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Trade Facilitation
Agreement Facility

WTO Trade Facilitation

The Trade Facilitation Agreement

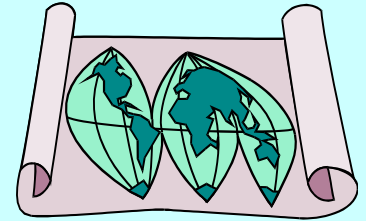
- ✓ *Why the TFA?*
- ✓ *The Trade Facilitation Agreement*
- ✓ *Implementation Flexibilities*
- ✓ *State of Play*
- ✓ *Single Window*

Why the TFA?



Expedite movement, release & clearance of goods
Improve cooperation between customs/other authorities

Why TFA is Unique



- ✦ Negotiated by all members
- ✦ TFA measures already used with success
- ✦ Multi agency implementation
- ✦ Implementation flexibilities





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THE TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT (TFA)

Trade Facilitation Agreement

Section I:

- ❖ 12 articles with 38 technical measures

Section II:

- ❖ Special and Differential Treatment (SDT) Provisions for developing countries

Section III:

- ❖ Institutional Arrangements and Final Provisions

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AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION*

Preamble

Members,

Having regard to the negotiations launched under the Doha Ministerial Declaration;

Recalling and reaffirming the mandate and principles contained in paragraph 27 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration (WT/MIN(01)/DEC/1) and in Annex D of the Decision of the Doha Work Programme adopted by the General Council on 1 August 2004 (WT/L/579), as well as in paragraph 33 of and Annex E to the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration (WT/MIN(05)/DEC);

Desiring to clarify and improve relevant aspects of Articles V, VIII and X of the GATT 1994 with a view to further expediting the movement, release and clearance of goods, including goods in transit;

Recognizing the particular needs of developing and especially least-developed country Members and desiring to enhance assistance and support for capacity building in this area;

Recognizing the need for effective cooperation among Members on trade facilitation and customs compliance issues;

Hereby agree as follows:

SECTION I

ARTICLE 1: PUBLICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

1 Publication

1.1 Each Member shall promptly publish the following information in a non-discriminatory and easily accessible manner in order to enable governments, traders, and other interested parties to become acquainted with them:

- procedures for importation, exportation, and transit (including port, airport, and other entry-point procedures), and required forms and documents;
- applied rates of duties and taxes of any kind imposed on or in connection with importation or exportation;
- fees and charges imposed by or for governmental agencies on or in connection with importation, exportation or transit;
- rules for the classification or valuation of products for customs purposes;
- laws, regulations, and administrative rulings of general application relating to rules of origin;

* This document has previously been issued under the symbol WT/PCTF/W/27.

Section I - TF Measures

Transparency and Appeals




- Publication/internet publication
- Enquiry Point for trade information
- Opportunity to comment
- Consultations
- Detention (notification of)
- Test procedures
- Right of appeal

Transit

- Restrictions on fees and charges
- Use of guarantee

Import/Export/Transit Fees & Formalities

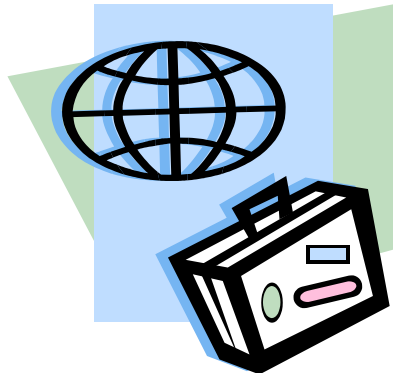
- Disciplines on fees
- Expedited shipments
- Perishable goods
- Risk management
- Acceptance of copies
- Publish average release times
- Authorized operators
- Border agency cooperation
- Review formalities and documents
- Single window
- Separate release from clearance
- Use of international standards
- Common border procedures and uniform documentation

	Benefits for Your Exporters	Benefits for Government
<p>Transparency + Fairness</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Predictability •Reduced time/costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Better compliance •Better quality decisions
<p>Good Governance</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Reduced costs •Reduced delays •Reduced complexity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Better compliance •More effective government •More efficient government
<p>Modernization</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Reduce clearance times and costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Align with modern business practice •More effective government •More efficient government

