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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
TFA RATE OF IMPLEMENTATION COMMITMENTS

Timeline of implementation commitments
Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time

Today: 76.8%
2023 - 2024: 82.5%
2025 - 2027: 90.5%
2028 - 2050: 94.6%

https://tfadatabase.org/en/implementation
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.

https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/extension-of-implementation-dates
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

- Approved
- Pending
- Not approved

No. of Members
- 27
- 1
- 8

No. of Measures
- 122
- 1
- 23

145 EXTENSION REQUESTS BY 30 MEMBERS

*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 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*.

https://tfadatabase.org/category-shifts

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**Status of category shifting by Member**

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Members that have shifted categories B to C  
Members that have shifted categories C to B  
Members that have shifted categories with extended definitive dates

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

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

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

Top 5 measures due for implementation

2023–2024

- 2.2 – Consultations
- 1.1 – Publication
- 10.2 – Acceptance of copies
- 11 – Transit
- 3 – Advance rulings

Top 5 measures due for implementation

2023–2024

- 7.4 – Risk management
- 7.7 – Authorized operators
- 8 – Border Agency Cooperation
- 7.6 – Average release times
- 10.4 – Single window

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

1. Available at the TFA Database **Member profile pages**

2. Reminder automatically sent **6 months** before the due implementation date


**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING**
Information on Technical Assistance
Donor arrangements and progress in the provision of TACB

- Members have notified Cat. C designations: 95
- Members have notified TA requirements: 88
- Members have notified Donor arrangements and TA progress: 30


DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS* IDENTIFIED BY BENEFICIARY MEMBERS IN THE DONOR ARRANGEMENTS AND PROGRESS NOTIFICATIONS

Development partners identified by beneficiary Members in the donor arrangements notifications


* Donors, Agencies or implementation programs as notified
THANK YOU

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