

# FACTS&FIGURES Recent Developments

## Regional Trade Agreements



JULY - DECEMBER 2019

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

RTAs notified to the WTO and still in force on 31 December 2019. Separate notifications on Goods and Services for the same RTA are counted as one.

Trade in Goods Trade in Services

8

RTAs notified

- + 1 Early announcement (voluntary)
- + 2 Notifications of changes
- 0 EOI report circulated  
EOI: End of Implementation

▶ 139 EOI reports due (on March 2019)

- Trade in Goods:
  - Pakistan – Indonesia
  - Mexico – Bolivia
  - Brazil – Mexico
  - Mexico – Cuba
  - Argentina – Mexico
  - Mexico – Paraguay
  - Ecuador – Mexico

Trade in Services:
 

- Canada – MERCOSUR

- Canada – Israel
- Chile – China

Total number of RTAs notified

302

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



### RTAs considered by the CRTA and the CTD

Including accessions to existing RTAs

9

RTAs considered during the period

6 RTAs considered at the CRTA and 3 RTAs considered at the CTD.

- Trade in Goods:
  - Pacific Alliance
  - Armenia – Kazakhstan
  - CEFTA
  - EAEU – Vietnam
  - Turkey – Singapore
  - EU – Japan

- Trade in Services:
  - EI Salvador – Ecuador
  - India – Thailand
  - MERCOSUR – Egypt

Total number of RTAs considered Under the TM\*

183

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

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



2 regular sessions  
17 September 2019  
8 November 2019

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



1 dedicated session on RTAs  
22 November 2019

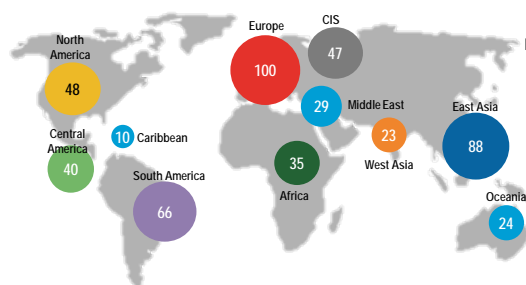
Committee on Trade and Development considers RTAs notified under the Enabling Clause

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).

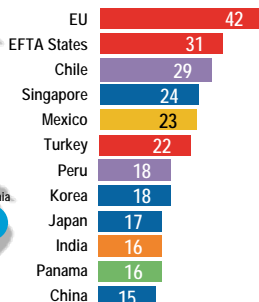
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### Number of RTAs notified and currently in force



### The biggest "users" of RTAs



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Situation as reported on 31 December 2019. Update every 6 months.