Before the border

Issues

- ✓ Accurate information difficult to find



TFA Solutions

- Publication
- Information Available on Internet

Issues

✓ Inefficient border-crossing procedures



- Notifications for enhanced controls for foods etc. (import alert)
- *Perishable goods - fast, priority 4 inspection, storage*
- Importer/carrier notified promptly if goods detained
- *Fees and formalities - review & streamline*
- Electronic Processing
 - Single window*
 - Electronic payment*
- *Test procedures - 2nd test allowed where 1st is adverse*
- Measure and publish average release times - identify barriers, baseline for monitoring

ARTICLE 23: 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.





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IMPLEMENTATION FLEXIBILITIES

APPLY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES



Special and Differential Treatment (SDT)



Section II of Agreement

- ⌚ Gives flexibility in implementation of obligations
- ⌚ Applies only to developing countries (including LDCs)
- ⌚ Implementation of TFA linked with capacity
- ⌚ Each developing and least-developed county can say when it will implement each measure
- ⌚ Which measures can implement only with technical assistance



SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT



Category A: implemented by time Agreement enters into force.
(111 countries have notified)

Category B: Entry into force + (X) time
(indicative dates of implementation)
(61 countries have notified)

Category C: need extra time & TACB
(50 countries have notified)

(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.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement policy guidelines on publication of trade-related information. Ensure timely review and update of trade-related information on internet by the relevant agencies. Ministry of Trade to set up a dedicated website for trade-related information. Provide capacity building in institutions.



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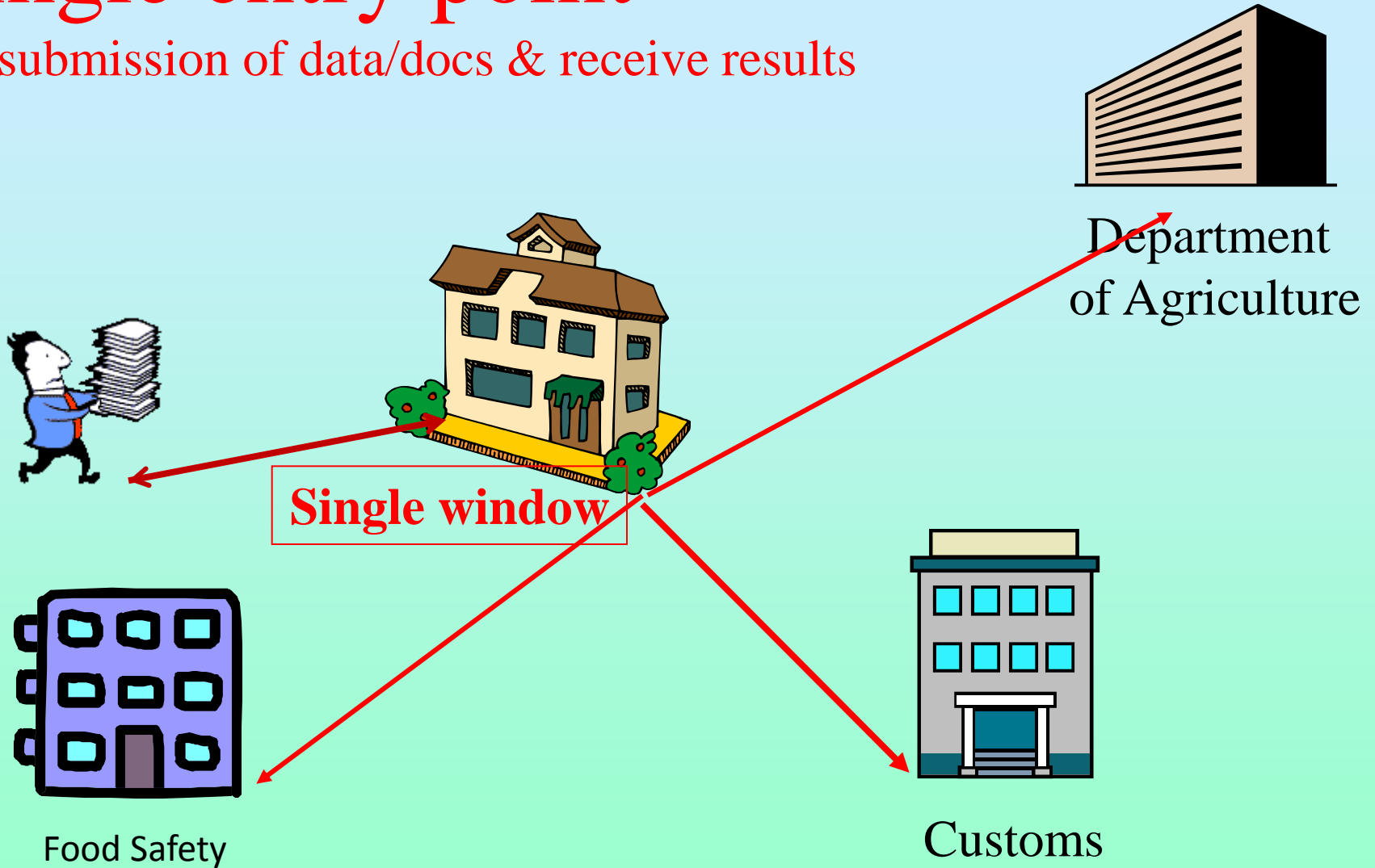
SINGLE WINDOW

