In the context of a deteriorating trade environment and trade restrictions taken by WTO Members, RTAs continue to be notified to and considered at the WTO.

RTAs notified to the WTO and still in force on 30 June 2019. Separate notifications on Goods and Services for the same RTA are counted as one.

- 4 RTAs notified
  - EU - Japan
  - Hong Kong, China - Georgia
  - MERCOSUR - Israel
  - APTA (Bangladesh, China, India, Rep. of Korea, Lao PDR, and Sri Lanka)

RTAs notified to the WTO:

- 2 Early announcements (voluntary)
- 4 Notifications of changes
- 0 EDI report circulated
- 139 EDI reports due

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- 169 RTAs notified and currently in force
  - Hong Kong, China - Macao, China
  - Chile - Thailand
  - China - Georgia
  - EFTA - Georgia
  - Accession of Ecuador to EU - Colombia and Peru
  - Accession of Panama to CACM

RTAs considered during the period:

- 6 RTAs considered at the CRTA; and
- None at the CTD.

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

- 2 regular sessions January 2019
- 1 informal session 26 June 2019

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

- 1 dedicated session on RTAs during the period considered

The biggest “users” of RTAs

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Number of RTAs notified and currently in force

- 473 RTAs notified
  - 432 if counting separately all the notifications on goods, services, and accessions

RTAs considered under the TM:

- 292 RTAs considered
  - *A “Transparency Mechanism for RTAs“ (TM) was established in December 2006 by a Decision of the General Council.

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Situation as reported on 30 June 2019. Update every 6 months.