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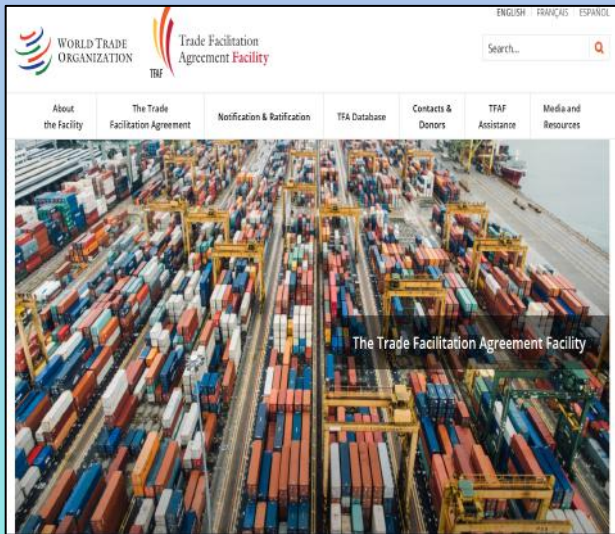
WTO TFA State of Play

October 2018

- ✓ **Ratification**
- ✓ **SDT Notifications**
- ✓ **Transparency Notifications**
- ✓ **TACB Related Notifications**
- ✓ **WTO TF Committee Meetings**

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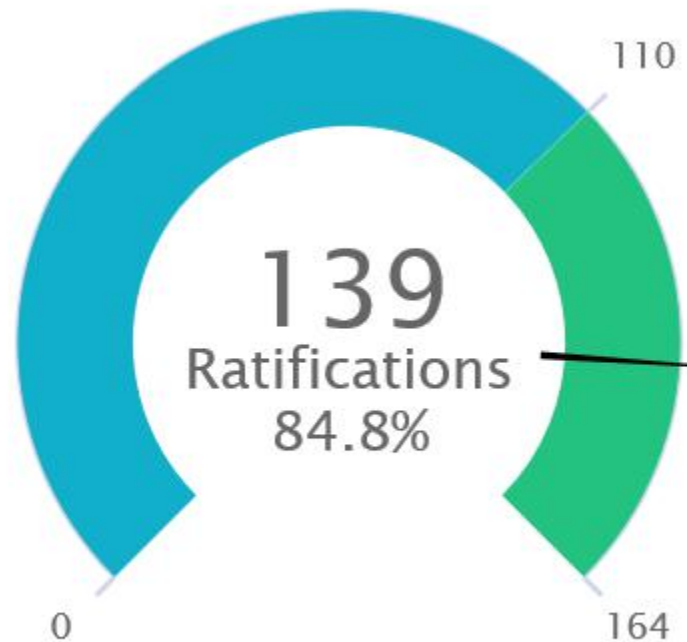


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Donors

Current ratification status



139 Instruments of acceptance received



Instruments of acceptance received in Asia Pacific and Central Asia

Afghanistan	Indonesia	New Zealand
Armenia	Japan	Pakistan
Australia	Kazakhstan	Papua New Guinea
Bangladesh	Korea, Republic of	Philippines
Brunei Darussalam	Kyrgyz Republic	Samoa
Cambodia	Lao People's Democratic Rep	Singapore
China	Macao, China	Sri Lanka
Fiji	Malaysia	Chinese Taipei
Georgia	Mongolia	Thailand
Hong Kong, China	Myanmar	Viet Nam
India	Nepal	



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NOTIFICATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION FLEXIBILITY

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



114 Members have notified in Category A

Afghanistan	Dominican Republic	Malawi	Samoa
Albania	Ecuador	Malaysia	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of
Angola	Egypt	Mali	Senegal
Antigua and Barbuda	El Salvador	Mauritius	Seychelles
Argentina	Eswatini, Kingdom of	Mexico	Sierra Leone
Armenia	Fiji	Moldova, Republic of	Singapore
Bahrain, Kingdom of	Gabon	Mongolia	Solomon Islands
Bangladesh	Gambia, The	Montenegro	South Africa
Barbados	Georgia	Morocco	Sri Lanka
Belize	Ghana	Mozambique	Suriname
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Grenada	Myanmar	Chinese Taipei
Botswana	Guatemala	Namibia	Tajikistan
Brazil	Guyana	Nepal	Tanzania
Brunei Darussalam	Honduras	Nicaragua	Thailand
Burkina Faso	Hong Kong, China	Niger	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Burundi	India	Nigeria	Togo
Cambodia	Indonesia	Oman	Tonga
Cameroon	Israel	Pakistan	Trinidad and Tobago
Chad	Jamaica	Panama	Tunisia
Chile	Jordan	Papua New Guinea	Turkey
China	Kazakhstan	Paraguay	Uganda
Colombia	Kenya	Peru	Ukraine
Congo	Korea, Republic of	Philippines	United Arab Emirates
Costa Rica	Kuwait, the State of	Qatar	Uruguay
Cote d'Ivoire	Kyrgyz Republic	Rwanda	Vanuatu
Cuba	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Viet Nam
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Lesotho	Saint Lucia	Zambia
Dominica	Macao, China	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Zimbabwe
Dominican Republic	Madagascar		

