



## WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

National Trade Facilitation Committees

COVID 19 and TF

State of Play

WTO Committee

Resources- TFA Facility



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# 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.



\*\* De facto Committee: existing committee, although not created by a legal instrument.

Importance of Committee

# Cooperation:

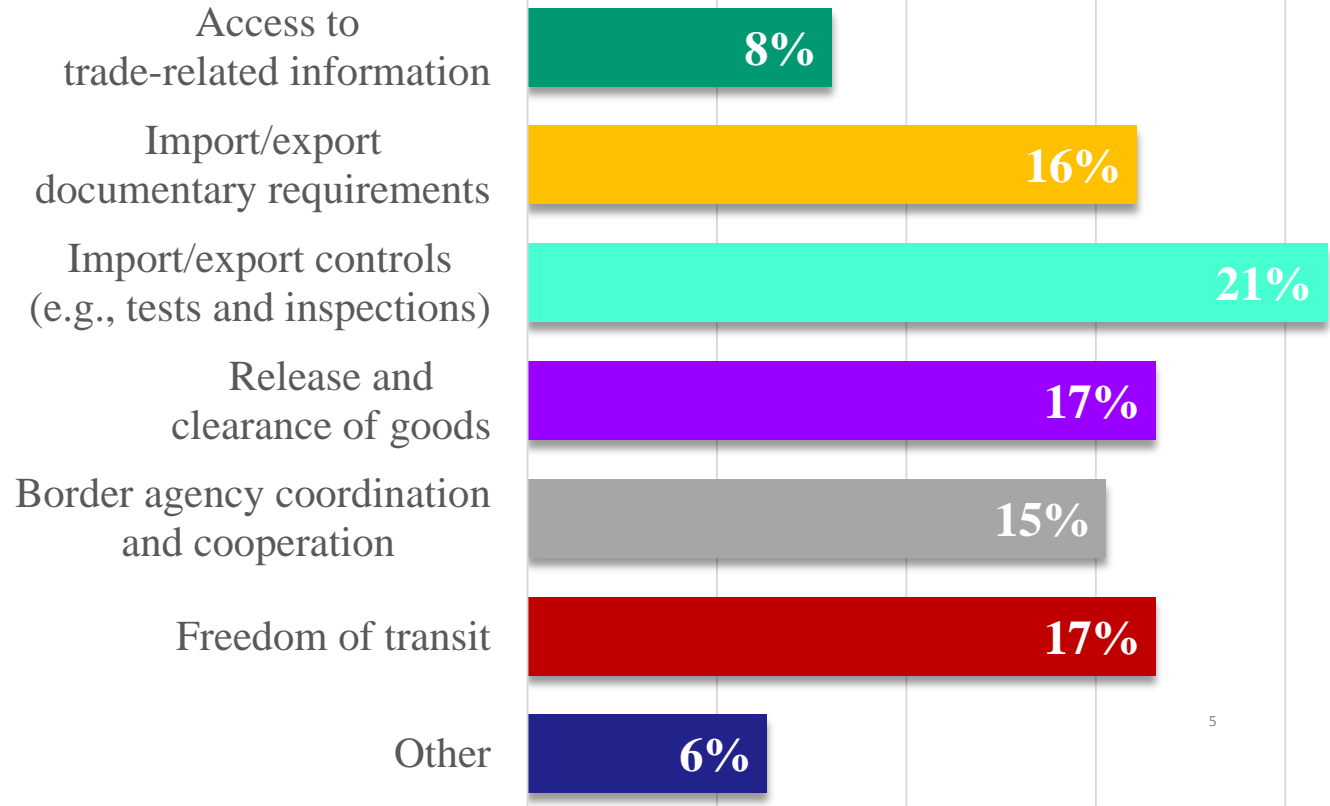


## THE COVID-19 CRISIS AND TRADE FACILITATION

COVID-19 COVID-

- information/cooperation
- full implementation
- review priorities and timelines

More Cumbersome  
Time Consuming:





