MSME-RELATED LANGUAGE IN REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

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Total number of RTAs and RTAs with MSME-related provisions, 1991-2021

- First MSME reference found in the EU – Overseas Countries and Territories Agreement, 1971
- Currently, out of 353 RTAs notified and in force, 196 (56%) include at least one MSME reference
The share of notified, in-force RTAs with MSME provisions has increased in recent decades.
Share of MSME-related provisions by chapter over total RTAs with MSME-related provisions

- MSME-related provisions occur principally in chapters on:
  - Cooperation
  - Government Procurement
- The first standalone MSME Chapter was in 2002
RTA chapters with at least one MSME reference by chapter and year

• The chapters with MSME references has changed over time.
• New references in chapters like e-commerce and intellectual property have appeared.
Two annexes with additional information are included in the report

### Annex 1
**Members’ share of in force and WTO notified RTAs with MSME references**

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### Annex 2
**List of the 196 in-force RTAs with MSME-related language, including chapters and total number of references**

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<th>Regional Trade Agreement</th>
<th>Date of entry into force</th>
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Online database accessible from two locations
MSME Provisions in Regional Trade Agreements, Online Database

- [https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/msmesandtra_e/rtaprovisions_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/msmesandtra_e/rtaprovisions_e.htm)