WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

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State of Play

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TFAF

Ratification and Notifications

- ✓ State of Play
  - ✓ TF Committee
  - ✓ TFA Ratification
  - ✓ Notifications
- ✓ TFA at the regional level

WTO Trade Facilitation Committee Meetings

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- Review ratifications and notifications
- Experience sh...
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Current ratification status

Entry into force: February 22, 2017

18 Members not ratified

SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT

Category A: already implementing

Category B: Entry into force + (X) time

Category C: need extra time & TACB

Example: Kyrgyz Republic

Feb 22 2017

B- Feb 2018
C- Aug 2019

February 22, 2017

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	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	• Review existing legislation • Identify and allocate resources to ensure timely and centralized publication
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	• Develop standards and requirements for information to be published • Develop a web portal on trade
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	• Technical assistance and ICT support. • Develop regulations and standardized procedures
Article 1.4	Notification	A	-	-	-
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	31 December 2020	To be determined	• Monitor and analyse existing regulatory framework
Article 2.2	Consultations	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2019	-
Article 3	**Advance Rulings**				
		C	31 December 2021	To be determined	• Revise existing legislation, including in the context of the Customs Code of the Eurasian Economic Union • Conduct awareness campaigns • Train personnel
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	C	31 December 2022	To be determined	• Review legal and institutional frameworks • Develop and implement interdepartmental system of management of VSPS risks system of notifications for enhancing the levels of controls and inspections
Article 5.2	Detention	A			

ABC Notifications

Category A	Category B	Category C	Not yet notified any designation
115	83	72	10

Share of Categories A, B, C

Based on % of all notifiable items

A – 48.5% B – 13.3% C – 19.5%
Not yet notified – 18.7%

ABC Notifications by Region

% in ABC

Kazakhstan

Kyrgyz Republic

Afghanistan

Tajikistan

SPECA State of Play

Member	Ratified	ABC Notifications	Def. B	Def. C	TACB
Afghanistan	X	X	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Feb 2019
Kazakhstan	X	X	X	Aug. 2019	X
Kyrgyz Republic	X	X	X	Aug. 2019	X
Tajikistan	X	A	_	Aug. 2019	_

Current overall implementation

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

www.TFAFacility.org

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Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility

Donors

TFA at Regional Level

- Authorized Operator
- Regional recognition of accredited laboratories
- Risk management
- Regional Committee
- Regional coordination of donor support

Benefits

- Enhance integration efforts
- Reduce costs
- More effective
- Experience sharing

Thank you!

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Provisions most in Category A

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Overall