71 Members have notified in Category B

Afghanistan	Dominican Republic	Malaysia	Rwanda
Albania	Eswatini, Kingdom of	Mali	Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia
Angola	Fiji	Mauritius	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Argentina	Gambia, The	Moldova, Republic of	Samoa
Armenia	Guatemala	Mongolia	Seychelles
Bahrain, Kingdom of	Guyana	Montenegro	Sierra Leone
Bangladesh	Honduras	Morocco	Solomon Islands
Belize	India	Mozambique	South Africa
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Indonesia	Myanmar	Sri Lanka
Botswana	Jamaica	Nepal	Thailand
Brazil	Jordan	Nicaragua	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Brunei Darussalam	Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic	Niger	Togo
Cambodia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Nigeria	Tonga
Chad	Lesotho	Pakistan	Trinidad and Tobago
China	Macao, China	Paraguay	Ukraine
Colombia	Madagascar	Peru	Uruguay
Cuba	Malawi	Philippines	Vanuatu Zambia

61 Members have notified provisions in Category C

Afghanistan	Fiji	Mauritius	Rwanda
Albania	Gambia, The	Moldova, Republic of	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Angola	Georgia	Mongolia	Saint Lucia
Armenia	Guatemala	Montenegro	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bahrain, Kingdom of	Guyana	Morocco	Samoa
Bangladesh	Honduras	Mozambique	Seychelles
Belize	Jamaica	Myanmar	Sierra Leone
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Jordan	Nepal	Solomon Islands
Botswana	Kazakhstan	Nicaragua	Sri Lanka
Cambodia	Kyrgyz Republic	Niger	Togo
Chad	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Nigeria	Tonga
Costa Rica	Lesotho	Pakistan	Trinidad and Tobago
Cuba	Madagascar	Paraguay	Ukraine
Dominican Republic	Malawi	Peru	Vanuatu
El Salvador	Mali	Philippines	Zambia
Eswatini, Kingdom of			

