

# UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

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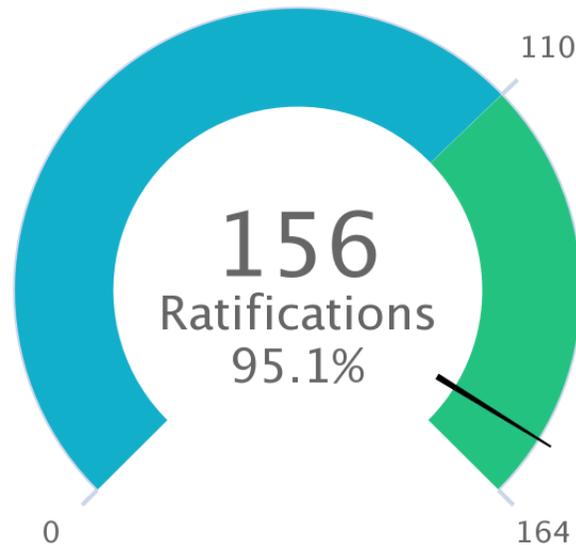


Trade Facilitation  
Committee



## Ratifications presented

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



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## Ratifications yet to be presented

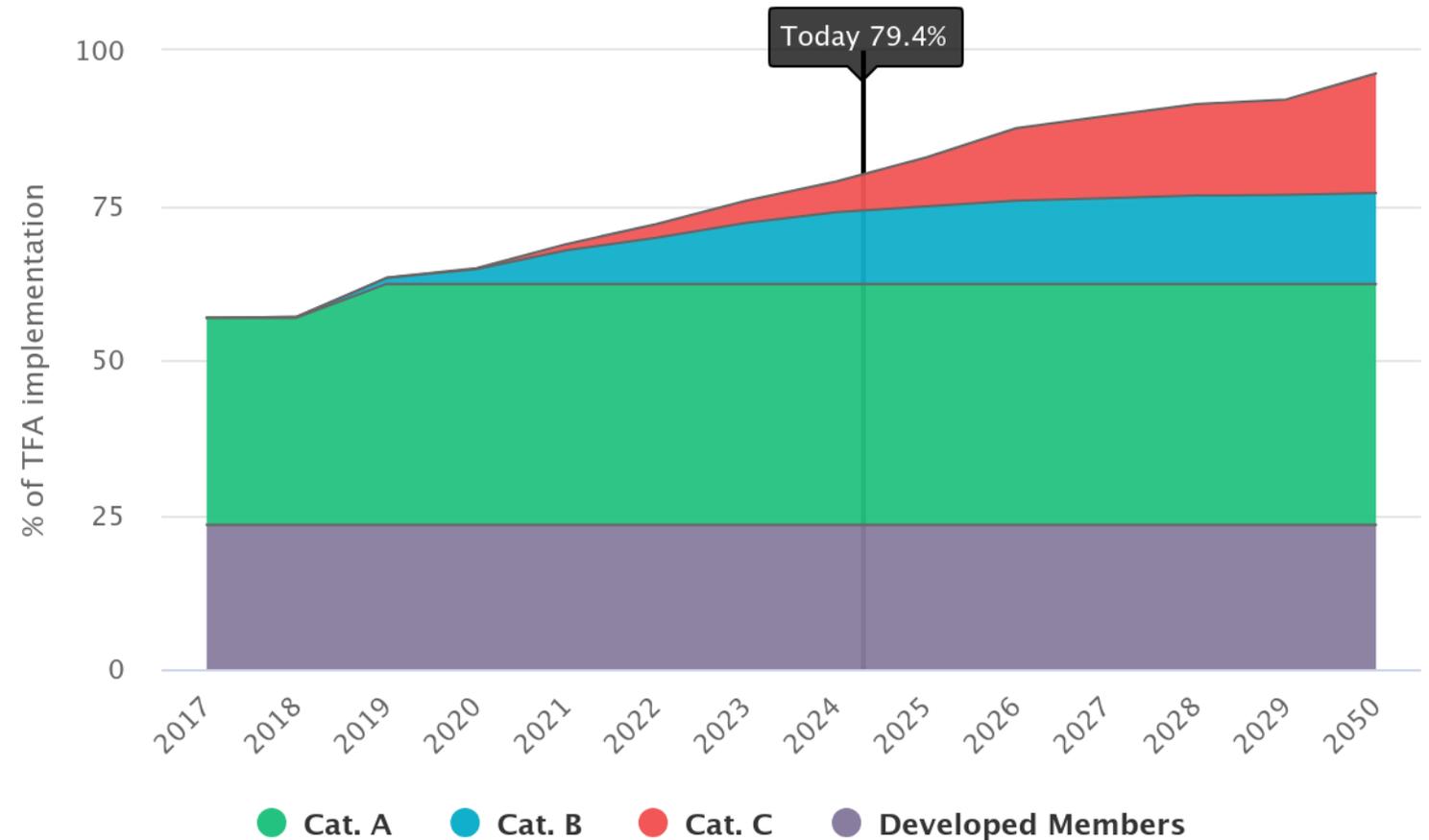
1. Democratic Republic of the Congo
2. Haiti
3. Mauritania
4. Suriname
5. Tonga
6. Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
7. Yemen

