

FACTS&FIGURES Recent Developments

Regional Trade Agreements



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In the context of a deteriorating trade environment and trade restrictions taken by WTO Members, RTAs continue to be notified to and considered at the WTO.



RTAs notified

RTAs notified to the WTO and still in force on 31 December 2018.
Separate notifications on Goods and Services for the same RTA are counted as one ("Physical RTAs")

Trade in Goods Trade in Services

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RTAs notified

+0 Early announcement (voluntary)

+0 Notification of changes

0 EOI report circulated
EOI: End of Implementation

▶134 EOI reports due

- Turkey – Singapore
- Peru – Honduras
- EFTA – Philippines
- CPTPP (Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, Viet Nam)

Total number of RTAs notified

291

467 (if counting separately all the notifications on goods, services, and accessions)



RTAs considered by the CRTA or the CTD

8

RTAs considered during the period

6 RTAs considered at the CRTA; and 2 at the CTD.

- Accession of Seychelles to SADC
- EU – CARIFORUM
- EU – Ghana
- EAEU (Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russian Fed.)
- Accession of Armenia to EAEU
- Accession of the Kyrgyz Rep. to EAEU

- Agadir Agreement (Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia)
- Panama – Dominican Rep.

Total number of RTAs considered Under the TM*

166

* A "Transparency Mechanism for RTAs" (TM) was established in 2006 by a Decision of the General Council. It came into force in early 2007.

279 (if counting separately all the notifications on goods, services, and accessions)



2 regular sessions
18 September 2018
19 November 2018
1 information session (on TM)
15 October 2018

Committee on Regional Trade Agreements considers RTAs notified under GATT Art. XXIV and GATS Art. V

In a limited number of cases, a single "Physical RTA" notified to the WTO may be considered on two different occasions if the trade in goods aspects are notified under the Enabling Clause (prompting a consideration by the CTD), and the trade in services aspects are notified under the GATS (prompting a consideration by the CRTA).



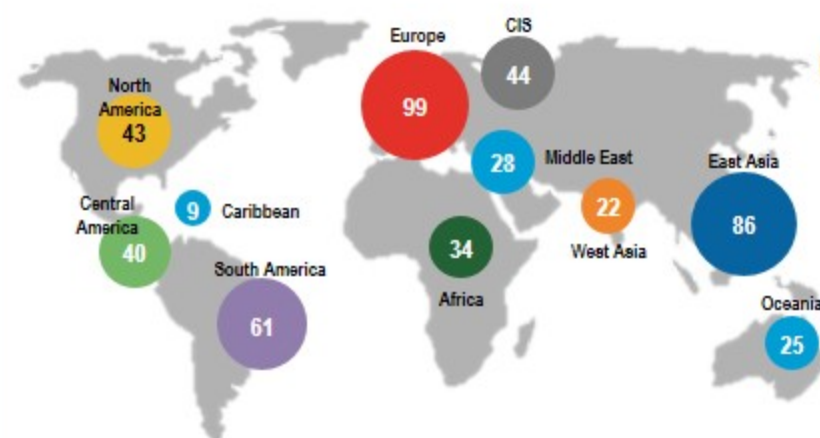
1 dedicated session on RTAs
21 November 2018

Committee on Trade and Development considers RTAs notified under the Enabling Clause

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Regional Trade Agreements Information System (RTA/IS)
The WTO Database on RTAs
<http://rtais.wto.org>

Number of RTAs notified and currently in force



The biggest "users" of RTAs