ABC Notifications- Developing and LDC

Category A

Category B

Category C

Not yet notified any designation

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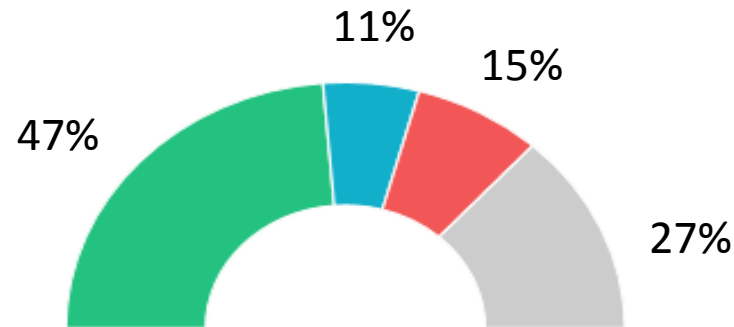
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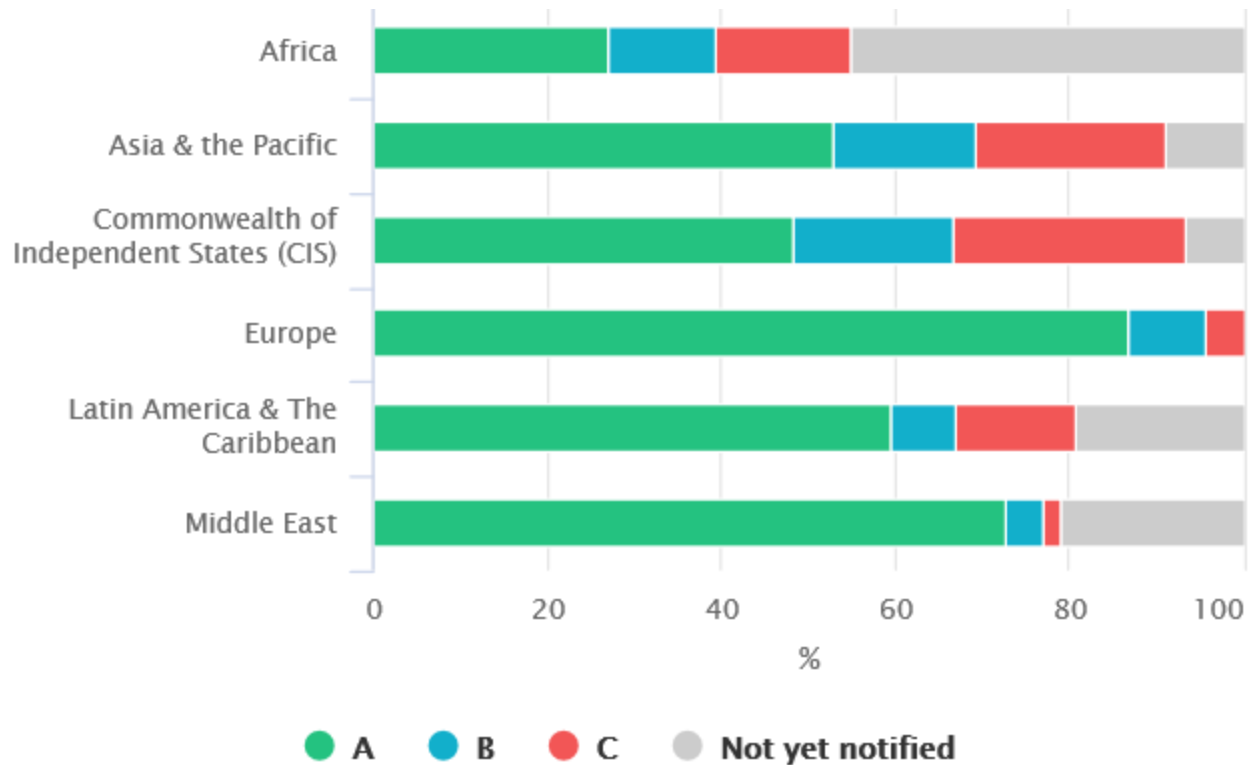
Share of Categories A, B, C

