



Timeline for the consideration of RTAs

RTA consideration normally concluded within one year

10 / 20 weeks¹

**RTA Notification
&
Data Request**

**Data submitted by
RTA Parties**

**Factual Presentation
(FP) drafted by the
Secretariat and sent
to RTA Parties for
comments**

**FP
issued to Members**

**Questions & Replies
issued to Members**

**Consideration by
Members at the
CRTA / CTD
Meeting**

not less than eight weeks before the meeting

at least three working days

- Secretariat to post RTA information on the [WTO RTA Database](#)
- Secretariat to send a Data Request to RTA Parties
- RTA Parties to submit tariff and trade-related data

- RTA Parties to provide comments on the FP within 4 / 6 weeks²
- Secretariat to finalize the FP in all WTO official languages

- Members to transmit written questions within 4 weeks
- RTA Parties to provide written replies within 4 / 6 weeks²

- A single Meeting devoted to consider each notified RTA
- Additional exchange to take place in written form

¹ 20 weeks in the case of RTAs involving *only* developing countries.

² 6 weeks in the case of *plurilateral* RTAs.