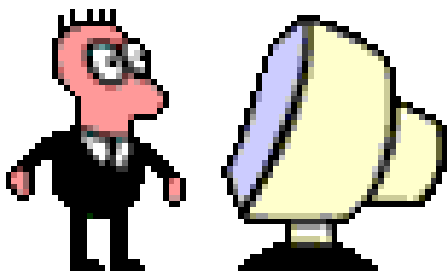
Article 10.4. Single Window

4.1 Members **shall endeavour to** establish or maintain a single window, enabling traders to submit documentation and/or data requirements for importation, exportation, or transit of goods through a single entry point to the participating authorities or agencies. After the examination by the participating authorities or agencies of the documentation and/or data, the results shall be notified to the applicants through the single window in a timely manner.

Single entry point-

for submission of data/docs & receive results





Article 10.4. Single Window

10.4.2 One-time submission can't be asked again -except urgent circumstances - publicly announced

4.3 Members **notify** details of operation

4.4 Encouraged to use **automation**

10.4.3 Transparency Notification

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Operation of the single window

Korea has run electronic single window system since March 2006 on the website <https://unipass.customs.go.kr> where customers can make an application related to requirements or declare imports, exports and others without having to visit relevant agencies.

As of May 2017, 26 agencies verifying requirements (for 55 requirements) are linked to the single window system which has processed 855,244 cases out of 896,960 (95.3%).

10.4.3 Transparency Notification

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Operation of the single window

A description of Australia's single window can be found at:

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Importingandbuyinggoodsfromoverseas/Documents/documentaryimportdeclarationguideupdatedjan2013web.pdf>