Based on % of all notifiable items



● A – 47.4% ● B – 11.1% ● C – 14.8%
● Not yet notified – 26.6%

Share of Categories ABC b region





Current overall implementation rate of TFA

60.8%

rate of implementation commitments
to date

Implementation Rate Asia Pacific and Central Asia

54.8%

Category A rate of Implementation commitments to date

16.0%

Category B - provisions needing additional time

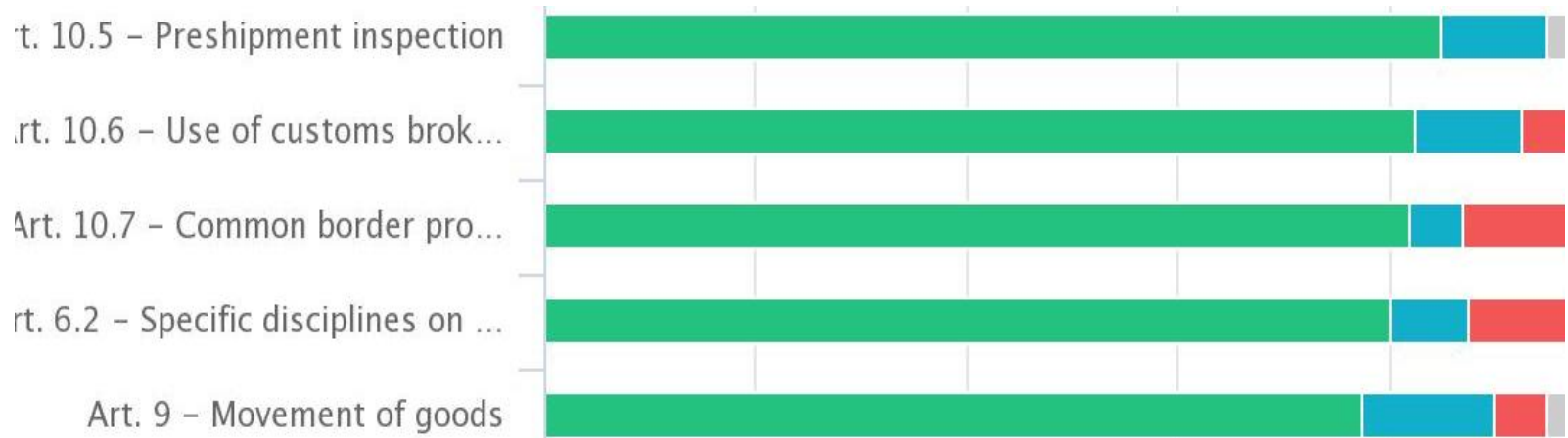
23.4%

Category C – provisions needing capacity building support

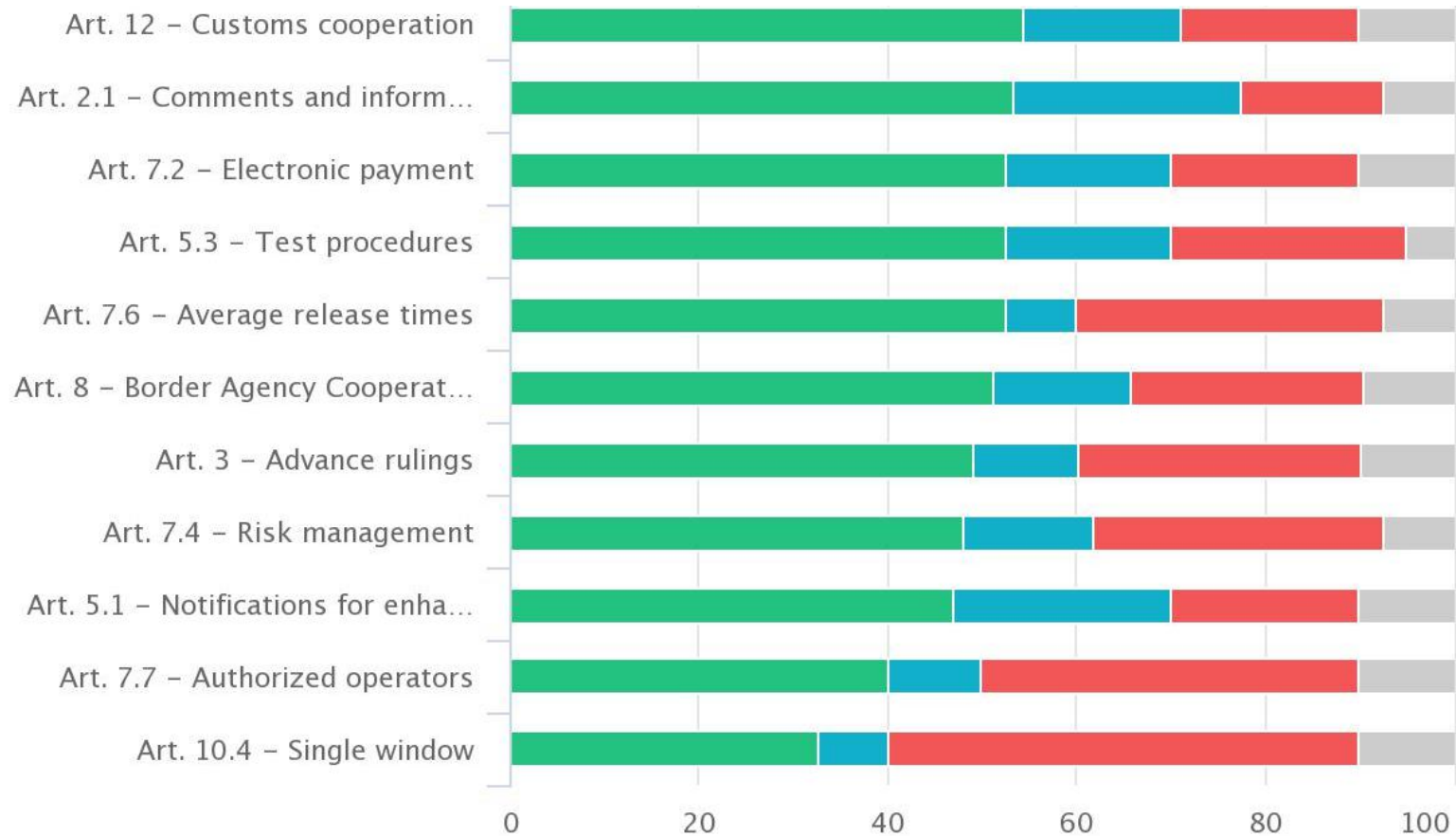
5.8%

Rate of implementation commitments yet to be designated

Top 5 measures with highest implementation rate (Asia Pacific and Central Asia)



Articles with lowest implementation rate (Asia Pacific and Central Asia)



