

WTO Members

Currently, the WTO has 164 Members. They are listed in the table below according to their designated full names as of the date of membership, or according to the names as subsequently submitted to the WTO Secretariat. In line with the practice of the WTO Secretariat, the remaining sections of this publication use the short names of Members as listed in the latest revision to document [WT/INF/43/Rev.22](#), except in the titles of relevant accession protocols.

WTO Member status has been gained through two avenues: original membership under Article XI, and accession, primarily under Article XII of the WTO Agreement. A prerequisite for both original and acceding WTO Members is having valid goods and services schedules annexed to the GATT 1994 and the GATS, respectively.¹

Original membership was available to "contracting parties" to the GATT 1947, the provisional, *de facto* trade body preceding the WTO, as well as to the European Communities.² By accepting the WTO Agreement, 122 contracting parties to the GATT 1947, and the European Communities, became original WTO Members upon the entry into force of the WTO Agreement (1 January 1995) or within the subsequent two-year period.³

As of the cut-off date of this publication, a total of 41 states or separate customs territories⁴ have acceded to the WTO Agreement either pursuant to Article XII of the WTO Agreement (36 Members, marked with one asterisk in the table below) or through an accelerated accession process provided for in a General Council decision of 31 January 1995⁵ (five Members, marked with two asterisks in the table below). Several accession processes are currently in the negotiations phase. Members that acceded to the plurilateral Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft pursuant to Article 9.1.3 of such Agreement, to the 1994 Agreement on Government Procurement, or to the amended Agreement on Government Procurement, appear in the dedicated pages further below.

¹ Article XI:1 of the WTO Agreement and the Decision on the Acceptance of and Accession to the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.

² On 1 December 2009, the European Union succeeded the European Community ([WT/Let/679](#)). The European Communities as well as each of its member States have also individually become WTO Members pursuant to Article XI or XII of the WTO Agreement.

³ Article XIV:1 of the WTO Agreement. Exceptionally, Congo became an original WTO Member following expiry of the two-year period by depositing an instrument of acceptance in early 1997 in accordance with the extension of this period by the General Council ([WT/L/208](#)).

⁴ Of these 41 Members, five had gained contracting party status to the GATT 1947 before 15 April 1994 but could not establish their WTO goods and services schedules in time for inclusion in the Marrakesh Final Act. These five contracting parties became WTO Members through an accelerated accession process ([WT/L/30](#)).

⁵ See [WT/L/30](#).

| | <i>Date of membership</i> | | <i>Date of membership</i> |
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| Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of.... | 29 July 2016* | China, People's Republic of..... | 11 Dec 2001* |
| Albania, Republic of..... | 8 Sep 2000* | Colombia, Republic of..... | 30 Apr 1995 |
| Angola, Republic of..... | 23 Nov 1996 | Congo, Republic of the..... | 27 Mar 1997 |
| Antigua and Barbuda..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Costa Rica, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Argentine Republic..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Côte d'Ivoire, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Armenia, Republic of..... | 5 Feb 2003* | Croatia, Republic of..... | 30 Nov 2000* |
| Australia..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Cuba, Republic of..... | 20 Apr 1995 |
| Austria, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Cyprus, Republic of..... | 30 Jul 1995 |
| Bahrain, Kingdom of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Czech Republic..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Bangladesh, People's Republic of.. | 1 Jan 1995 | Democratic Republic of the Congo..... | 1 Jan 1997 |
| Barbados..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Denmark, Kingdom of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Belgium, Kingdom of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Djibouti, Republic of..... | 31 May 1995 |
| Belize..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Dominica, Commonwealth of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Benin, Republic of..... | 22 Feb 1996 | Dominican Republic..... | 9 Mar 1995 |
| Bolivia, Plurinational State of..... | 12 Sep 1995 | Ecuador, Republic of..... | 21 Jan 1996* |
| Botswana, Republic of..... | 31 May 1995 | Egypt, Arab Republic of..... | 30 Jun 1995 |
| Brazil, Federative Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | El Salvador, Republic of..... | 7 May 1995 |
| Brunei Darussalam..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Estonia, Republic of..... | 13 Nov 1999* |
| Bulgaria, Republic of..... | 1 Dec 1996* | Eswatini, Kingdom of ⁷ | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Burkina Faso..... | 3 Jun 1995 | European Union ⁸ | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Burundi, Republic of..... | 23 Jul 1995 | Fiji, Republic of..... | 14 Jan 1996 |
| Cabo Verde ⁶ | 23 Jul 2008* | Finland, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Cambodia, Kingdom of..... | 13 Oct 2004* | French Republic..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Cameroon, Republic of..... | 13 Dec 1995 | Gabonese Republic..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Canada..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Gambia, Republic of the..... | 23 Oct 1996 |
| Central African Republic..... | 31 May 1995 | Georgia..... | 14 Jun 2000* |
| Chad, Republic of..... | 19 Oct 1996 | Germany, Federal Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Chile, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | | |

* Refers to the 36 Members who have acceded to the WTO Agreement pursuant to Article XII of the WTO Agreement.

** Refers to the five Members who have acceded to the WTO Agreement through an accelerated accession process provided for in a General Council decision of 31 January 1995.

