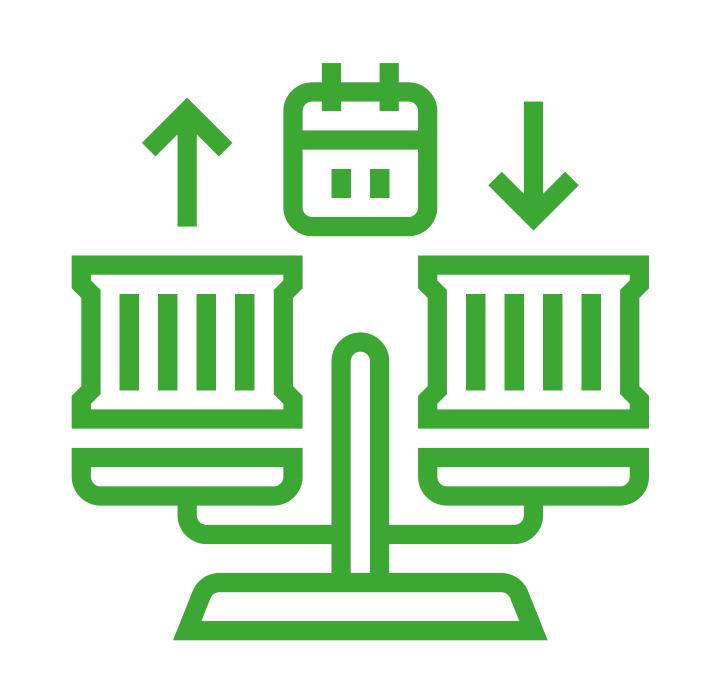




SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARE ENSHRINED IN THE WTO'S FOUNDING AGREEMENT.



More than 340 measures relating to the protection of endangered species have been notified to the WTO. These include wildlife habitat protection incentive programmes, import and export bans, and licences and quotas on protected species.



To prevent the degradation of our biodiversity, WTO members implement environmental policies such as regulating the import and export of wildlife, controlling the introduction of certain genetically modified crops, and promoting trade in biodiverse goods and services.



The WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary
Measures recognises the right of members to
impose measures to protect human, animal
and plant life and health. The WTO Agreement
on Technical Barriers to Trade also recognises the
right to protect the environment as well as
other legitimate policy objectives.