Timelines for Notifications

TIMELINES FOR NOTIFICATIONS UNDER THE TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT



TACB = Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

DEVELOPING = developing members
LDCs = least developed members

¹As per Article 16.2(a); no later than one year after EIF, a least developed country Member shall notify the Committee of its category B provisions and may notify their corresponding

Notification: Kazakhstan

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	22 February 2023	22 February 2023	-
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	B	22 February 2023	22 February 2023	-
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	22 February 2023	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advisory support for design relevant primary and secondary legislation; training on all aspects of this provision. Creation of a comprehensive trade information e-portal (e-Trade Point), with advanced Information and Communication Technology (ICT) structures and dissemination functions on trade-related administrative procedures and regulatory requirements. In addition, establish detailed procedures for Trade point functioning, the review and periodic updating of published information.
Article 1.4	Notification	B	22 February 2023	22 February 2023	-
Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations					
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	A	-	-	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	B	22 February 2023	22 February 2023	-
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		B	22 February 2023	22 February 2023	-
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		A	-	-	-
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	A	-	-	-
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	A	-	-	-
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	A	-	-	-
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	A	-	-	-
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A	-	-	-

LDC Notification: Afghanistan

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	To be determined	To be determined	-
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
Article 1.4	Notification	B	To be determined	To be determined	-
Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations					
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	C	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
Article 2.2	Consultations	C	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		C	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		B	To be determined	To be determined	-
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	C	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
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	B	To be determined	To be determined	-
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	B	To be determined	To be determined	-
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	To be determined	To be determined	-
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	C	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	B	To be determined	To be determined	-
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	A	-	-	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	B	To be determined	To be determined	-
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	B	To be determined	To be determined	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined

LDC notification: Togo

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 7.2	Electronic Payment	C	30 November 2019	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of the strategic document for the development of e-payment. Development of e-payment solutions (all banks). Establishment of technical and financial support measures in digital sectors relating to e-commerce (training, research). Enhancement of the GUCE's current functionalities. Establishment of e-commerce incubators or start-ups. Quality improvement of internet connection.
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	B	12 November 2020	To be determined	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	30 November 2019	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment and equipment of the risk management directorate. Training of risk management directorate personnel.
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	A	-	-	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	30 November 2019	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of a study on average release times (guide to measure the average time required for the release of goods).
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	30 November 2019	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment and strengthening of the Privileged Partnership Framework (CPP). Private-sector capacity building. Training of economic operators. Upgrading of operator capacity with a view to the CPP.
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	B	12 November 2020	To be determined	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	A	-	-	-