⁶ Formerly "Cape Verde".

⁷ Formerly "Swaziland".

⁸ On 1 December 2009, the European Union succeeded the European Community ([WT/Let/679](#)).

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| Ghana, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Madagascar, Republic of..... | 17 Nov 1995 |
| Hellenic Republic (Greece) | 1 Jan 1995 | Malawi, Republic of..... | 31 May 1995 |
| Grenada..... | 22 Feb 1996** | Malaysia..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Guatemala, Republic of..... | 21 Jul 1995 | Maldives, Republic of..... | 31 May 1995 |
| Guinea, Republic of..... | 25 Oct 1995 | Mali, Republic of..... | 31 May 1995 |
| Guinea-Bissau, Republic of..... | 31 May 1995 | Malta, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Guyana, Republic of | 1 Jan 1995 | Mauritania, Islamic Republic of | 31 May 1995 |
| Haiti, Republic of..... | 30 Jan 1996 | Mauritius..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Honduras, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | United Mexican States..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Hong Kong, China..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Moldova, Republic of | 26 Jul 2001* |
| Hungary..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Mongolia..... | 29 Jan 1997* |
| Iceland, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Montenegro, Republic of..... | 29 Apr 2012* |
| India, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Morocco, Kingdom of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Indonesia, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Mozambique, Republic of..... | 26 Aug 1995 |
| Ireland..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Myanmar, Union of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Israel, State of..... | 21 Apr 1995 | Namibia, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Italian Republic..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Nepal, Kingdom of..... | 23 Apr 2004* |
| Jamaica..... | 9 Mar 1995 | Netherlands, Kingdom of the..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Japan..... | 1 Jan 1995 | New Zealand | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Jordan, Hashemite Kingdom of..... | 11 Apr 2000* | Nicaragua, Republic of | 3 Sep 1995 |
| Kazakhstan, Republic of..... | 30 Nov 2015* | Niger, Republic of..... | 13 Dec 1996 |
| Kenya, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Nigeria, Federal Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Korea, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | North Macedonia ⁹ | 4 Apr 2003* |
| Kuwait, the State of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Norway, Kingdom of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Kyrgyz Republic..... | 20 Dec 1998* | Oman, Sultanate of..... | 9 Nov 2000* |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 2 Feb 2013* | Pakistan, Islamic Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Latvia, Republic of..... | 10 Feb 1999* | Panama, Republic of..... | 6 Sep 1997* |
| Lesotho, Kingdom of..... | 31 May 1995 | Papua New Guinea..... | 9 Jun 1996** |
| Liberia, Republic of | 14 Jul 2016* | Paraguay, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Liechtenstein, Principality of..... | 1 Sep 1995 | Peru, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Lithuania, Republic of..... | 31 May 2001* | Philippines, Republic of the..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Luxembourg, Grand-Duchy of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Poland, Republic of..... | 1 Jul 1995 |
| Macao, China..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Portuguese Republic..... | 1 Jan 1995 |

⁹ Formerly "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia".

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| Qatar, State of..... | 13 Jan 1996** | Uganda, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Romania..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Ukraine | 16 May 2008* |
| Russian Federation..... | 22 Aug 2012* | United Arab Emirates | 10 Apr 1996** |
| Rwandese Republic..... | 22 May 1996 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 21 Feb 1996** | United States of America | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Saint Lucia | 1 Jan 1995 | Uruguay, Eastern Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. | 1 Jan 1995 | Vanuatu, Republic of..... | 24 Aug 2012* |
| Samoa, Independent State of..... | 10 May 2012* | Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of.. | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of..... | 11 Dec 2005* | Viet Nam, Socialist Republic of | 11 Jan 2007* |
| Senegal, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | Yemen, Republic of | 26 June 2014* |
| Seychelles, Republic of..... | 26 Apr 2015* | Zambia, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 |
| Sierra Leone, Republic of..... | 23 Jul 1995 | Zimbabwe, Republic of..... | 5 Mar 1995 |
| Singapore, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | | |
| Slovak Republic..... | 1 Jan 1995 | | |
| Slovenia, Republic of..... | 30 Jul 1995 | | |
| Solomon Islands..... | 26 Jul 1996 | | |
| South Africa, Republic of | 1 Jan 1995 | | |
| Spain, Kingdom of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | | |
| Sri Lanka, Democratic Socialist Republic of | 1 Jan 1995 | | |
| Suriname, Republic of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | | |
| Sweden, Kingdom of..... | 1 Jan 1995 | | |
| Swiss Confederation | 1 Jul 1995 | | |
| Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu | 1 Jan 2002* | | |
| Tajikistan, Republic of..... | 2 Mar 2013* | | |
| Tanzania, United Republic of | 1 Jan 1995 | | |
| Thailand, Kingdom of | 1 Jan 1995 | | |
| Togolese Republic..... | 31 May 1995 | | |
| Tonga, Kingdom of..... | 27 Jul 2007* | | |
| Trinidad and Tobago, Republic of. | 1 Mar 1995 | | |
| Tunisia, Republic of..... | 29 Mar 1995 | | |
| Turkey, Republic of | 26 Mar 1995 | | |