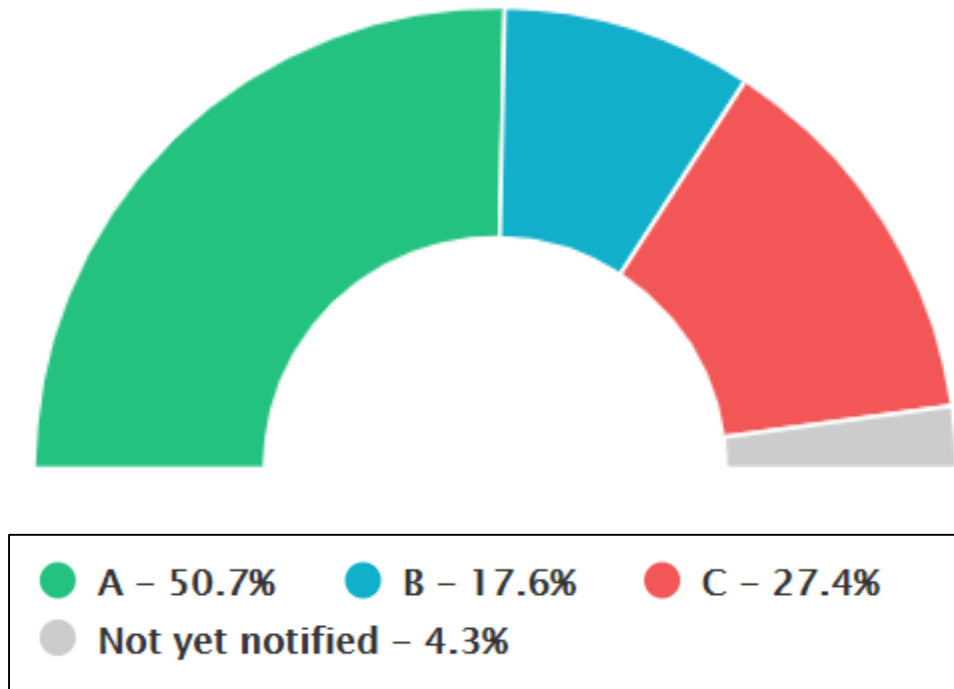
Overall  
Current  
Implementation Rate  
**66%**

