STATUS OF RATIFICATION, CATEGORISATION AND NOTIFICATIONS IN LLDCS

- Ratification
- Category A, B, C Notifications
- Transparency Notifications
- Technical Assistance Related Notifications
TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT FACILITY

www.TFAFacility.org

www.TFAdatabase.org
CURRENT RATIFICATION STATUS

The Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) entered into force on 22 February 2017 when the WTO obtained the two-thirds acceptance from its 164 Members.

146 Ratifications
89.0%
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1 LLDC MEMBER STILL TO RATIFY

- Protocol of amendment set out in document WT/L/940 (Nov 2014) with TFA
- How to present the instrument of ratification? www.tfafacility.org
- Model instrument of acceptance online
- Send final draft to WTO Legal Affairs for quick review - before signature to ensure complete
NOTIFICATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION FLEXIBILITY

**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
A,B,C DESIGNATIONS IN LLDCS

• 118 WTO MEMBERS HAVE NOTIFIED IN CATEGORY A, OF WHICH 26 LLDCS

• 96 WTO MEMBERS HAVE NOTIFIED IN CATEGORY B, OF WHICH 23 LLDCS

• 86 WTO MEMBERS HAVE NOTIFIED IN CATEGORY C, OF WHICH 22 LLDCS

• 6 MEMBERS ARE STILL TO DESIGNATE SOME OR ALL PROVISIONS OF WHICH ZERO!!! LLDCS
SHARE OF CATEGORIES A, B, C BY GROUPING
(BASED ON %AGE OF ALL NOTIFIABLE ARTICLE ITEMS)

Share of Categories A, B, C by grouping
Based on % of all notifiable items

TFAD (Trade Facilitation Agreement Database) www.tfadatabase.org
# Timelines for Notification

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TACB = Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

DEVELOPING = developing members
LDCs = least developed members
DONORS = donor members

1 As per Article 16.3(a): no later than one year after CE, a least developed country Member shall notify the Committee of its category B provisions and may notify their corresponding indicative dates (.....).
TFA NOTIFICATIONS GUIDE

DONOR NOTIFICATIONS

ARTICLE 22: INFORMATION ON ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR CAPACITY BUILDING (TACB)

1. Information on TACB disbursed in the preceding 12 months and, where available, those for the next 12 months.
   (a) A description of the TACB.
   (b) The status and amount committed/disbursed.
   (c) Procedures for disbursal.
   (d) The beneficiaries of the Member providing TACB.

Due: February 27, 2017 & annually thereafter.

2. Donor Members assisting developing and LDC Members shall submit:
   (k) Contact points of their agencies responsible for providing TACB for TFA implementation.

TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS

ARTICLE 14.

The official place(s) for publication of Article 1.1 information.

Unfolds resource locator of website(s) in Article 1.2.1.

The contact information of the enquiry points in Article 1.2.

Because of the operation of the single window.

Article 16.

10.4.2. Details of operation of the single window.

10.4.2. Measures on the use of customs business and subsequent modifications.

ARTICLE 12.

10.3.3. Keeps cooperation - contact point for information exchange.

See TFA Article 16 for further details.

ABC NOTIFICATION TIMELINE FOR DEVELOPING MEMBERS

22 February 2017

A, B, C Category Notifications

Provide indicative dates for Category B

Provide indicative dates for Category C

Provide TACB requirements for Category C

Due: 22 February 2017

22 February 2018

Provide definite dates for Category B

Provide TACB arrangements with donors for Category C

Due: 22 February 2018

22 August 2019

Provide definite dates for Category C

Provide progress on TACB for Category C

Due: 22 August 2019

ABC NOTIFICATION TIMELINE FOR LDC’S

22 February 2018

A, B, C Category Notifications

May provide indicative dates for Category B

Due: 22 February 2018

22 February 2019

Provide TACB requirements for Category C

Due: 22 February 2019

22 February 2020

Provide definite dates for Category B

Due: 22 February 2020

22 February 2021

Provide indicative dates for Category C

Provide TACB arrangements with donors for Category C

Due: 22 February 2021

22 August 2022

Provide definite dates for Category C

Provide progress on TACB for Category C

Due: 22 August 2022

See TFA Article 16 for further details.
TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Article 1.4:
- The official place(s) for publication
- Uniform resource locators of website(s)
- The contact information of the enquiry points

Article 10:
- Details of operation of the single window
- Measures on the use of customs brokers

Article 12:
- Customs cooperation - contact point for information exchange

Contact information of the enquiry points

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<td>Malawi Investment and Trade Centre</td>
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Kazakhstan ~ Kyrgyz Republic ~ Lao People's Democratic Republic ~ Malawi ~ Moldova, Republic of ~ Mongolia ~ North Macedonia

67 WTO MEMBERS HAVE NOTIFIED ARTICLE 10.4.3, OF WHICH 5 LLDCS
Kazakhstan ~ Kyrgyz Republic ~ Lao People's Democratic Republic ~ Malawi ~ Moldova, Republic of ~ North Macedonia

85 WTO MEMBERS HAVE NOTIFIED ARTICLE 10.6.2, OF WHICH 8 LLDCS
Eswatini, Kingdom of ~ Kazakhstan ~ Kyrgyz Republic ~ Lao People's Democratic Republic ~ Malawi ~ Moldova, Republic of ~ Nepal ~ North Macedonia

76 WTO MEMBERS HAVE NOTIFIED ARTICLE 12.2.2, OF WHICH 5 LLDCS
Armenia ~ Kyrgyz Republic ~ Malawi ~ Moldova, Republic of ~ North Macedonia

74 WTO MEMBERS HAVE NOT YET NOTIFIED ANY TRANSPARENCY ARTICLES, OF WHICH 5 LLDCS
Donors:
22.1- Technical Assistance dispersed
22.2 Contact points of Technical Assistance agencies - process & mechanisms to request Technical Assistance

Developing:
22.3 Contacts for donor coordinator
Type of technical assistance requested

Grouping: LLDCs

- To be determined: 40%
- Legislative and regulatory framework: 40%
- Information and communication: 35%
- Human resources and training: 35%
- Infrastructure and equipment: 25%
- Diagnostic and Needs Assessment: 0%

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

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**ADDITIONAL CONTACT(S):**

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### INFORMATION REGARDING BOTSWANA

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TFA DATABASE: MEMBER PROFILE

**Notification Status**

Share of Categories A, B, C

- Based on % of all notifiable items

**Rate of implementation commitments**

- **11.8%** rate of implementation commitments to date
- **28.2%** rate of implementation commitments from December 2019 to December 2023 without capacity building support
- **60.1%** rate of implementation commitments from December 2021 to December 2028 upon receipt of capacity building support

**Ratified on the 4 January 2016**

**Detailed notification breakdown**
TFA FACILITY - TFAF@WTO.ORG

Platform for TFA information

Provide technical assistance

Help Members find implementation assistance

Encourage coordination among assistance providers

Where no other funds available - Grants