Australian Government

**Australian Customs and
Border Protection Service**

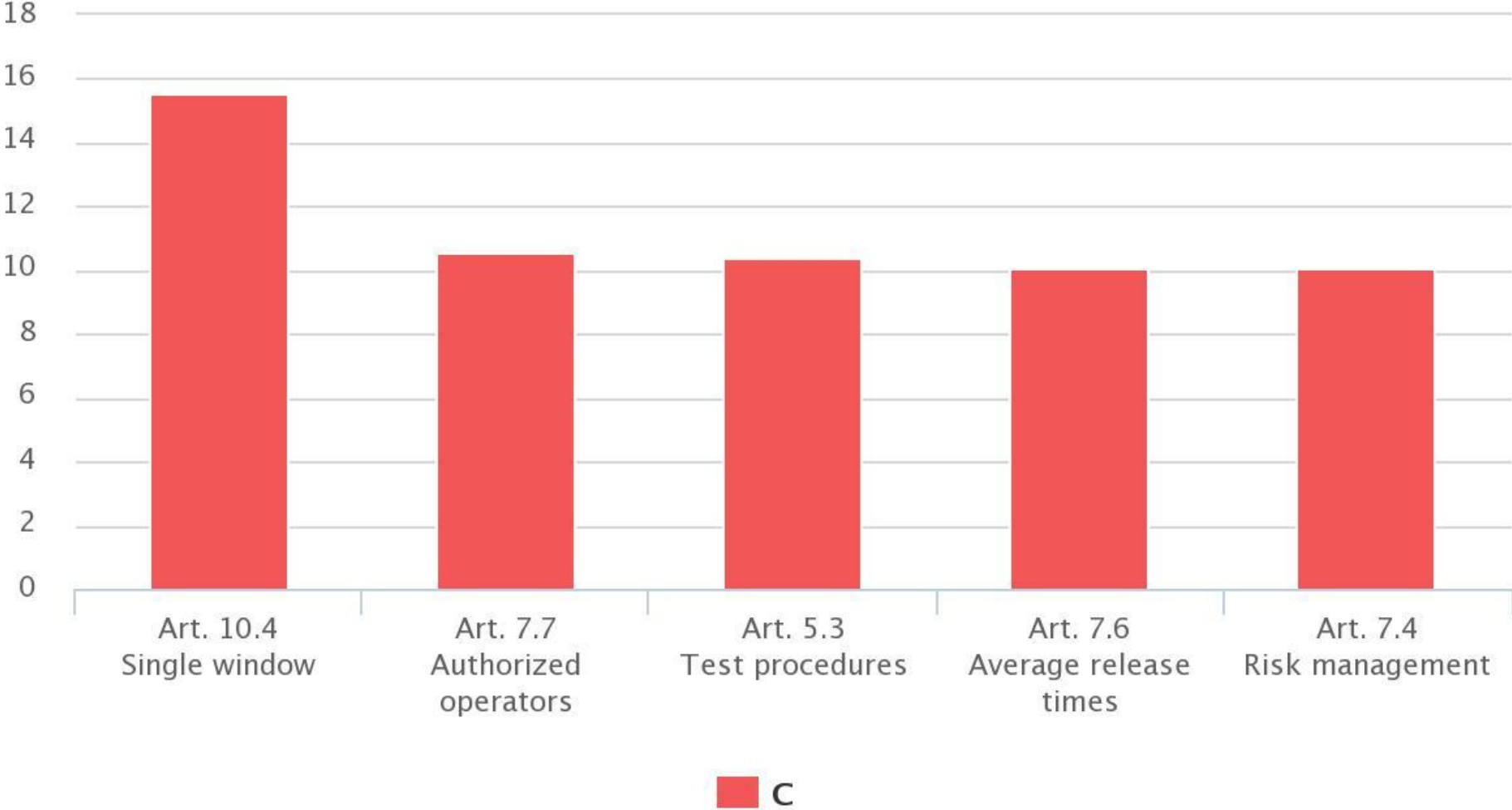
Documentary Import Declaration Comprehensive Guide



January 2013

The 5 most notified measures in Category C

Based on % of all notifiable article items



Members ABC notifications for Single Window

In Category A

1.	Brazil	10.	Israel	19.	Thailand
2.	Brunei Darussalam	11.	Korea, Republic of	20.	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
3.	Chile	12.	Malaysia	21.	Turkey
4.	Chinese Taipei	13.	Mexico	22.	Uruguay
5.	Colombia	14.	Oman		
6.	Costa Rica	15.	Paraguay		
7.	Georgia	16.	Qatar		
8.	Guatemala (partially)	17.	Senegal		
9.	Hong Kong, China	18.	Singapore		

