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Regional Trade Agreements



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In the context of a deteriorating trade environment fuelled by the COVID-19 pandemic and continuing trade restrictions taken by some WTO Members, RTAs nevertheless continued to be notified to and considered at the WTO. Hybrid meeting formats (presential + virtual) were used by WTO Members to continue their monitoring work.



RTAs notified

RTAs notified to the WTO and in force on 1 January 2021. Separate notifications on Goods and Services for the same RTA are counted as one.

Trade in Goods Trade in Services

36

- + 0 Early announcement (voluntary)
- + 0 Notification of changes

0 EOI report circulated
EOI: End of Implementation

▶ 145 EOI reports due

- EU – Viet Nam
- US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)
- EU-Pacific States, Accession of Samoa
- EU-Pacific States, Accession of Solomon Islands

32 RTAs between the UK and the following partners, as a result of "Brexit":
Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Faeroe Islands, Fiji, Georgia, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Lebanon, Lichtenstein, Mauritius, Moldova, Morocco, Nicaragua, North Macedonia, Norway, Palestine, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, St Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, Kosovo*, Viet Nam, and Zimbabwe.

*Reference to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

Total number of RTAs notified

335

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



RTAs considered by the CRTA and the CTD

Including accessions to existing RTAs

19

RTAs considered during the period

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



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



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

- ASEAN - Japan
- ASEAN - Rep. of Korea
- Hong Kong, China - Georgia
- Peru - Honduras
- GUAM
- EU - Armenia
- MERCOSUR - Israel
- EU - Cameroon
- EU - SADC States
- India - Rep. of Korea
- EFTA - Philippines
- Hong Kong, China - Australia
- Chile - Indonesia
- COMESA - Accession of Egypt
- India - Afghanistan
- MERCOSUR - SACU
- ASEAN - Rep. of Korea
- Mexico - Bolivia
- India - Rep. of Korea

Total number of RTAs considered Under the TM*

200

* The "Transparency Mechanism for RTAs" (TM) was established in December 2006 by a Decision of the General Council.

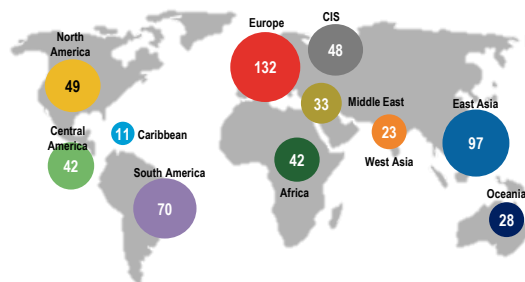
331 (if counting separately all the notifications on goods, services, and accessions)

In a limited number of cases, a single 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). In rare cases also, a single RTA, which has been notified both under the GATT Art. XXIV and the Enabling Clause (so-called "dual notifications"), is considered under both the CRTA and the CTD (this was the case, for example of the RTAs between ASEAN and the Rep. of Korea and between India and the Rep. of Korea).

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Number of RTAs notified and currently in force



The biggest "users" of RTAs