Developed: 100%

Developing: 65%

LDC: 34%

# ABC



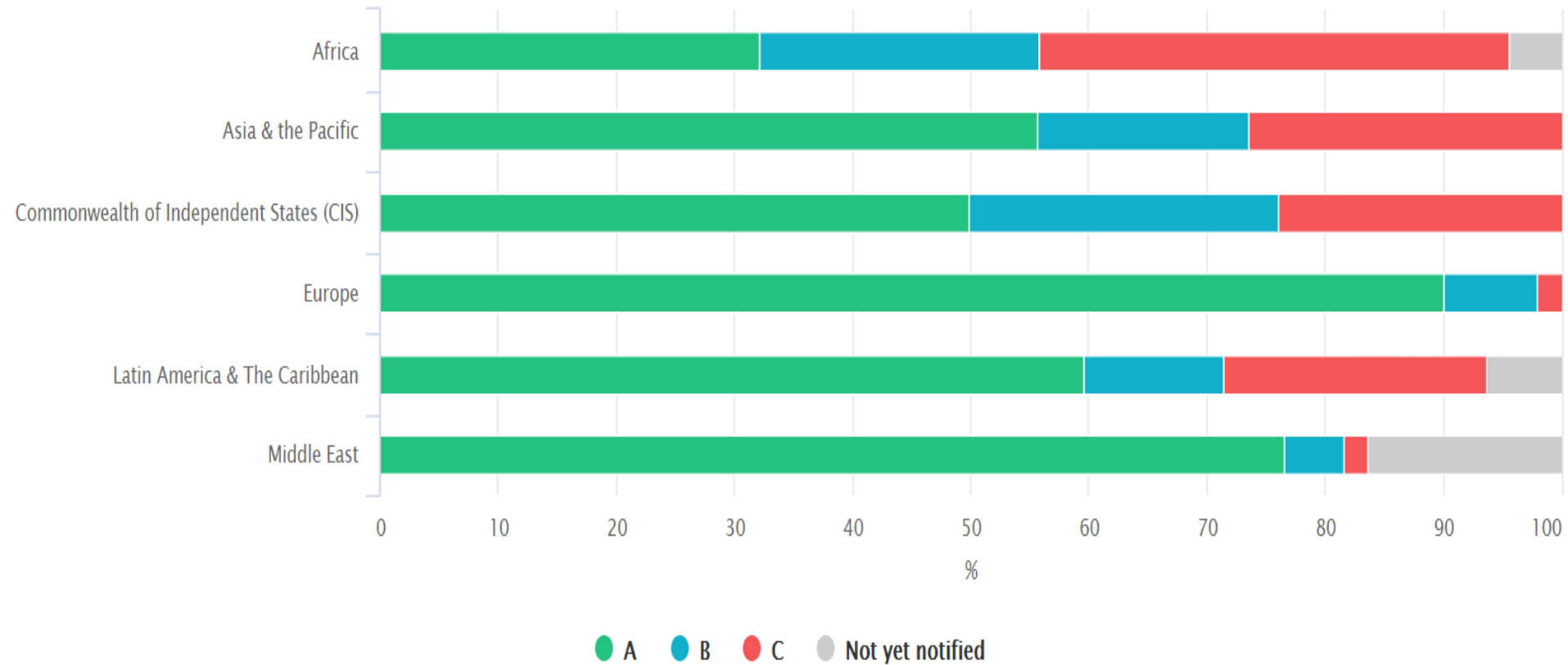
B- implementation dates

C- Implementation dates and assistance needs

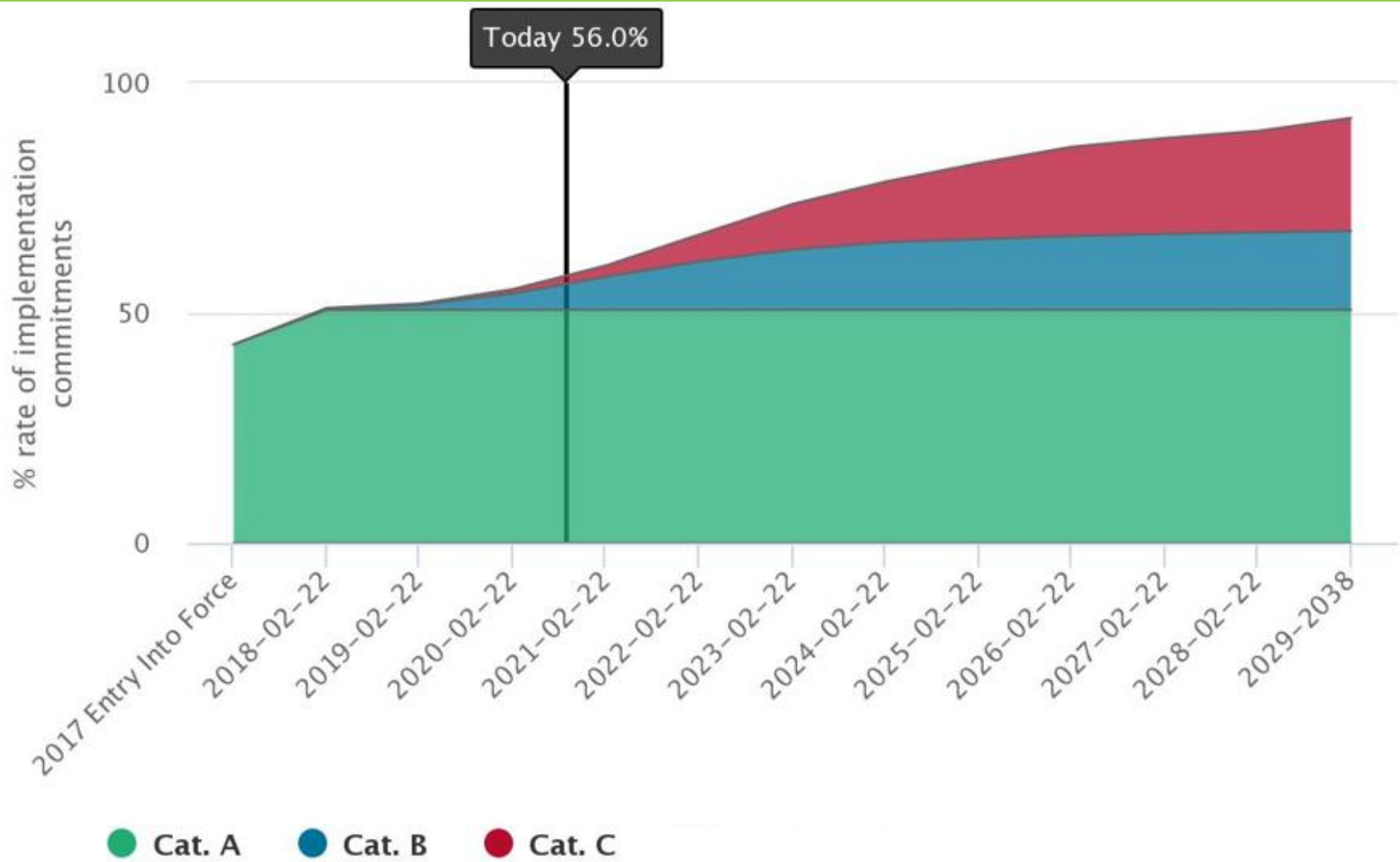
# Implementation by Region

## Share of Categories A, B, C by region

Based on % of all notifiable article items



## Implementation Rate



# WTO Trade Facilitation Committee

- 🧠 All WTO Members
- 🧠 Review notifications
- 🧠 Implementation issues
- 🧠 Experience sharing
- 🧠 Discuss donor support
- 🧠 Resolution of issues to avoid disputes

September 30

- Informal
- COVID 19
- Way forward

October 20-22

- Dedicated session

Needs  
Assessments

Grants  
PG and PPG

Workshops

Donors

Trade  
Facilitation  
Agreement Facility

Resources

Coordination

Donors



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## Article 23 Resources

### 23.2 NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE FACILITATION

#### GENERAL GUIDELINES

**CAM-** Cooperation and Collaboration in the Dutch National Trade Facilitation Committee

**COMCEC** - Establishing Well Functioning National Trade Facilitation Bodies (NTFBs) in the OIC Member States (2015)

**STDF** - National SPS Coordination Mechanisms (2012)

**TFAF-** National Committees on Trade Facilitation: Current practices and challenges (2016)

**UNCTAD**, UNECE and ITC - Repository of National Trade Facilitation Bodies (2018)

**UNECE** - Roadmap Methodology for NTFCs (2016)

**UNCTAD** - National Trade Facilitation Bodies in the world (2014)

**UNCTAD** - What is a TF roadmap and what it is not a TF roadmap

**UNCTAD** - A National Roadmap for WTO TFA Implementation-CARICOM (2019)

**UNCTAD** Article on NTFCs and COVID-19 (2020)

**WCO-** National Committees on Trade Facilitation Guide (2018)

**WTO-** Members share experiences on National Trade Facilitation Committees- Workshop Presentations and Documents (2016)

#### CASE STUDIES AND COUNTRY SPECIFIC INITIATIVES

**Albania-** Trade facilitation agreement and National Committee for trade facilitation (2016)

**Antigua and Barbuda-** NTFC Experience- CARICOM (2019)

## HOW TO PREPARE TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT NOTIFICATIONS

Here you will find information that will help you prepare the notifications required by the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) that must be submitted to the WTO Trade Facilitation Committee (the Committee).

Under each type of notification, as listed below, you will find links to notification templates and guidance on how to prepare them. You will also find extracts from Members' notifications, that have been selected randomly, to give you an idea of how some Members have provided the necessary information.

You will notice some variations in Members' notifications. Except for Article 22.1 the TFA does not set out requirements on how to notify the information. The WTO Secretariat has created templates based on Member submissions in order to provide guidance and consistency. You can adapt them to fit your needs.