**European Union ratification:** For the purposes of calculation of acceptances under Article X.3 of the WTO Agreement, an instrument of acceptance by the European Union for itself and in respect of its Member States shall be counted as acceptance by a number of Members equal to the number of Member States of the European Union which are Members to the WTO.

# OVERVIEW OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS UNDER SECTION II

## Timeline of implementation commitments

Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time



# NOTIFICATIONS OF EARLIER IMPLEMENTATION



No. of Members that have notified earlier implementations dates	16
No. of Measures notified with earlier implementation dates	86
of which in category B	65
of which in category C	21
Average accelerated implementation period	20 months

Original definitive  
implementation date:  
30 June 2033



Earlier definitive  
implementation date:  
8 September 2023



<https://tfadatabase.org/en/notifications/earlier-implementation>

# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19

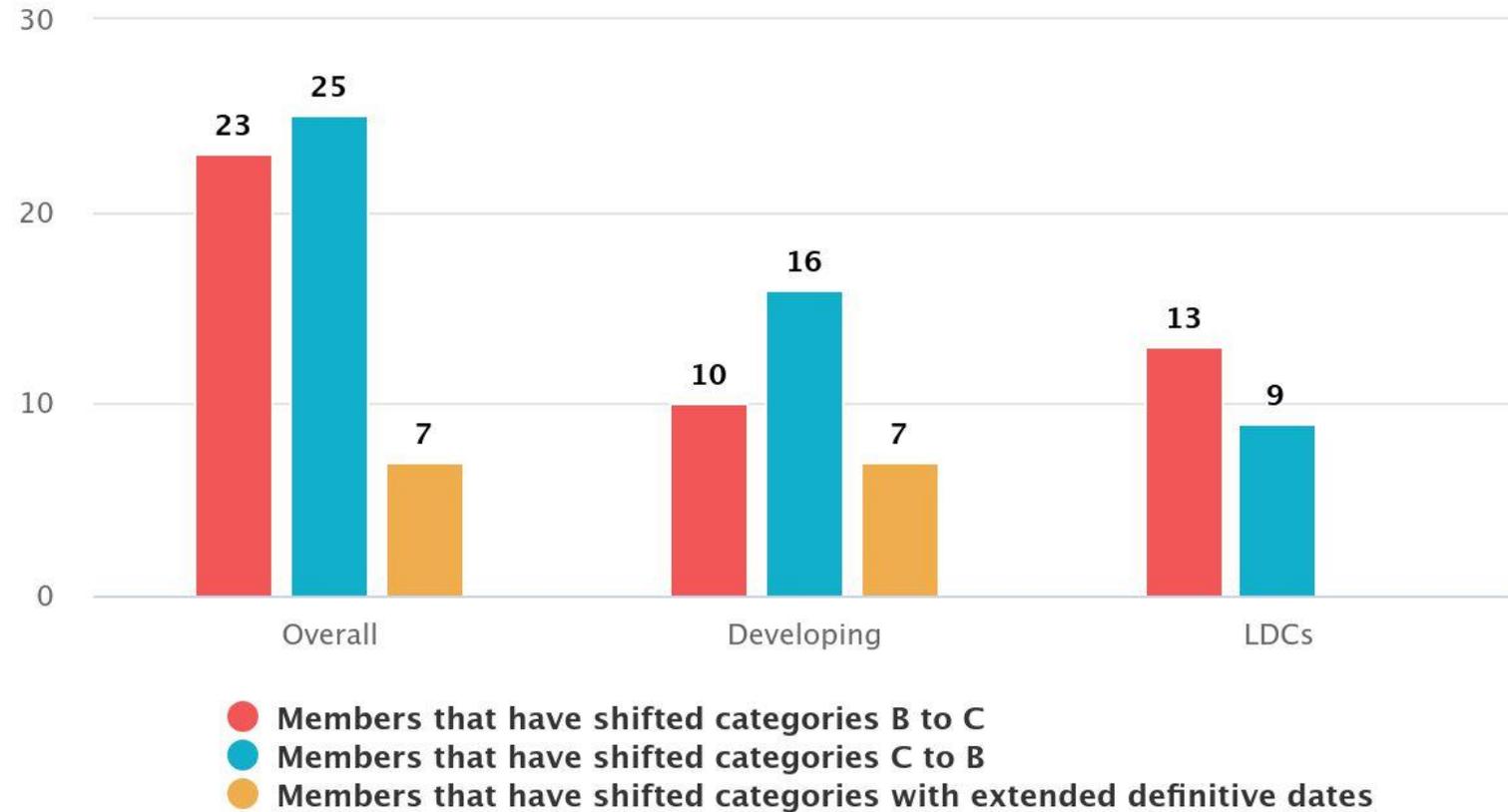
## SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES

