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Regional Trade Agreements



1 JANUARY – 30 JUNE 2021

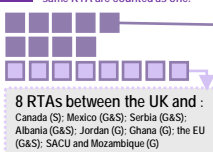
In the context of a deteriorating trade environment fuelled by the COVID-19 pandemic and continuing trade restrictions taken by some WTO Members, RTAs nevertheless continued to be notified to and considered at the WTO. Hybrid meeting formats (in person + virtual) were used by WTO Members to continue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



RTAs notified

RTAs notified to the WTO and in force on 30 June 2021. Separate notifications on Goods and Services for the same RTA are counted as one.

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- + 0 Early announcement (voluntary)
- + 1 Notification of changes

EOI: End of Implementation Reports

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Trade in Goods Trade in Services

- 🇰🇷 🇺🇸 Korea – Central America
- 🇮🇳 🇲🇺 India – Mauritius
- 🇵🇦 🇵🇸 PACER Plus
- 🇳🇦 🇿🇼 Namibia – Zimbabwe
- 🇦🇸 🇨🇳 ASEAN – Hong Kong, China
- 🇮🇩 🇦🇺 Indonesia – Australia
- 🇪🇺 🇪🇸 EU – ESA (accession of Comoros)
- 🇺🇦 🇮🇱 Ukraine – Israel
- 🇨🇳 🇲🇺 China – Mauritius

Total number of RTAs notified

350

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

Changes made to the EU Treaty (adjustment as a result of "Brexit")



RTAs considered by the CRTA and the CTD

Including accessions to existing RTAs

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- 🇪🇺 🇸🇬 EU – Singapore
- 🇵🇪 🇦🇺 Peru – Australia
- 🇨🇵 🇹🇵 CPTPP
- 🇲🇽 🇵🇷 Mexico – Paraguay
- 🇲🇽 🇧🇷 Mexico – Brazil
- 🇮🇩 🇵🇰 Indonesia – Pakistan
- 🇸🇻 🇨🇺 El Salvador – Cuba
- 🇮🇳 🇳🇵 India – Nepal

RTAs considered during the period

3 RTAs considered at the CRTA; and
5 RTAs considered at the CTD.

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

Under the TM, Factual Presentations (FPs) are prepared by the WTO Secretariat under its own responsibility and in full cooperation with the Parties (to an RTA). The FPs are presented to the Members of the WTO for their consideration.

Total number of RTAs considered Under the TM*

208

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



2 regular sessions
22 March
21 June

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



2 dedicated sessions on RTAs
29 March
28 June

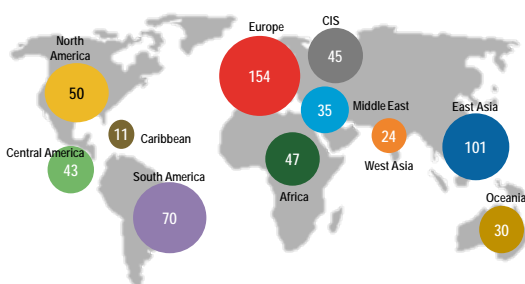
Committee on Trade and Development considers RTAs notified under the Enabling Clause

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 by both the CRTA and the CTD.

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Number of RTAs notified and currently in force



The biggest "users" of RTAs