In Category B

1.	Argentina	4.	India	7.	South Africa
2.	Bahrain	5.	Macao, China	8.	Togo
3.	China	6.	Peru		

In Category C

1.	Afghanistan	16.	Honduras	31.	Nigeria
2.	Albania	17.	Jamaica	32.	Pakistan
3.	Armenia	18.	Lao PDR	33.	Philippines
4.	Bangladesh	19.	Madagascar	34.	Saint Kitts and Nevis
5.	Belize	20.	Malawi	35.	Seychelles
6.	Bolivia	21.	Mali	36.	Sierra Leone
7.	Botswana	22.	Mauritius	37.	Sri Lanka
8.	Cambodia	23.	Moldova	38.	Swaziland
9.	Chad	24.	Mongolia	39.	Solomon Islands
10.	Cuba	25.	Montenegro	40.	Tonga
11.	Dominican Republic	26.	Mozambique	41.	Trinidad and Tobago
12.	Fiji	27.	Myanmar	42.	Ukraine
13.	The Gambia	28.	Nepal	43.	Vanuatu
14.	Guatemala (partially)	29.	Nicaragua	44.	Zambia
15.	Guyana	30.	Niger		

Common TACB in Cat C notifications

- *Training of government officials and IT staff.*
- *Legal support to assist in changing national legislation.*
- *Hardware and software.*
- *TA to prepare & implement the risk management model.*
- *A public awareness campaign to teach traders and local businesses about the benefits of using a single window.*



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		Notifications list	<p>Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility</p> <p>The Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF) is aimed at providing support to developing and LDC Members implementing and benefiting from the Trade Facilitation Agreement. The objective of this Agreement is to boost trade by expediting the movement, release and clearance of goods across borders.</p>			
		How to present notifications?				
		Ratifications list				
		How to present the instrument of ratification?				
		Statistics and Charts				

TFA Database



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Member Profiles

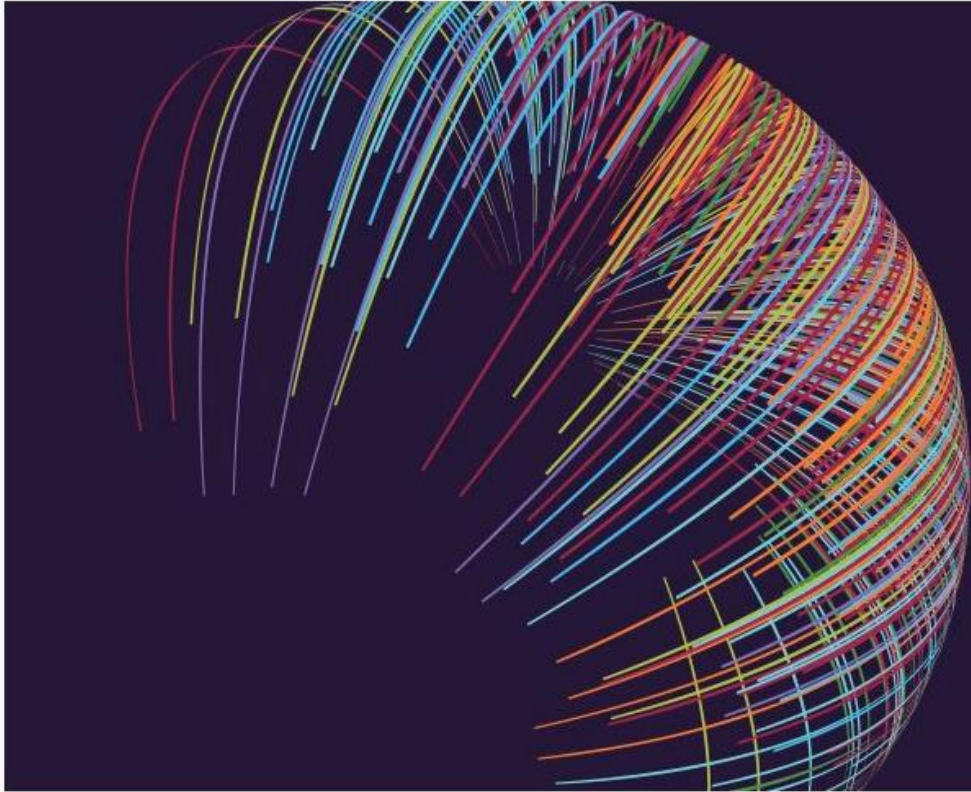

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Methodology


Resources


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The Trade Facilitation Agreement Database is a tool to search, filter and analyse the notifications and ratifications received under the Trade Facilitation Agreement.



Thank you!

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