**B → C**

**C → B**

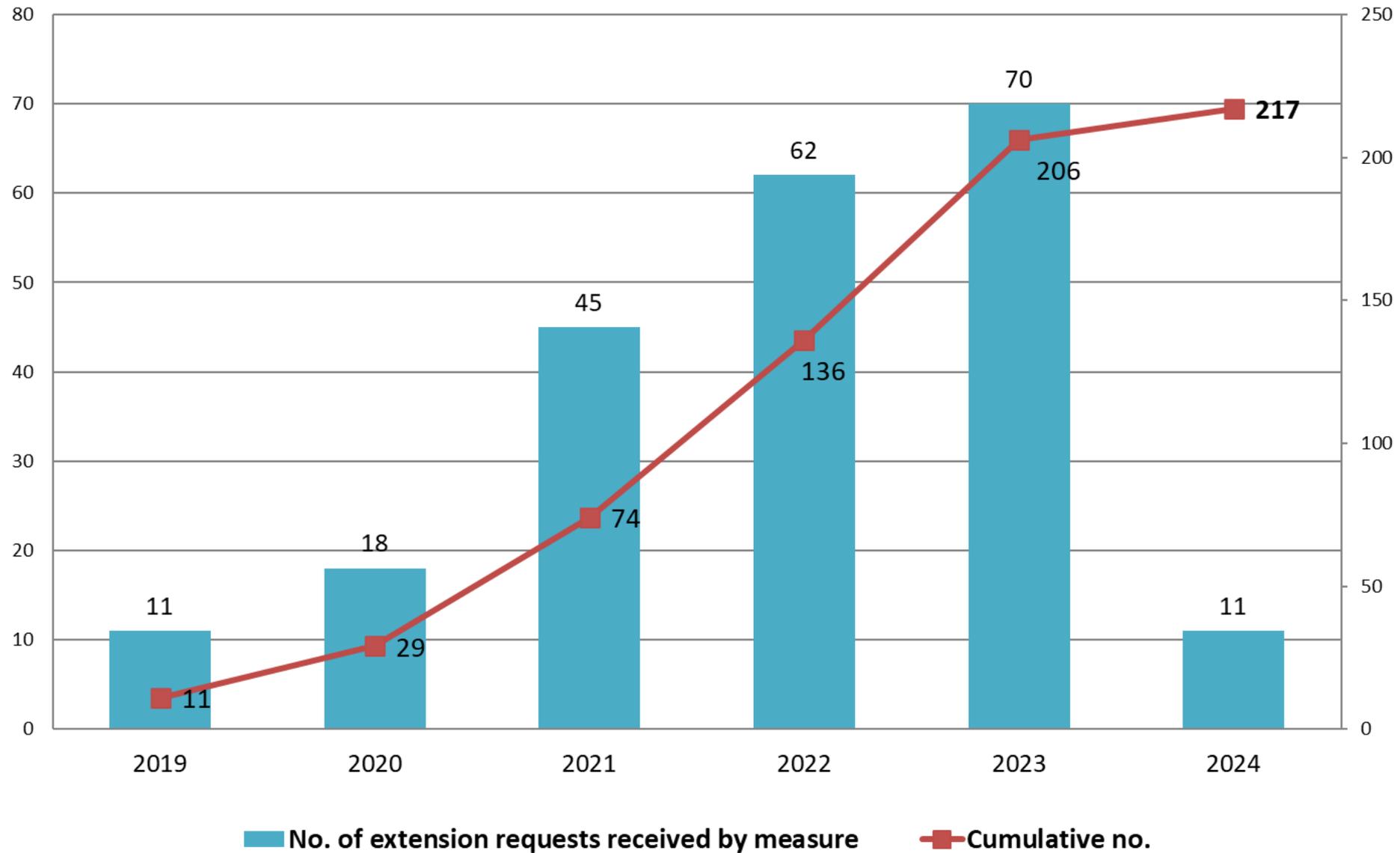
### Status of category shifting by Member

