WTO Trade Facilitation

- ✓ Entry into Force
  - ✓ Ratifications
- ✓ Implementation Flexibilities
  - ✓ Notifications for delayed implementation
- ✓ Implementation statistics
- ✓ Implementation Support

Why TFA is Unique

- Negotiated by all members
- TFA measures already used with success
- Improves/incorporates existing agreements – GATT, RKC
- Multi agency implementation
- Implementation flexibilities
- National Committee to oversee implementation
- WTO TFA Facility

ENTRY INTO FORCE

Rwanda, Chad, DG Azevêdo , Jordan, Oman

TFA Entry into Force February 22, 2017

119 Instruments of acceptance received

Albania
Afghanistan
Armenia
Australia
Austria
Bahrain, Kingdom of
Bangladesh
Belgium
Belize
Botswana
Brazil
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Cambodia
Canada
Chad
Chile
China
Cote d'Ivoire
Costa Rica
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Dominica
Dominican Republic
El Salvador
Estonia
Finland
Fiji
France
Gabon
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala
Guyana
Honduras
Hong Kong, China
Hungary
Iceland
India
Ireland
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Korea, Republic of
Kyrgyz Republic
Lao PDR
Latvia
Lesotho
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Macao, China
Macedonia, former Yugoslav Republic of
Madagascar
Malaysia
Mali
Malta
Mauritius
Mexico
Moldova, Republic of
Mongolia
Montenegro
Mozambique
Myanmar
Nepal
Netherlands, The
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
Samoa
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Slovak Republic
Slovenia
Spain
Sri Lanka
Swaziland
Sweden
Switzerland
Taipei, Chinese
Thailand
Togo
Trinidad and Tobago
Turkey
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
United States of America
Uruguay
Viet Nam
Zambia

SPECA Ratification Status

Members of the WTO

- Afghanistan – 29 July 2016
- Kazakhstan – 26 May 2016
- Kyrgyz Republic – 6 December 2016
- Tajikistan – Not Ratified

Non-Members of the WTO

- Azerbaijan – in Accession
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan – in Accession

TFA ratification timeline

119 RATIFICATIONS RECEIVED

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IMPLEMENTATION FLEXIBILITIES

3 Types of Flexibilities

- ⇨ Flexible implementation timelines
- ⇨ Drafted to allow for national interpretation
- ⇨ Ambition - Shall vs best endeavor

Level of Legal Commitment

Mandatory Provisions

- "Shall…"
- "Shall not…"

Qualified Provisions

- "may…"
- "to the extent practicable…"
- "to the extent possible…"
- "whenever practicable…"
- "are encouraged…"
- "as appropriate…"
- "shall endeavor…"

Flexible Language for National Interpretation:

Article 2.1.1 Opportunity to Comment before Entry into Force of laws & regulations

Each Member shall, to the extent practicable, and in a manner consistent with its domestic law and legal system, provide opportunities and an appropriate time period to traders and other interested parties to comment on the proposed introduction or amendment of laws and regulations of general application related to the movement, release, and clearance of goods, including goods in transit.

Flexible Implementation Timelines

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

(category notifications due at EIF
one year later for LDCs)

ABC Notification

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Preparatory Committee on Trade Facilitation

Original: English

NOTIFICATION OF CATEGORY [A,] B AND C COMMITMENTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION

COMMUNICATION FROM [MEMBER]

The following communication, dated [date submitted 2016], is being circulated on behalf of [WTO Member] for Members' information.

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The Government of [Member] hereby makes the following notifications in accordance with Articles 15 and 16 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (WT/L/931):…

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 1.1	Publication	B	January 1, 2018	To be determined	
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	July 1, 2020	To be determined	1. Develop and implement policy guidelines on publication of trade related information. 2. Ensure timely review and update of trade related information on internet by the relevant agencies. 3. Ministry of Trade to set up a dedicated website for trade related information 4. Provide capacity building in institutions

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TIMELINES FOR NOTIFICATIONS UNDER THE TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

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TACB = Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

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

[1] As per Article 16.2(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 indicative dates (.....).

NOTIFICATIONS

96 Category A Notifications to date:

1. Hong Kong China
2. Mexico
3. Costa Rica
4. Korea
5. Colombia
6. Singapore
7. Chinese Taipei
8. Paraguay
9. China
10. Nicaragua
11. Mauritius
12. Turkey
13. Honduras
14. Saudi Arabia
15. Malaysia
16. Kuwait
17. Chile
18. Qatar
19. Thailand
20. Peru
21. Uruguay
22. El Salvador
23. Brazil
24. Mongolia
25. Morocco

21. Vietnam
22. Tajikistan
23. Dominican Republic
24. Sri Lanka
25. Israel
26. Philippines
27. Guatemala
28. Ecuador
29. Kyrgyz Republic
30. Panama
31. Indonesia
32. Republic of Congo
33. Cote d'Ivoire
34. Ukraine
35. Brunei Darussalam
41. Oman
42. Albania
43. Moldova
44. Tunisia
45. Jordan
46. Montenegro
47. Botswana
48. Pakistan
49. Senegal

