

South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation

# Update in Implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement in SASEC Member Countries

ADB-KCS Second SASEC Subregional Workshop:

## CAPACITY BUILDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

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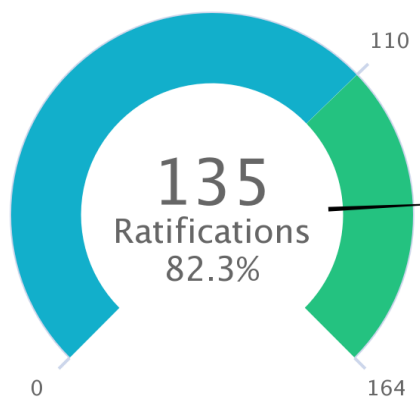
## PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- WTO TFA ratification
- WTO TFA A-B-C notification
- Share of A-B-C categories by region
- Most notified measures in category C
- Where to from here?



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## WTO ALL-MEMBER OVERVIEW: TFA RATIFICATION



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### SASEC Ratifications:

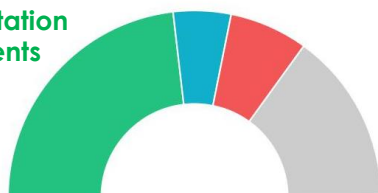
- Myanmar – 16 December 2015
- India – 22 April 2016
- Sri Lanka – 31 May 2016
- Bangladesh – 27 September 2016
- Nepal – 24 January 2017
- *Maldives has yet to ratify*
- *Bhutan is not a WTO member*



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## WTO ALL-MEMBER OVERVIEW: A-B-C NOTIFICATION

59.7%  
rate of  
implementation  
commitments



● A – 46.3% ● B – 10.0% ● C – 13.6% ● Not yet notified – 30.1%

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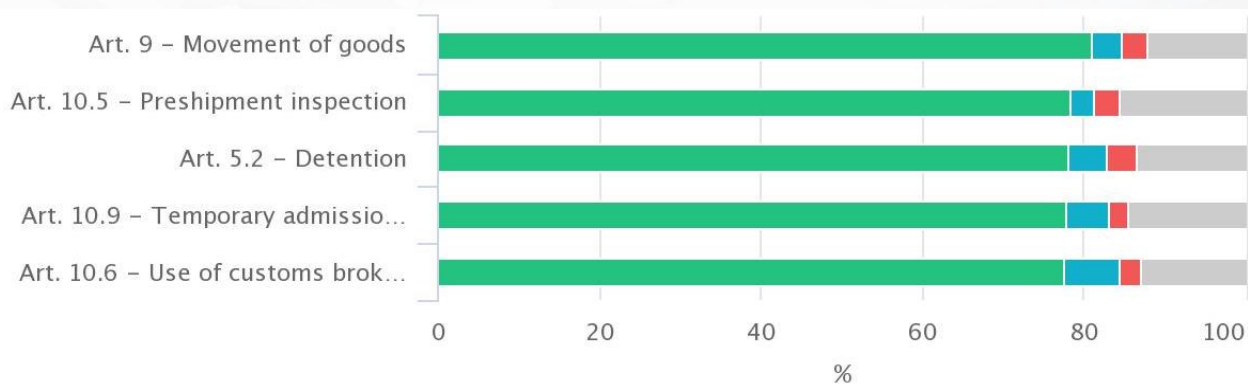
### Share of Categories A-B-C, based on % of all notifiable items

- 112 members – **category A** commitments
- 62 members – **category B** commitments
- 52 members – **category C** commitments
- *13 members have not yet notified*