No. of Members that have shifted measures

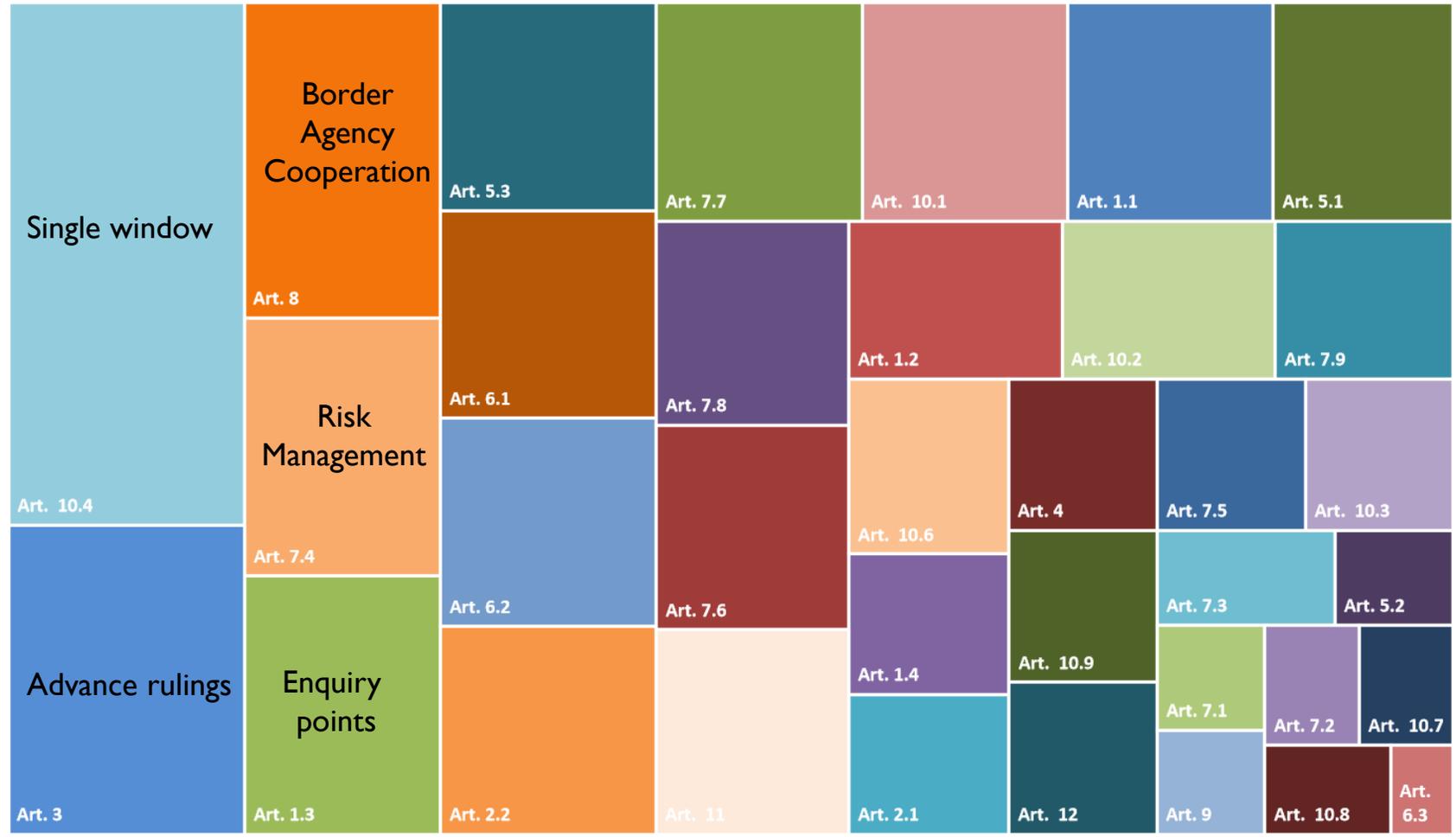


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