In case you want more examples, under each type of notification you will find a link that leads to a list of Members that have already notified. You can then find each Member's notification on [TFAdatabase.org/WTO Members](https://tfadatabase.org/WTO%20Members).

Please feel free to submit a draft of your notification or contact the WTO Secretariat for guidance. See references and contact points in the box below.

### Useful Information:

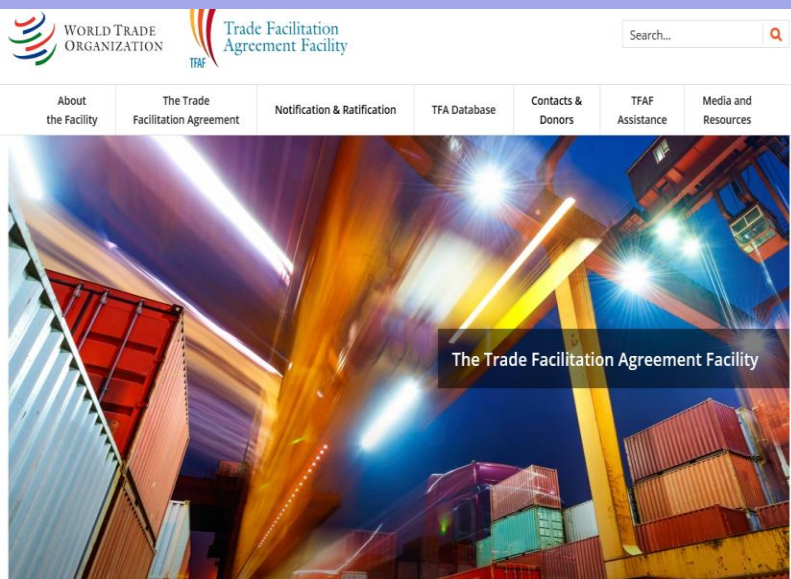
Submit notifications, drafts, or queries to the WTO Secretariat at: [wtotradefacilitation@gmail.com](mailto:wtotradefacilitation@gmail.com)

Queries for the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility can be sent here: [TFAF@WTO.org](mailto:TFAF@WTO.org)

General information on the notification requirements can be found [here](#).

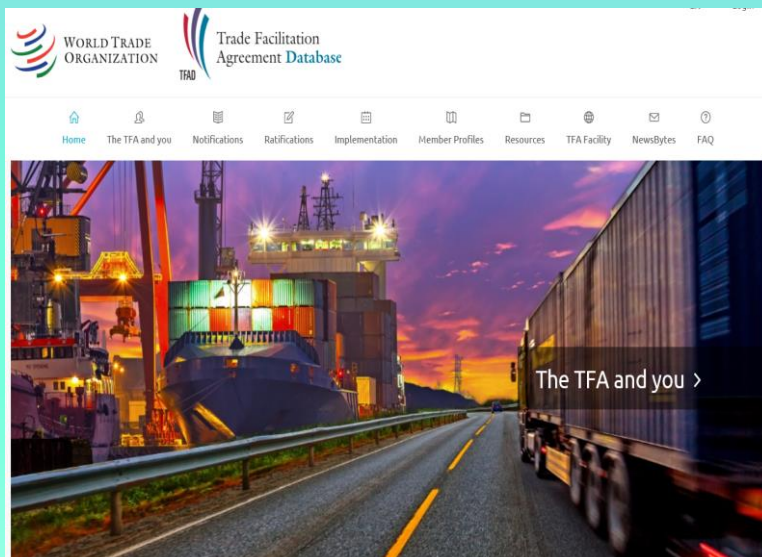
A notifications dashboard to explore all notification data can be found [here](#).

To see your country's current notification status, or see how other Members have notified you can find all notifications [here](#).



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- ✓ **WTO/ICC COVID 19 Survey Report**
- ✓ **TF & COVID Repository**
- ✓ **How to Prepare Notifications**
- ✓ **Grant program**
- ✓ **Resources on TFA, donors, etc.**



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- ✓ **Statistics on TFA notifications & ratifications**
- ✓ **Member status**