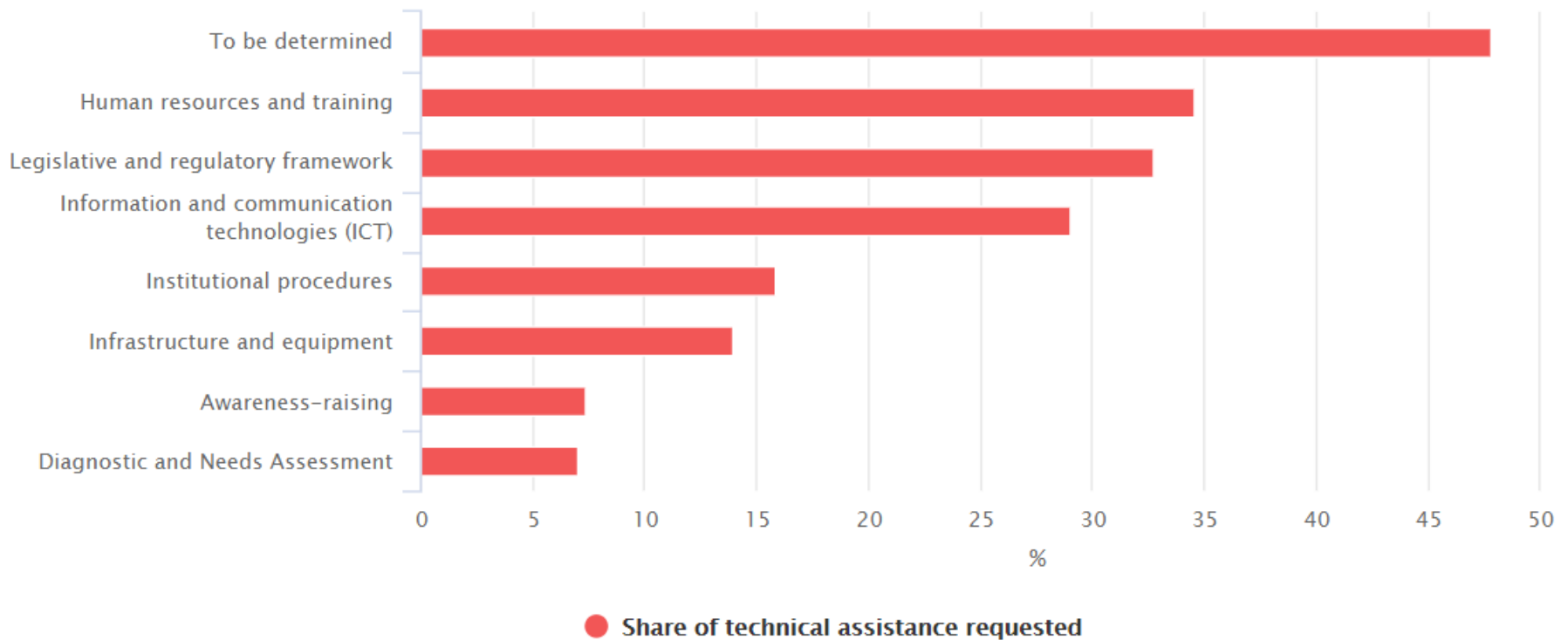
Notification example

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 10.3	Use of International Standards	C	22 February 2023	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building • Awareness workshops • Infrastructure.
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	22 February 2023	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building • Awareness workshops • IT support
Article 10.5	Pre-shipment Inspection	A	-	-	-

Technical assistance requested (Asia Pacific & Central Asia)

Type of technical assistance requested

Region: Asia & the Pacific, Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)





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TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Transparency Notifications



Article 1.4:

- The official place(s) for publication
- Uniform resource locators of website(s)
- The contact information of the enquiry points

Notified

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Article 10:

- Details of operation of the single window
- Measures on the use of customs brokers

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Article 12:

- Customs cooperation - contact point for information exchange

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Transparency Notifications-Asia Pacific and Central Asia

Country	1.4	10.4.3	10.6.2	12.2.2
Australia	✓	✓	✓	✓
China	✓		✓	
Georgia	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hong Kong, China	✓	✓	✓	✓
Japan	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kazakhstan	✓	✓	✓	
Korea, Republic of	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kyrgyz Republic	✓	✓	✓	✓
Macao, China	✓		✓	✓
New Zealand	✓	✓	✓	✓
Singapore	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chinese Taipei	✓	✓	✓	✓

Transparency Notifications - Article 1.4(c)



Contact information of the enquiry points

Information Center

✉ E-mail: info@rs.ge

☎ Tel: +995 032 2 299 299

Centre provides information on services related to customs matters and procedures and is also available in English.

Contact information for specific service centers is available at:

🌐 http://rs.ge/Default.aspx?sec_id=5105&lang=2

Contact information for Customs Clearance Zones is available at:

🌐 http://rs.ge/Default.aspx?sec_id=5107&lang=2

Contact information for Customs Crossing Points is available at:

🌐 http://rs.ge/Default.aspx?sec_id=4954&lang=2



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ARTICLE 22 NOTIFICATIONS-

TACB related notifications

Article 22.1

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Article 22.2

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Article 22.3

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DONORS:

22.1- TACB dispersed

22.2 Contact points of TACB agencies

- process & mechanisms to request TACB

Developing:

22.3 Contacts for donor coordinator

Article 22.1 Notifications

Example: United States

G/TFA/N/USA/2

G/TFA/N/USA/2

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ANNEX I

Description of the assistance and support for capacity building	The status and amount disbursed	Procedures for disbursement of the assistance and support	Beneficiary country/ Region (where necessary)	The implementing agency in the Member providing assistance
Border and related agencies capacity building	US\$4,993,887	ADS 201	Afghanistan	AID
Border and related agencies capacity building	US\$6,000,000	ADS 201	Afghanistan	AID
Border and related agencies capacity building	US\$8,000,000	ADS 201	Afghanistan	AID
Border measures	US\$80,000	ADS 201	Albania	STATE
Border measures	US\$122,824	ADS 201	Algeria	DHS
Border measures	US\$118,988	ADS 201	Algeria	DHS
Border measures	US\$70,000	ADS 201	Armenia	DOE
Border measures	US\$52,800	ADS 201	Armenia	DOE
Border and related agencies capacity building	US\$250,000	ADS 201	Azerbaijan	AID
Administrative procedures	US\$50,000	ADS 201	Azerbaijan	AID
NCTF and private sector engagement and capacity building	US\$1,000,000	ADS 201	Bangladesh	AID
Border measures	US\$41,699	ADS 201	Benin	DHS
Border measures	US\$37,321	ADS 201	Brazil	DHS
Border measures	US\$9,019	ADS 201	Brazil	DHS
NCTF and private sector engagement and capacity building	US\$123,000	ADS 201	Burundi	AID
Border measures	US\$122,503	ADS 201	Cabo Verde	DHS
Administrative procedures	US\$2,293,769	ADS 201	Central Asia, regional	AID
Border measures	US\$65,000	ADS 201	Chile	DOE
Border measures	US\$30,000	ADS 201	Chile	DOE
Border measures	US\$45,000	ADS 201	Chile	DOE
Border measures	US\$543,000	ADS 201	China, People's Republic of	DOE