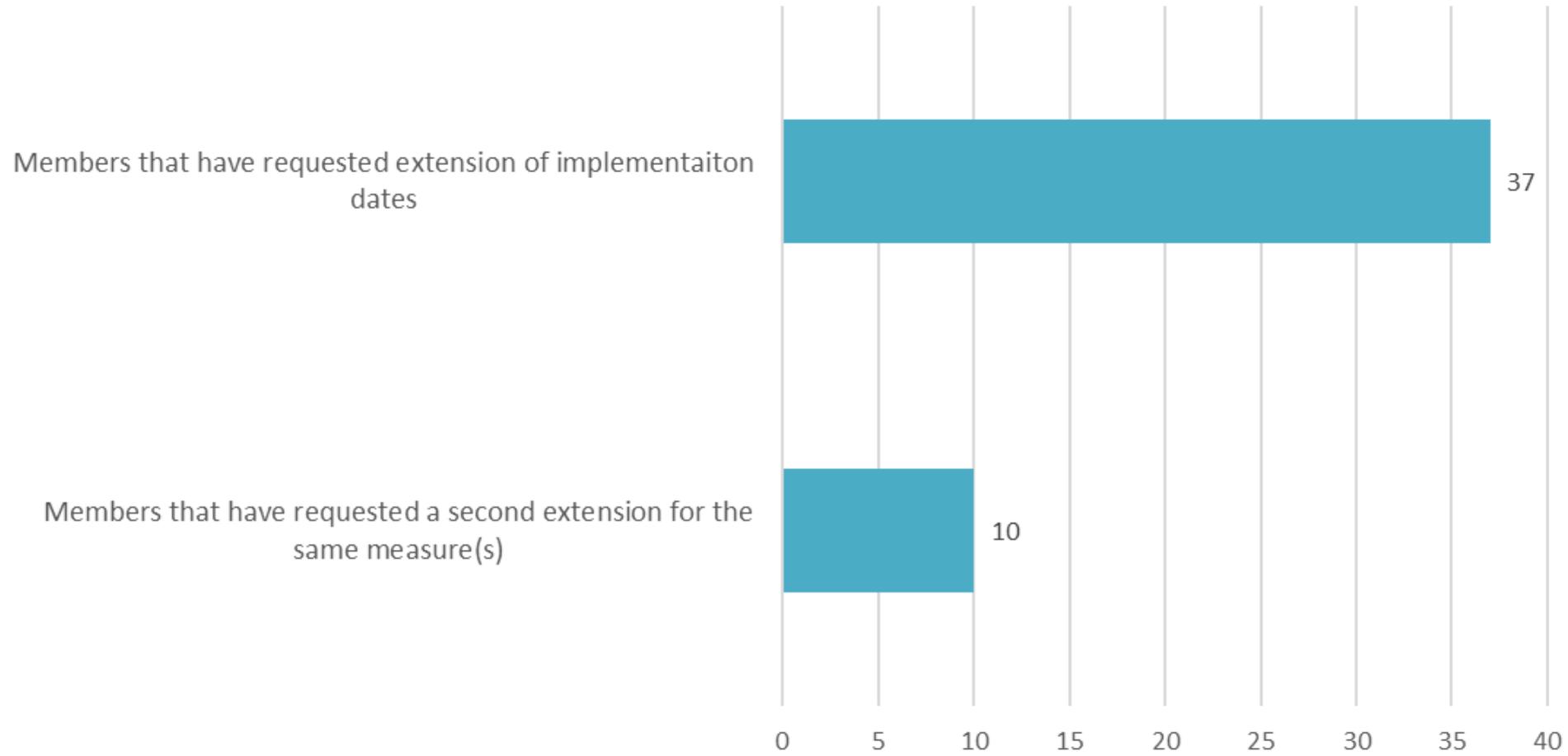
# Timeline of extension requests received, by measure



