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**1 ARTICLE 22**

**1.1 Text of Article 22**

***Article 22: Information on Assistance and Support for Capacity Building to be Submitted to the Committee***

1. To provide transparency to developing country Members and least-developed country Members on the provision of assistance and support for capacity building for implementation of Section I, each donor Member assisting developing country Members and least-developed country Members with the implementation of this Agreement shall submit to the Committee, at entry into force of this Agreement and annually thereafter, the following information on its assistance and support for capacity building that was disbursed in the preceding 12 months and, where available, that is committed in the next 12 months: (footnote omitted)

- (a) a description of the assistance and support for capacity building;
- (b) the status and amount committed/disbursed;
- (c) procedures for disbursement of the assistance and support;
- (d) the beneficiary Member or, where necessary, the region; and
- (e) the implementing agency in the Member providing assistance and support.

The information shall be provided in the format specified in Annex 1. In the case of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (referred to in this Agreement as the "OECD") Members, the information submitted can be based on relevant information from the OECD Creditor Reporting System. Developing country Members declaring themselves in a position to provide assistance and support for capacity building are encouraged to provide the information above.

2. Donor Members assisting developing country Members and least-developed country Members shall submit to the Committee:

- (a) contact points of their agencies responsible for providing assistance and support for capacity building related to the implementation of Section I of this Agreement including, where practicable, information on such contact points within the country or region where the assistance and support is to be provided; and
- (b) information on the process and mechanisms for requesting assistance and support for capacity building.

Developing country Members declaring themselves in a position to provide assistance and support are encouraged to provide the information above.

3. Developing country Members and least-developed country Members intending to avail themselves of trade facilitation-related assistance and support for capacity building shall

submit to the Committee information on contact point(s) of the office(s) responsible for coordinating and prioritizing such assistance and support.

4. Members may provide the information referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 through internet references and shall update the information as necessary. The Secretariat shall make all such information publicly available.

5. The Committee shall invite relevant international and regional organizations (such as the International Monetary Fund, the OECD, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the WCO, United Nations Regional Commissions, the World Bank, or their subsidiary bodies, and regional development banks) and other agencies of cooperation to provide information referred to in paragraphs 1, 2, and 4.

## **1.2 General**

1. The notification obligations in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 22 of the TFA concern donor Members.<sup>1</sup> The notification obligation of paragraph 3 refers to developing country Members and least-developed country Members intending to avail themselves of trade technical assistance and capacity building.

### **1.3 Article 22.1: Notification of support for capacity building provided by donor Members**

2. To date, fifteen (15) Members<sup>2</sup> have presented notifications under this provision. All types of notifications under the TFA can be found in document series: [WT/PCTF/N/\\*](#) and [G/TFA/N/\\*](#). They are also publicly accessible through the Trade Facilitation Agreement database (<https://www.tfadatabase.org/>).

### **1.4 Article 22.2: Notification of process and mechanisms to request assistance**

3. To date, eight Members<sup>3</sup> have notified the relevant information concerning processes and mechanisms to request assistance. All types of notifications under the TFA can be found in document series: [WT/PCTF/N/\\*](#) and [G/TFA/N/\\*](#). They are also publicly accessible through the Trade Facilitation Agreement database (<https://www.tfadatabase.org/>).

### **1.5 Article 22.3: Notification of contact points of developing and least-developed country Members seeking technical assistance and capacity building support**

4. To date, no notifications have been received from developing and least-developed country Members on this issue.

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<sup>1</sup> See [G/TFA/M/2](#), para. 3.11.

<sup>2</sup> This figure includes the notification by the European Union as a whole, as well as the notifications made by the EU on behalf of the following EU Member States: Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

<sup>3</sup> This figure includes the notification by the European Union as a whole and does not include any notifications made by the EU on behalf of the EU Member States.