Description of the assistance and support for capacity building	The status and amount disbursed	Procedures for disbursement of the assistance and support	Beneficiary country/ Region (where necessary)	The implementing agency in the Member providing assistance
Border and related agencies capacity building	US\$25,858	ADS 201	Georgia	STATE
Border measures	US\$21,665	ADS 201	Georgia	DHS
NCTF and private sector engagement and capacity building	US\$225,000	ADS 201	Georgia	AID
Border measures	US\$97,863	ADS 201	Ghana	DHS
Border measures	US\$11,658	ADS 201	India	DHS
NCTF and private sector engagement and capacity building	US\$110,000	ADS 201	India	DOE
Border measures	US\$334,800	ADS 201	Jordan	DOE
Border measures	US\$534,946	ADS 201	Jordan	AID
NCTF and private sector engagement and capacity building	US\$552,801	ADS 201	Jordan	AID
NCTF and private sector engagement and capacity building	US\$500,089	ADS 201	Jordan	AID
NCTF and private sector engagement and capacity building	US\$5,052,890	ADS 201	Jordan	AID
NCTF and private sector engagement and capacity building	US\$4,000,000	ADS 201	Jordan	AID
Border and related agencies capacity building	US\$239,773	ADS 201	Kenya	DHS
Border measures	US\$145,000	ADS 201	Kenya	DOE
NCTF and private sector engagement and capacity building	US\$150,000	ADS 201	Kosovo	AID
Border measures	US\$120,000	ADS 201	Lebanon	DOE
Border and related agencies capacity building	US\$106,751	ADS 201	Lebanon	DHS
Border and related agencies capacity building	US\$37,043	ADS 201	Lebanon	DHS

Article 22.2 - USA



Process and mechanisms for requesting assistance

Information on the process and mechanisms for requesting assistance and support for capacity building is as follows:

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is the lead agency for the United States in providing capacity assistance and technical assistance. USAID maintains a comprehensive and informative website about their ongoing work, types of assistance available, mission statements, and contact information. Information about current programs and missions, accessing such programs and missions, and mission directory with contact points, and can be accessed at this webpage: <https://www.usaid.gov/where-we-work>.

Contact Points

The national contact point for the United States is:

 **Mr. Paul Fekete**

 United States Agency for International Development
Director, Office of Trade and Regulatory Reform
Bureau of Economic Growth, Education and Environment

 E-Mail: ptf@usaid.gov

Article 22.3: Developing/LDC Notification

- **Members needing TACB:**

contact point(s) of the office(s)
responsible for coordinating and
prioritizing assistance and support



TF DATABASE: MEMBER PROFILE



Kazakhstan

Notification Status

Share of Categories A, B, C

Based on % of all notifiable items



Rate of implementation commitments

44.1% rate of implementation commitments **to date**

23.5% rate of implementation commitments **by February 2023** without capacity building support

32.4% rate of implementation commitments **by February 2023** upon receipt of capacity building support



Ratified on the 26 May 2016



Detailed notification breakdown



TFAF Website

Member Contact Points & Profiles

Botswana

TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT RATIFIED: JUNE 18, 2015

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COORDINATOR(S) OF NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE:

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GENEVA DELEGATE(S):

ADDITIONAL CONTACT(S):

Information Extracted from Article 22 Notification

INFORMATION REGARDING BOTSWANA

Description of the assistance	Committed / Disbursed	Beneficiaries	Implementing agencies	Procurement
2015				
United States of America				
Border and related agencies capacity building	Disbursed USD 946144	Africa Sub-Saharan	US Agency for International Development (USAID)	Auto https
Publication and trade promotion	Disbursed USD 250000	Africa Sub-Saharan	US Agency for International Development (USAID)	Auto https
Publication and trade promotion	Disbursed USD 327278	Africa Sub-Saharan	US Agency for International Development (USAID)	Auto https
NCTF and private sector engagement and capacity building	Disbursed USD 4018621	Africa Sub-Saharan	US Agency for International Development (USAID)	Auto https

WTO Trade Facilitation Committee Meetings



- 🧠 All WTO Members & Observers
- 🧠 Review ratifications and notifications
- 🧠 Experience sharing
Dedicated session on TACB
- 🧠 Capital Based officials

THE FACILITY – WHAT DOES IT DO?