No. of extension requests presented, by measure



## Requests for second extensions



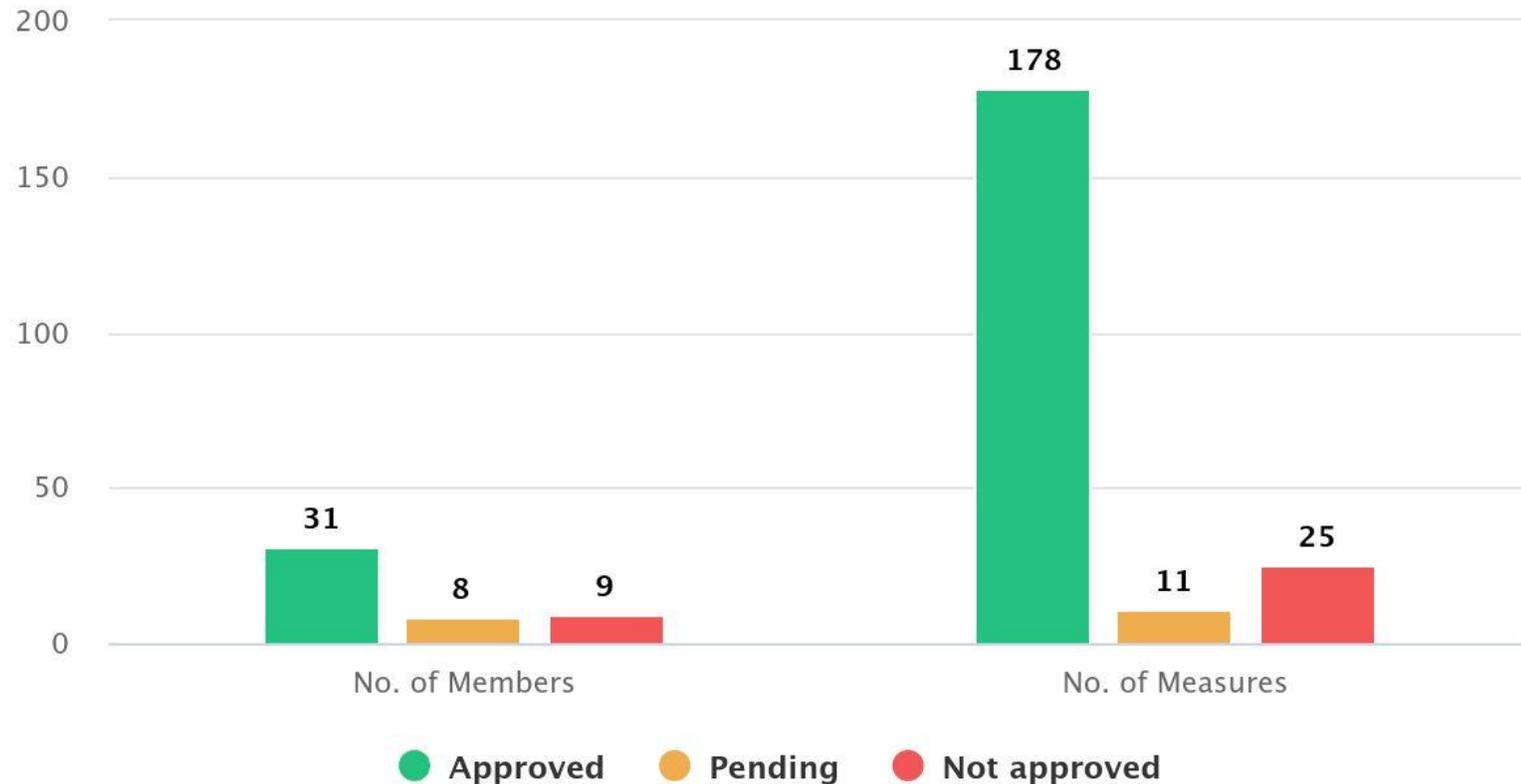
# OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

## EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



### Status of requests for extension of implementation dates

Requests approved, not approved or pending consideration by the Trade Facilitation Committee, by Member and by Measure

