

# TFAF Update

WTO TF COMMITTEE MEETING

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# ACP Workshop and Drop in sessions



# National workshops



## **Dominican Republic**

B & C definitive dates, transparency notifications for all 4 articles, and donor contact point



## **Barbados**

Category C definitive dates and TACB needs.

National Committee terms of reference and action plan

# The TFAF Supported:

-21 developing and LDC Members to submit 33 notifications

-and 1 instrument of ratification.

Contribution from TFAF on over a third of the 86 notifications received



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)
<b>Article 1 Publication and Availability of Information</b>					
Article 1.1	Publication	B	31 December 2021	31 December 2021	-
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support the set-up of the Vietnam Trade Information Portal.</li><li>Supplement the information to The Vietnam Trade Information Portal and have the information translated into English.</li><li>International support in developing procedures, processes and other required inputs for Trade Portal.</li></ul>
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	A	-	-	-
Article 1.4	Notification	A	-	-	-
<b>Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations</b>					
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information before Entry into Force	A	-	-	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	A	-	-	-
<b>Article 3 Advance Rulings</b>					
		C	31 December 2021	31 December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Experts are required for experience-sharing in implementing advance ruling on origin, value.</li><li>Funds are required for facilities and equipment investment.</li></ul>
<b>Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review</b>					
		A	-	-	-
<b>Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency</b>					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2021	-
Article 5.2	Detection	B	31 December 2021	31 December 2022	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	31 December 2023	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support in the form of experience sharing for testing procedures and methods.</li><li>Training by experts from developed countries.</li><li>Call for Public Private Partnership in establishing qualified testing labs.</li><li>Provide support for reviewing the capacity and the implementation of standards and technical regulations of the labs.</li><li>Support and maintain the system which publishes the list of labs qualified for first test and second test.</li></ul>



# TFAF October 14 Workshop



Article	Category	Definitive date for implementation (for categories B and C)	Assistance and Support for Capacity Building Required for Implementation (for category C)	Development Partner identified	Notes / Next steps
<b>Article 1.1</b> Publication					
<b>Article 1.2</b> Information Available through Internet					
<b>Article 1.3</b> Enquiry Points					
<b>Article 1.4</b> Notification					
<b>Article 2.1</b> Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force					
<b>Article 2.2</b> Consultations					

## AUSTRALIA



### 1. WHERE WE WORK:

Australia supports global programs focused on helping developing countries and LDCs to implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).

Australia focuses its bilateral and regional support for trade facilitation in the [Indo-Pacific region](#).

### 2. TYPE OF PROGRAMS/ASSISTANCE WE OFFER:

Global programs supported by Australia that assist Members to implement the TFA include:

[The World Bank Trade Facilitation Support Program](#)

[The Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation](#)

[The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility](#)

Australia has a strategic target for its aid for trade investments to comprise 20 per cent of its aid program. Australia's aid for trade investments are mainly delivered through bilateral and regional programs. This work tends to be programmed well in advance, in consultation with partner countries, based on their identified needs. As per [the Strategy for Australia's Aid for Trade Investments](#), aid for trade investments focus on three objectives: improving the regulatory environment; addressing poor economic infrastructure; and improving the productive capacity of the private sector. Trade facilitation is an important component of this work.

### 3. WHO TO CONTACT:

In the first instance, Members seeking assistance with TFA implementation are encouraged to contact the global programs supported by Australia that specifically focus on TFA implementation:

[The World Bank Trade Facilitation Support Program](#)

[The Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation](#)

[The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility](#)

For bilateral and regional trade facilitation-related assistance, Members should engage with their relevant Australian Embassy or High Commission, in coordination with the Ministry that is responsible for their national development planning. Contact details for Australian Missions are available at <http://www.dfat.gov.au/missions>



# Facilitation Feud WTO Geneva, Switzerland July 5, 2019





# WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility

Work Plan ~~2019~~  
2020

November 2018

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## WORK PLAN FOR 2019

### TARGET FOR 2019

This document sets out the work plan for the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF or the Facility) for 2019.

Detailed information on the operation of the Facility can be found in the Operational Guidelines that were issued on 25 June 2015.

In line with the agreed Operational Guidelines, that were issued on 25 June 2015<sup>1</sup>, the activities in this work plan have the primary goal of assisting developing and least developed country Members to: (1) find assistance for implementation of the provisions of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), (2) ratify the TFA, (3) submit TFA Section II notifications within agreed deadlines, and (4) enhance the operation of their national trade facilitation committees.

In order to meet these goals, in 2019, the Facility will carry out tasks organized under four linked headings: A. Matchmaking and Funding, B. Ratification, notifications and implementation, C. Implementation Support and capacity building, and D. Advocacy.

In order to ensure that it responds to genuine needs, TFAF's activities are driven by requests from Members. As such this work plan outlines the number, scale and broad focus of the proposed activities for 2019, without detailing the locations and specific topics covered, which are fixed and communicated to stakeholders at regular updates throughout the year. TFAF will pay special attention to the participation of women in all trainings and workshops.

As of 9 November 2018, 139 countries had submitted their instrument of acceptance (ratification) of the Agreement, 114 Countries had submitted their category A notifications. Seventy-five countries had notified category B and C commitments.

In order to reflect progress made since the launch of the Facility, at the request of donors and to further clarify its approach, simplify reporting and underline the contribution of its activities to overall results, the Facility will propose an updated log frame to stakeholders. The update includes the above goals as the Facility's outcomes and the activity headings of this plan as its outputs. As such there will be a clearer link between the activities described in this work plan, monitored throughout the year and evaluated in the annual report, and the overall aims of the Facility as expressed in the log frame.

To reflect progress made in ratifying and implementing the Agreement, TFAF will further develop its project management and monitoring tools, based on the updated log frame, to increase its results-based management and results reporting. Over the course of 2019, TFAF will develop a theory of change on its impact on developing countries, including data on activities and delivered outputs, with gender-disaggregated data, where possible, on the relevant activities.

### BACKGROUND

The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement entered into force on 22 February 2017, when more than two-thirds of the WTO Membership had domestically ratified a Protocol of Amendment and notified the WTO of their acceptance of this Protocol.<sup>2</sup> A total of 13 ratifications were received in 2018 and as of 9 November 2018, 139 out of 164 WTO Members had completed this process.

When the TFA entered into force, the category A, B and C notifications became due. As of 9 November 2018, 54 developing countries had notified their B and C categories. Meeting the deadline of February 2018, 21 LDCs have notified their B and C provisions. These notifications inform of the Member's implementation assistance needs.

<sup>1</sup> The Operational Guidelines are available on the Facility website at:

<http://www.tfafacility.org/operational-guidelines>

<sup>2</sup> The Protocol Amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization done at Geneva on 27 November 2014 (WT/L/940).



WORK PLAN 2019

# JULY 2019



2019 Peer to Peer Trade Facilitation Learning Event  
WTO, Geneva, Switzerland  
July 2, 2019



Facilitation Feud  
WTO, Geneva, Switzerland  
July 5, 2019





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