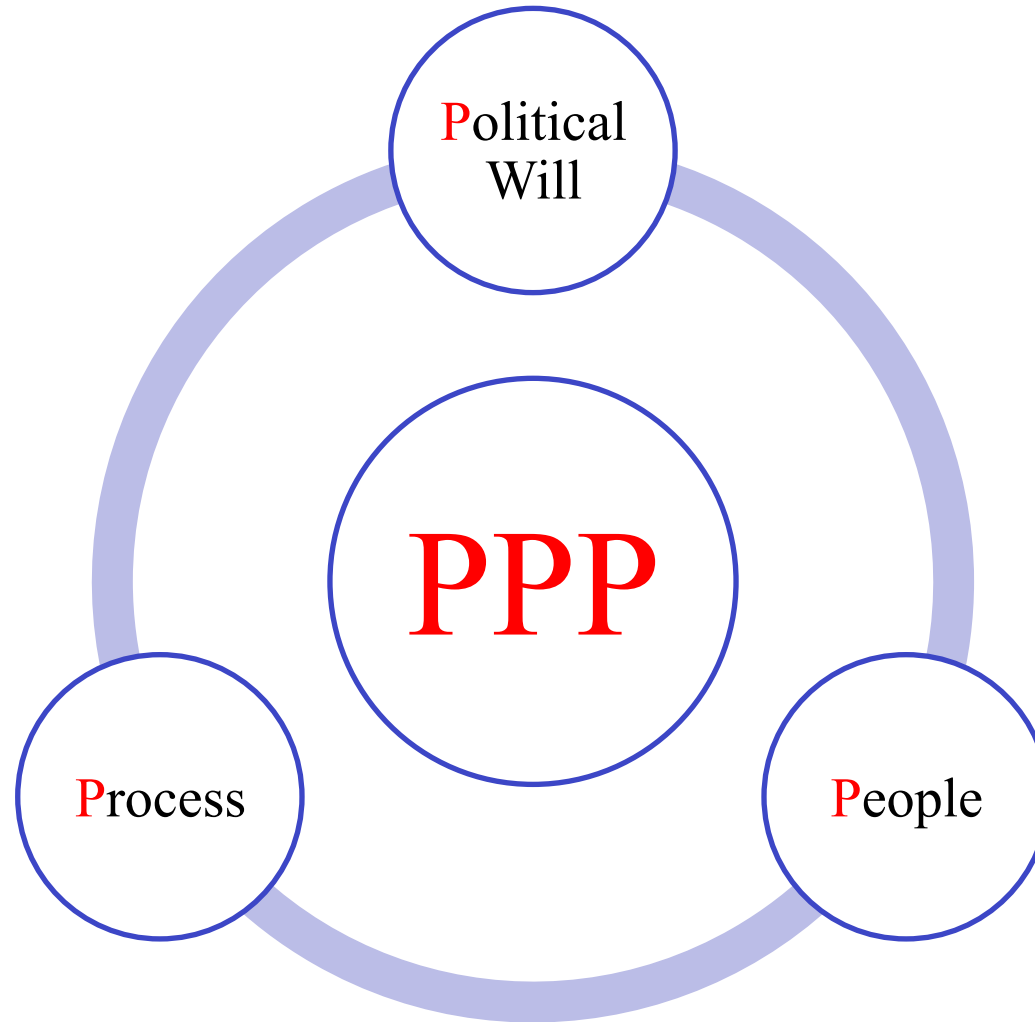
- ❖ Platform for information on the TFA:
 - ❖ best practices in implementation of the TF measures
 - ❖ Donor support programs
 - ❖ National contact points ...
- ❖ **Help Members find the implementation assistance they need**
- ❖ Provide technical assistance on the TFA and ABC notifications
- ❖ **Encourage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

Grants

- If can't find assistance needed:
- Project preparation (max \$30,000)
- Project implementation (max \$200,000)
- After national ratification and submission of Category C notification



Implementation Challenges





Thank you!

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