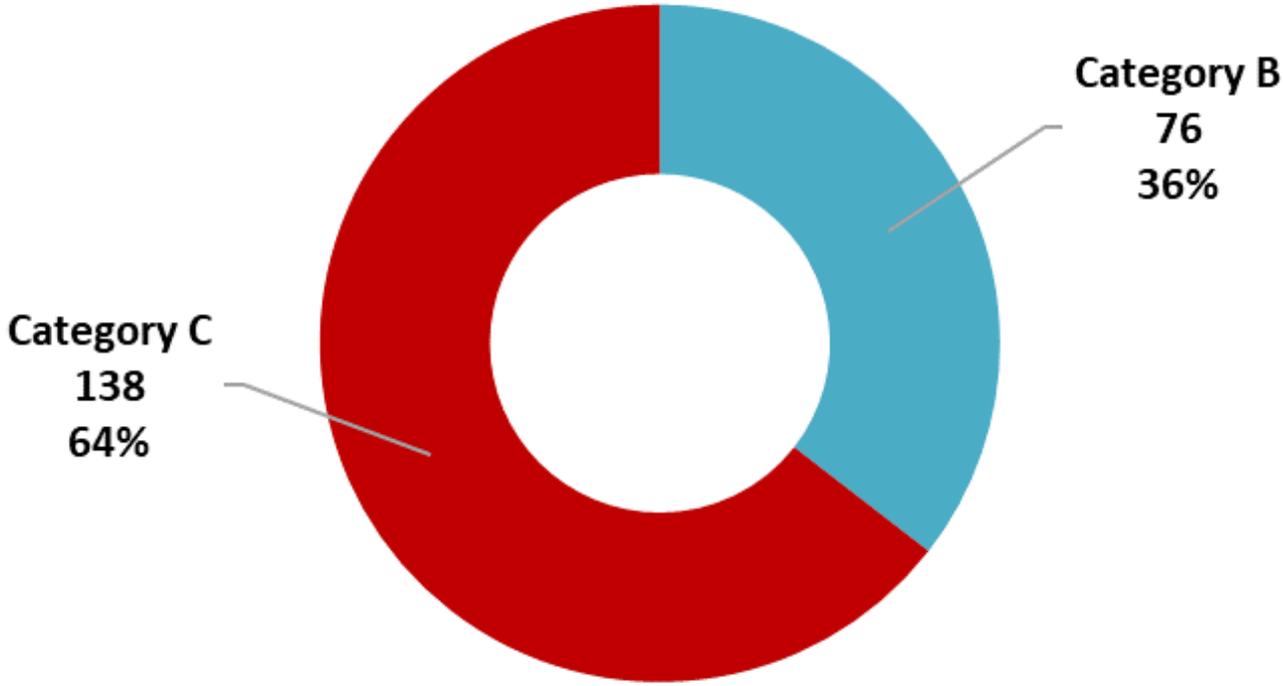


\*Status as 9 April 2024



<https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/extension-of-implementation-dates>

Number of extension requests received,  
by measure and by category



# UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION DATES

## 2024-2025



01 Jan 2024 to  
31 Dec 2025

no. of Members with due implementation dates	71
no. of measures	485
of which in <b>Cat. B</b>	<b>116</b>
of which in <b>Cat. C</b>	<b>366</b>
of which in Cat. B and Cat. C	2

