

FACTS&FIGURES

Regional Trade Agreements



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WTO Members continued to notify RTAs amid the Covid-19 pandemic. The CRTA and the CTD could however not meet during the period under review.



RTAs notified

RTAs notified to the WTO and still in force on 30 June 2020.
Separate notifications on Goods and Services for the same RTA are counted as one.

Trade in Goods Trade in Services

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RTAs notified

+ 0 Early announcement (voluntary)

+ 223 Notifications of changes

1 EOI report circulated

EOI: End of Implementation

▶ 145 EOI reports due (on 15 April 2020)

- Hong Kong, China – Australia
- EAEU – Iran
- Chile – Indonesia
- EU – Singapore
- Peru – Australia

Changes made to the LAIA 1980 Treaty of Montevideo

Hong Kong, China – New Zealand

Total number of RTAs notified

304

492 (if counting separately all the notifications on goods, services, and accessions)



RTAs considered by the CRTA and the CTD

Including accessions to existing RTAs

0

Due to the COVID-19 crisis lockdown meetings of the CRTA and the CTD have been cancelled during the period under review. They are scheduled to re-convene from end-July 2020 onwards.

RTAs considered during the period

0 RTAs considered at the CRTA; and

0 RTAs considered at the CTD.

FPs issued during the period:

- GUAM
- Hong Kong, China - Georgia
- EU – SADC
- EU – Cameroun
- EU - Armenia
- COMESA – Accession of Egypt
- India - Afghanistan
- ASEAN – Rep. of Korea

Under the TM, Factual Presentations (FPs) are prepared by the WTO Secretariat under its own responsibility and in full cooperation with the Parties (to an RTA). The FPs are presented to the Members of the WTO for their consideration.

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



0 regular sessions

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



0 dedicated session on RTAs

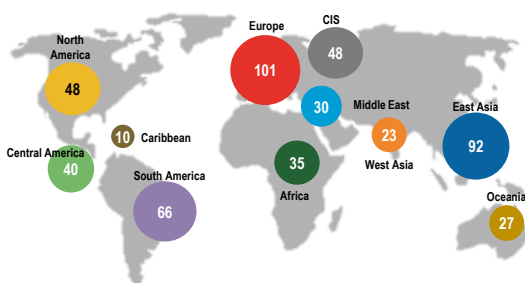
Committee on Trade and Development considers RTAs notified under the Enabling Clause

In a limited number of cases, a single RTA notified to the WTO may be considered on two different occasions if the trade in goods aspects are notified under the Enabling Clause (prompting a consideration by the CTD), and the trade in services aspects are notified under the GATS (prompting a consideration by the CRTA).

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Number of RTAs notified and currently in force



The biggest “users” of RTAs