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## TOP 5 MEASURES WITH HIGHEST IMPLEMENTATION RATE



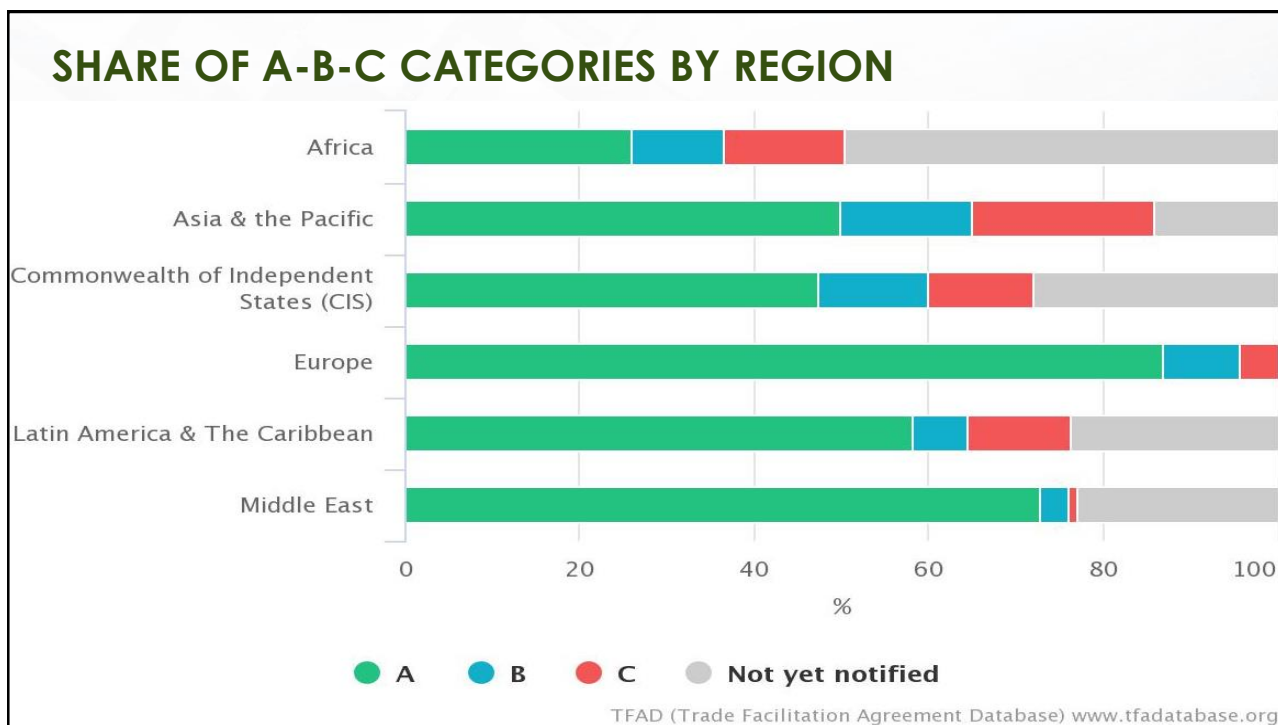
- rate of implementation commitments today
- Rate of implementation commitments needing additional time
- Rate of implementation commitments needing additional time and assistance
- rate of implementation commitments yet to be designated

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## SASEC A-B-C NOTIFICATIONS

SASEC Member Country	Category A *	Category B *	Category C *
Bangladesh	34.5	38.2	27.3
India	72.3	27.7	0
Myanmar	5.5	9.2	85.3
Nepal	2.1	12.2	85.7
Sri Lanka	29.0	1.7	69.3

\* Based on % share of all notifiable items



## 5 MOST NOTIFIED MEASURES IN CATEGORY C

### All WTO members:

- Article 10.4 – National Single Window (27.9%)
- Article 5.3 – Test Procedures (20.2%)
- Article 7.7 – Authorized Economic Operators (19.2%)
- Article 7.4 – Risk Management (18.1%)
- Article 7.6 – Establishment & Publication of Average Release Times (17.5%)

## 5 MOST NOTIFIED MEASURES IN CATEGORY C

All WTO members **and Asia and the Pacific members:**

- Article 10.4 – National Single Window (27.9%) → **36.4%**
- Article 5.3 – Test Procedures (20.2%) → **26.4%**
- Article 7.7 – Authorized Economic Operators (19.2%) → **25.0%**
- Article 7.4 – Risk Management (18.1%) → **23.6%**
- Article 7.6 – Establishment & Publication of Average Release Times (17.5%) → **22.8%**



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## MOST NOTIFIED CATEGORY C MEASURES IN SASEC

**Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka:**

- Article 7.4 – Risk Management
- Article 7.5 – PCA
- Article 7.7 – Authorized Economic Operators
- Article 8 – Border Agency Cooperation
- Article 10.1 – Formalities and Documentation Requirements
- Article 10.4 – National Single Window



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## WHERE TO FROM HERE?

- SASEC Customs Subgroup
  - KCS multiyear initiative
  - NACIN Memorandum Intent for Cooperation in Customs Capacity Building
- SASEC Operational Plan 2016-2025
- ADB SASEC regional technical assistance 2018



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