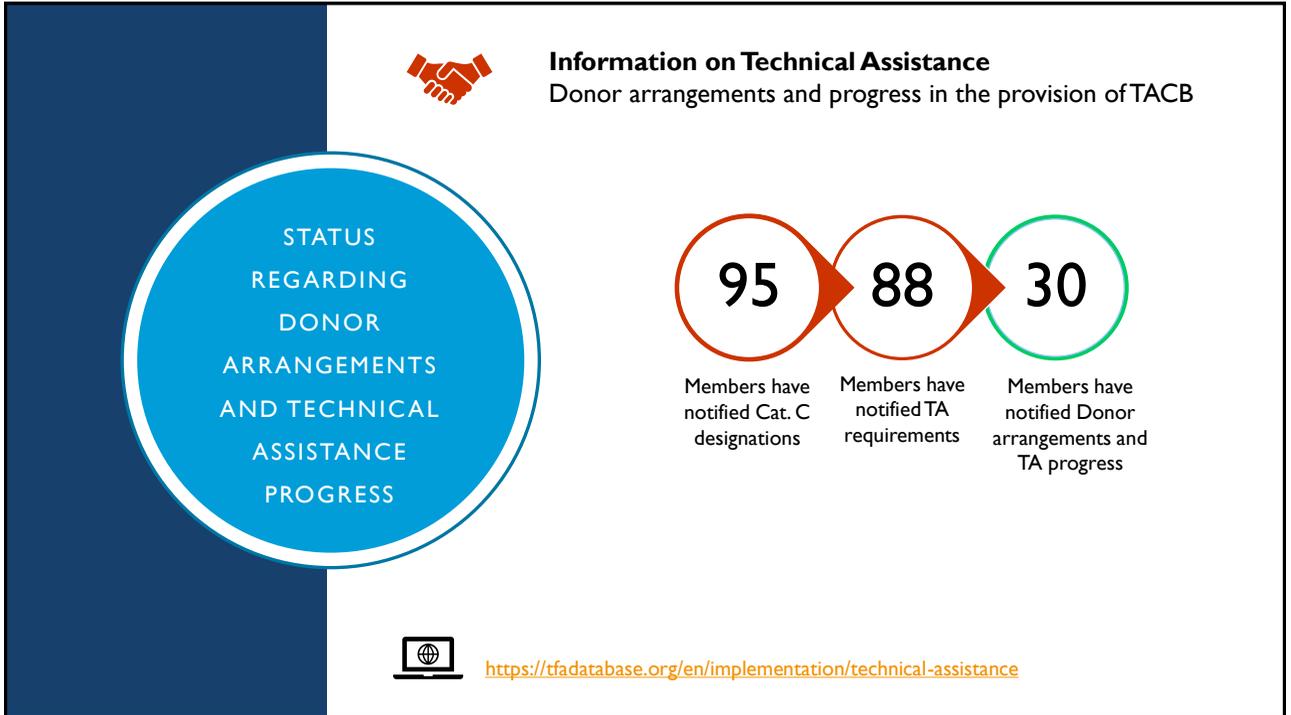
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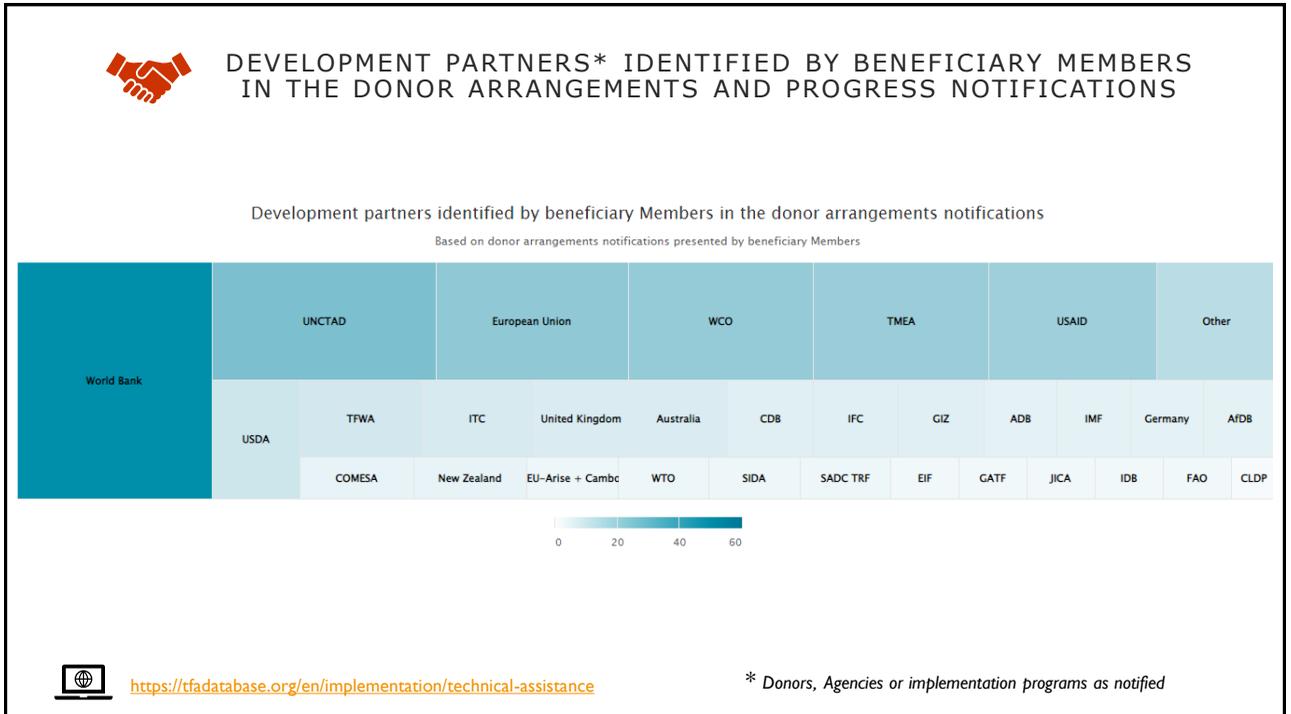
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