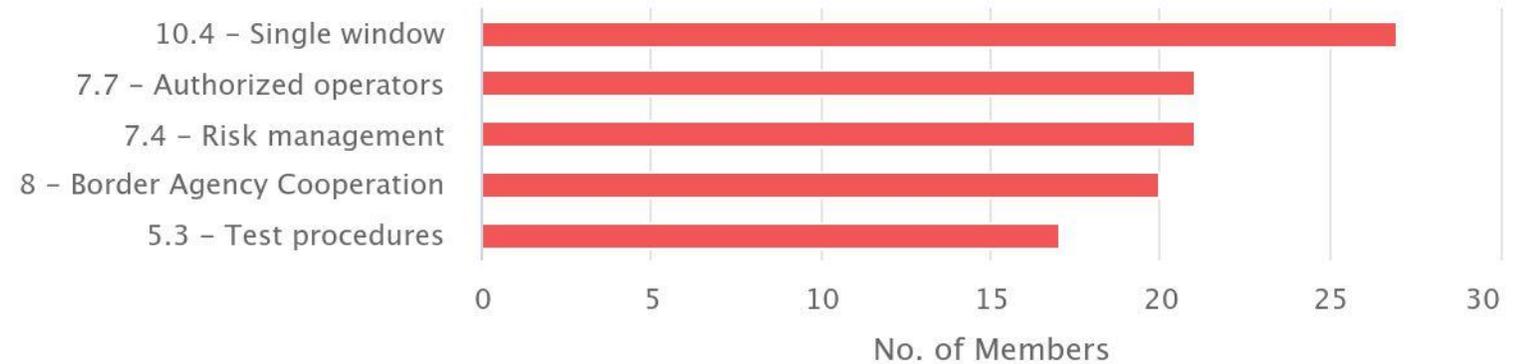


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TOP 5 **CATEGORY C**  
MEASURES DUE  
FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION  
IN  
**2024-2025**

Top 5 category C measures

2024-2025

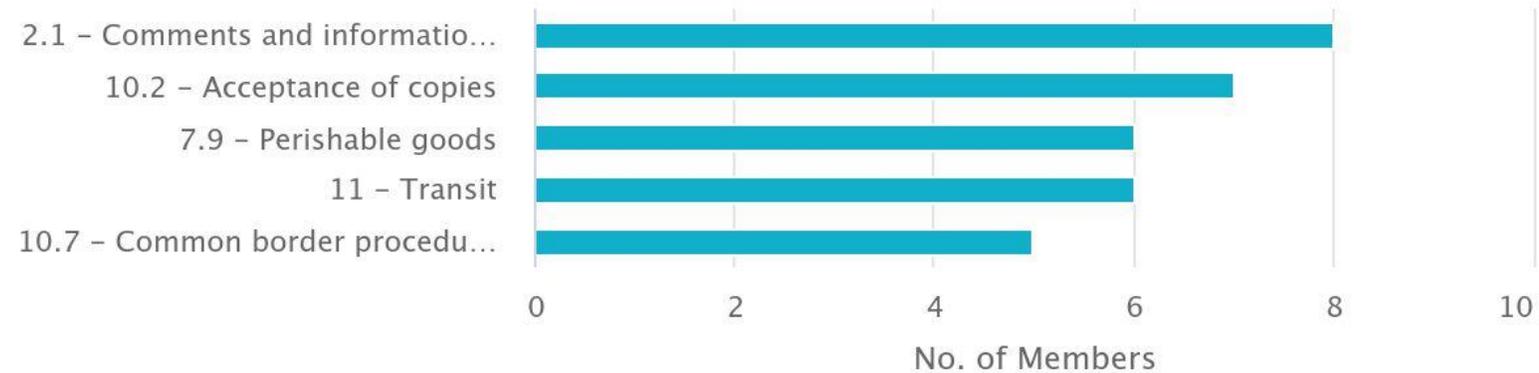


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# TOP 5 CATEGORY B MEASURES DUE FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 2024-2025

## Top 5 measures due for implementation

2024-2025



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## WHAT IS NEXT?

### 2024 Experience sharing under the theme “Use of Digitalization to Facilitate Trade”.

#### Meeting of 16-17 April 2024

- a. Utilizing data and technology to simplify trade;
- b. Promoting the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) through digital revolution and intelligence technologies (the TF Committee could develop an evolving compilation of Members' experience-sharing on this theme);
- c. Digitalization of border procedures (digitization of customs formalities, document submission, and payments).

#### Meeting of 9-10 July 2024

- Adapting formalities and documentation requirements to facilitate trade.

#### Meeting of 15-17 October 2024

- Single window for trade facilitation.



<https://tfadatabase.org/en/trade-facilitation-committee/experience-sharing>

# WHAT IS NEXT?

## National Trade Facilitation Committees

Committee is working to finalize a compilation of good practices, as shared by Members over the past seven years, that can serve as a resource tool for Members working to sustain their committees and for Members that may still be in the process of establishing their committees.



# WHAT IS NEXT?

## Dedicated session on transit issues of landlocked country members

- First review of the operation and implementation of the TFA (2021):
- “Committee decides to amend the Committee's spring meeting agenda, until next review of the TFA is completed, to include a Dedicated Session to discuss transit issues of landlocked country members.”
- Results 2023: G/TFA/M/21



Dedicated session on technical assistance and capacity building



Once a year; during the fall meeting.



Proposal to revisit the programme and re-focus even more on achieving concrete outputs in terms of successful matchmaking arising directly from the session

WHAT IS NEXT?

Questions



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THANK YOU

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