50. Nigeria
51. Macao, China
52. Gabon
53. Egypt
54. Jamaica
55. Rwanda
56. Dominica
57. St Vincent/Grenadines
58. Burundi
59. Kenya
60. Tanzania
61. St Kitts and Nevis
62. Antigua & Barbuda
63. Trinidad & Tobago
64. St. Lucia
65. Seychelles
66. Barbados
67. Belize
68. Lao PDR
69. Macedonia FYROM
70. Grenada

71. United Arab Emirates
72. Uganda
73. Nepal
74. Samoa
75. Bahrain
76. Suriname
77. Guyana
78. Zambia
79. Solomon Islands
80. Georgia
81. Kazakhstan
82. India
83. Namibia
84. Malawi
85. Argentina
86. Cameroon
87. Papua New Guinea
88. Zimbabwe
89. Madagascar
90. Chad
91. Ghana
92. Fiji
93. Dem Rep of the Congo
94. Burkina Faso
95. Mozambique
96. Tonga

LDCs are in red

20 Category B & C to date:

1. Zambia (LDC)
2. Georgia
3. Solomon Islands (LDC)
4. Mauritius
5. Malawi (LDC)
6. Chad (LDC)
7. Fiji
8. India (nothing in C)
9. Albania
10. Argentina (nothing in C)
11. Brazil (nothing in C)
12. Mozambique (LDC)
13. Tonga
14. Uruguay (nothing in C)
15. Thailand (nothing in C)
16. Montenegro
17. China (nothing in C)
18. Nigeria
19. Pakistan
20. Botswana

Notification Status

	Category A notification	Categories B & C notification	Number of measures in A category (out of 36)
Afghanistan	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	In accession		
Kazakhstan	Notified	-	23
Kyrgyz Republic	Notified	-	5
Tajikistan	Notified	-	26
Turkmenistan	Not a WTO Member		
Uzbekistan	In accession		

Share of Cat. A, B and C

Based on % of all notifiable article items – Global

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Share of Cat. A, B and C by grouping

https://www.tfadatabase.org/notifications/groupings-by-measure

Share of Cat. A, B and C by region

https://www.tfadatabase.org/notifications/regional-breakdown

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IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE FACILITATION

Each Member shall establish a national trade facilitation committee to facilitate domestic coordination and implementation of the provisions of the TFA.

1. Coordinate stakeholders
2. Notifications for delayed implementation/TACB
3. Oversee TACB projects
4. Monitor deadlines

Donor Support

Donor Members agree to facilitate assistance & support for capacity building on mutually agreed terms either bilaterally or through international organizations.

WTO: 2013 PRESS RELEASES

PRESS/709
3 December 2013
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Australia donates AUD 5,400,000 to programmes for developing countries

WTO: 2014 PRESS RELEASES

PRESS/718
24 February 2014
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Estonia donates EUR 20,000 to technical assistance for developing countries

WTO: 2013 PRESS RELEASES

PRESS/715
17 December 2013
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Denmark pledges CHF 2,950,000 to training programmes for developing countries

WTO: 2013 PRESS RELEASES

PRESS/707
3 December 2013
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Sweden launches new trade facilitation training facility in Africa

WTO: 2014 PRESS RELEASES

PRESS/716
6 February 2014
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Finland donates €5 million for trade projects in least-developed countries

EU stands ready to support developing countries realize the benefits of a WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

Development Commissioner Andris Piebalgs and Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht have joined forces to help secure a WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement as part of global efforts to increase trade's contribution to development. The EU's support responds to demands from Least-Developed Countries (LDCs) for help to make the most of the deal, which could be agreed at the WTO's 9th Ministerial Conference in December 2013.

Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility

Help members to find the support they need to implement the TFA.

Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility

Help members find the support they need to implement the TFA.

- TACB (ratification, notification, national committee, etc.)
- Donor information/matchmaking
- Tools/guidelines/case studies
- Grants

Tracking Technical Assistance

KAZAKHSTAN

RATIFIED TFA: May 26, 2016

NOTIFICATIONS (links)

COORDINATOR(S) OF NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE:

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL(S) RESPONSIBLE TO COORDINATE WITH DONORS:

GENEVA DELEGATES(S):

TRANSIT COORDINATOR:

List of TECHINCAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
long-term and short-term

REPORTS, STUDIES, ETC.

Report [Assessment] [year] Regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in Kazakhstan:
http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trade/Publications/ECE-TRADE_407E-Kazakhstan.pdf

Webpage: UNECE supports Kazakhstan in implementation of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement:
http://www.unece.org/info/media/news/trade/2015/unece-supports-kazakhstan-in-implementation-of-wto-trade-facilitation-agreement/doc.html

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